

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Board of County Commissioners

July 22, 2025



Okaloosa County Announces West 98 Collector Road Public Information Meeting

Okaloosa County, Florida – Okaloosa County invites the public to attend a public information meeting regarding the West 98 Collector Road Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The in-person meeting will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Okaloosa County Administration Building (Board Chambers) - 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL.

The proposed West 98 Collector Road Project consists of a PD&E Study evaluating location and design concepts for an approximate 3.25-mile collector road that runs parallel to S.R. 30 (U.S. 98) located west of Hurlburt Field and north of Florosa Elementary and the Florosa Fire Station between Eglin Air Force Base property and private property from just east of Solar Street to Green Drive, an additional roadway connection to support the Hurlburt Field West Gate Project, and an approximately 2-mile utility corridor between Green Drive and the Santa Rosa County Line.

Commissioner Trey Goodwin (District 4) plans to attend the meeting and is eager to meet with constituents about the benefits of this project. Commissioner Goodwin said he is looking forward to engaging with residents and local leaders and how we can all work together to help improve the traffic flow on U.S Highway 98 in that area.

The project will also evaluate stormwater requirements in order to minimize flooding between existing U.S. 98 and the proposed West 98 Collector Road.

- **In-Person Public Information Meeting:**

Date: Thursday, July 31, 2025

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Okaloosa County Administration Building (Board Chambers), 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL

Participants will have the opportunity to view a presentation, project displays, speak with project team members, and submit comments or questions via a comment box. There will be no formal presentation or open forum for public discussion. All meeting materials, including the presentation, will be available on the project website, www.myokaloosa.com/west98collectorroad.

Okaloosa County is sending notices to nearby property owners, business owners, interested persons, and organizations to provide the opportunity to offer comments and express their views regarding this project and the proposed improvements.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Persons wishing to express their concerns relative to Okaloosa County compliance with Title VI may do so by contacting Jane Evans, Okaloosa County Title VI/Nondiscrimination Coordinator, at jevans@myokaloosa.com.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or persons who require translation services (free of charge) should contact Scott Bitterman at (850) 689-5772 at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact us by using the Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (Voice).

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If you have any questions or comments about the West 98 Collector Road PD&E Study, please contact the Okaloosa County Project Manager Scott Bitterman by phone at (850) 689-5772 or U.S. mail at 1759 South Ferdon Boulevard, Crestview, FL 33536. For media inquiries, contact Public Information Officer Nick Tomecek by phone at (850) 651-7321, or by email at ntomecek@myokaloosa.com.

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