

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RESOLUTION NO.: 03-02**

**GULF COAST PARKWAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Gulf Coast Parkway ("Parkway") includes an alternative roadway that would serve as an alternate route connecting US 98 in Gulf and Bay County near CR386 in Mexico Beach to US 231 in Bay County; and

**WHEREAS**, an improved regional transportation system is vital for future economic development and population growth in Springfield; and

**WHEREAS**, Tyndall Air Force Base ("TAFB") is an integral part of the economy of Springfield and the greater Bay County area;

**WHEREAS**, the Parkway will improve the regional mobility in and around Springfield and will provide transportation benefits to the TAFB reservation, which is immediately adjacent to the proposed Parkway, thus providing additional beneficial security for TAFB; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of the Parkway would significantly upgrade Air Force protection posture and security of TAFB personnel and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Springfield seeks the enhancement of the ability to execute the mission of TAFB in "heightened threat conditions" accomplished by the creation of the Parkway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parkway will reduce hurricane evacuation times by enhancing the northern routes from Springfield, Callaway, Panama City, Millville, Parker, Cedar Grove, Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, and Gulf County, and Tyndall Air Force Base. Now,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Springfield City Commission, Bay County, Florida that:

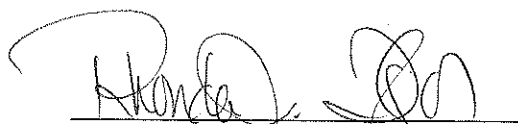
1. The City of Springfield is working to promote future economic development for its citizens by improving the regional transportation system, while simultaneously enhancing the ability of Tyndall Air Force Base to execute its mission. The City of Springfield supports the creation of the Gulf Coast Parkway, favoring an alignment route which begins at US 98 at Overstreet Road and extends northward along existing roadways across Overstreet Bridge, then turning northwesterly with new roadway construction extending to SR 22, continuing westward along SR 22 to the eastern boundary of Callaway, FL then northwesterly to Star Avenue, and then northward to US 231.
2. The City of Springfield supports the State's funding of the preliminary design and environmental study and the immediate commencement of construction thereafter.


3. The City of Springfield supports the initiation of Comprehensive Growth Management Plan amendment process to coordinate annexations, area wide infrastructure, and land use planning with other municipalities.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003 by the Springfield City Commission.

Attest:

**CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, FLORIDA**

  
Rhonda Taylor, City Clerk

  
Mayor Robert E. Walker