

## **Tyler County Airport Site Readiness Development Project**

The proposed request to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) aims to fortify the infrastructure of Tyler County Airport, complementing existing TxDOT grant-funded initiatives. It seeks funding for crucial amenities like a new terminal building, build-ready sites, and essential utilities (water, sewer, electrical, and fiber) to expand capacity and serve as a premier gateway for travelers and businesses. Located near the future Alabama-Coushatta Casino Resort and upcoming interstate developments, the airport is poised to become a pivotal gateway for travelers and businesses. This project is strategically designed to catalyze economic growth, recruit new business, promote tourism, and enhance regional connectivity by establishing the airport as a pivotal hub in the area's development.

### **Objectives:**

**Infrastructure Construction:** Develop facilities such as a new terminal building and build-ready sites with utilities (water, sewer, electrical, fiber) to accommodate increased traffic and serve as a regional hub.

**Tourism Collaboration:** Forge partnerships with the local Indian reservation to offer joint transportation packages and enhance visitor experiences, leveraging the area's recreational amenities.

**Business Promotion:** Market the airport's strategic location and infrastructure advantages to recruit new businesses interested in leveraging its connectivity and proximity to upcoming interstate developments.

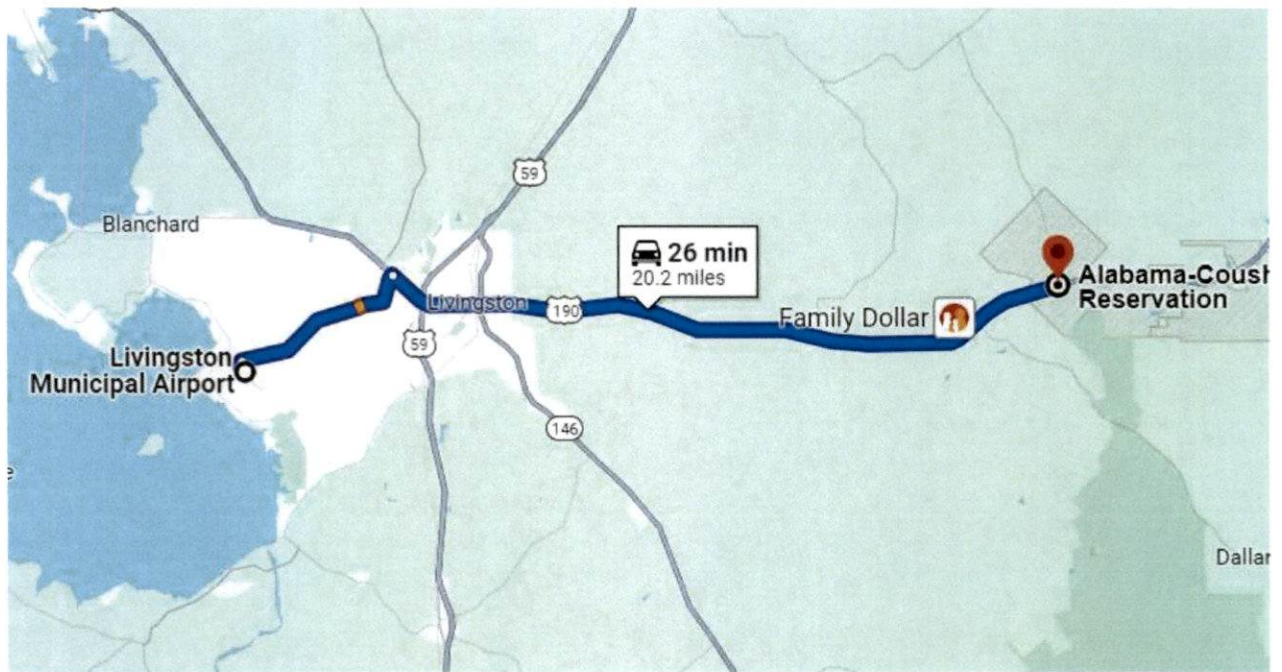
**Stakeholder Engagement:** Collaborate with local government agencies, tribal leaders, and business associations to ensure the project aligns with community needs and aspirations.

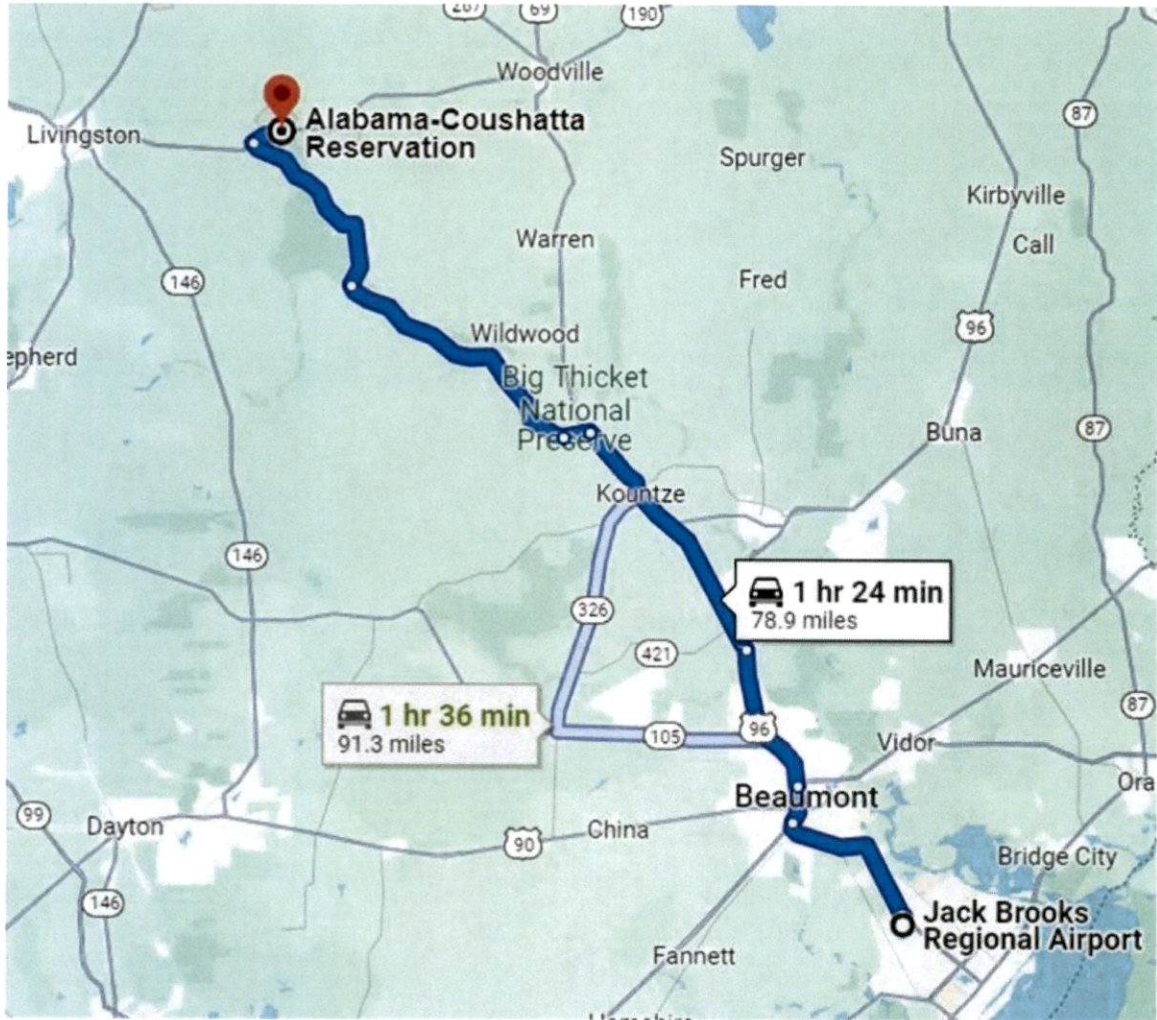
### **Funding Request:**

Tyler County Airport seeks a grant of \$3 million from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to support the construction of essential site readiness infrastructure and facilities. This project is scalable and can be completed in phases; thus, the applicant is willing to reduce the request if the full amount of funding is not available at this time.

### **Conclusion:**

The Tyler County Airport Development project represents a strategic investment in regional infrastructure and economic development. By constructing essential site readiness infrastructure and facilities, the airport will enhance its capacity to support economic growth, tourism, and connectivity in the region. Through collaboration with stakeholders and a focus on community engagement, the project aims to create lasting benefits for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.







**2023 | ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF NASKILA CASINO**

**409**



**NASKILA  
EMPLOYEES**

**\$50,000**

**AVERAGE WAGE/  
SALARY OF  
NASKILA TEAM  
MEMBERS**



**825**  
**PERMANENT  
LOCAL JOBS**



**\$212,000,000**

**TOTAL REGIONAL IMPACT  
RELATED TO NASKILA CASINO**

Naskila Casino, located in Livingston, Texas, is owned and operated by the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, which is one of the three federally recognized Indian Tribes in Texas. Recently, both the Federal Eastern District Court and the US Supreme Court recognized the Tribe's right to operate class II gaming on their reservation. Naskila Casino features 835 electronic bingo machines, 2 restaurants and is open 24/7.

Economic data presented by the Texas Forest Country Partnership who conducted studies in 2018, 2019 and 2023. A full copy of the study may be found at [www.alabama-coushatta.com](http://www.alabama-coushatta.com)