

BAY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)
Bay County Transit Office
1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
May 28, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Keith Bryant, VICE-CHAIR	Bay County
Cliff Johnson	Bay County
Harrison Neilly	BayWay
John Adair	City of Panama City Beach
Alex King	Port of Panama City

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Eddie Cook, CHAIR	City of Callaway
Jonathan Hayes	City of Panama City
Clint Murphy	City of Panama City
Matt DeVito	City of Panama City
Ian Crelling	Bay County
Doug Lee	Bay County School District
Amanda Richard	City of Lynn Haven
Kathryn Younce	City of Panama City Beach
Tony Summerlin	City of Parker
John Skaggs	Naval Coastal Systems Station
Richard McConnell	Northwest Florida Beaches Int. Airport
Parker McClellan, Jr.	Northwest Florida Beaches Int. Airport
Jonathan McFarlane-Weinstein	Tyndall Air Force Base

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Kaylor Collins	FDOT
Chris Sponseller	Bay County
Lamar Hobbs	Bay County Transit
Jason Alderman	Gude Management Group
Angela Bradley	Gude Management Group
<u>Virtual Attendance</u>	
Cassidy Haney	Northwest Florida FDEP Greenways and Trails
Cory Wilkinson	HDR Engineering

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Annie Arguello

Leandra Meredith

Gary Kramer

Roshita Taylor

Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Jill Nobles

Gina Watson

Rae Emary

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE

In the absence of the chair, Vice Chair Keith Bryant called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA TPO Only

PUBLIC FORUM: None

FDOT UPDATE: FDOT Update - *Bryant Paulk, AICP Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons*

Bryant Paulk announced an upcoming public workshop for the PD&E study for a multiuse trail along US 98 and a section of 15th Street in Mexico Beach to be held at the Latter Day Saints Church.

PLANNING AND TRANSIT CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES - Approval of February 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES** - Consideration of Resolution of Bay 25-11 Adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year 2 (FY 2022) Amendment –
- 3. TPO ONLY** - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-15 Authorizing the Surplus of Rolling Stock
- 4. TPO ONLY** - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-16 Authorizing Sale of the Commercial Land Site Located on Douglas Road

Cliff Johnson moved to approve the February 2025 TCC meeting minutes and to recommend that the TPO approve consent item #2. John Adair seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution

Bay 25-12 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program update the Construction Cost for Scott's Ferry Road Over Bear Creek Bridge Replacement Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 439380-1 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$10,374,991

2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE -

Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-13 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Add the Construction Phase for SR 77 from 23rd Street to CR 2312 (Baldwin Road) Sidewalk Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 445564-3 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$4,715,700

3. ENCLOSURE C - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-14 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Change the Mileage for Lake Drive from SR 30 (US 98) to South Berthe Avenue Sidewalk Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 453604-1

Bryant Paulk provided a brief description of the requested amendments. The projects referenced in Enclosures A and B need to be amended due to both being let earlier than scheduled. The project listed in Enclosure C needs to be amended to adjust the length of the project in its description.

Cliff Johnson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-12, Resolution Bay 25-13, and Resolution Bay 25-14 amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. John Adair seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING

Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-10 Adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Gary Kramer explained the TIP's role in the process of development of transportation projects from conception to construction, then noted that the complete draft plan, along with comments received during the public input period, were sent to the committee members earlier in the month.

John Adair asked if consideration had been given to Panama City Beach's request to consider accommodating pedestrian traffic across US 98 to Frank Brown Park through an underground structure rather than with a pedestrian overpass. Gary Kramer said this consideration will be addressed during the next agenda item.

John Adair moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign

Resolution Bay 25-10 adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Cliff Johnson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-09 Adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities

Gary Kramer explained the role of Project Priorities in the process of developing transportation projects, from conception to construction. The draft project priorities were presented by category, and Gary Kramer explained the available interactive map, which contains details for each project.

Gary Kramer highlighted three suggested changes to the priorities as a result of comments received during the two public workshops. 1) Non-SIS Priority #9, The City of Panama City Beach requested to change the pedestrian overpass project to a feasibility study for an underground structure instead, 2) a request to swap SIS Priorities #3 and #4 (#3 currently being US 231 from Pipeline to Penny, and #4 being SR 390 from SR 77 to US 231), and 3) a request to change the name of SIS Priority #5 from Thomas Drive to Navy Boulevard.

Leandra Meredith presented the public input that was collected over the past weeks regarding the Project Priorities. Surveys were widely distributed through social media channels, emails, word of mouth, and through the cooperation of area stakeholders. Staff received 108 responses, most of which took the opportunity to provide open-ended comments. Leandra Meredith thanked those stakeholders in the community who helped distribute the survey.

Survey results noted peak hour congestion as the highest contributor to traffic problems. School start/release times and tourist season also ranked high, but accident/crash occurrences and delays did not rank as high.

Survey-takers noted that road surface conditions are a problem, along with signalization synchronization needs.

Of the 73 open ended comments received, most mentioned major congestion issues on US 231 and SR 22 in Callaway and Bayou George. Respondents also expressed concerns for bicycle and pedestrian safety and long construction schedules.

Vice Chair Bryant restated the three recommended changes as stated above and asked what the TCC would like to recommend.

John Adair moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-09 adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities with the three recommended changes listed above. Cliff Johnsn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES - Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2026

There was discussion and a slate of Eddie Cook for chair and John Adair for vice chair was suggested.

Harrison Neilly moved to elect Eddie Cook to serve as TCC Chair for FY 2026 and John Adair to serve as Vice Chair. Cliff Johnson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

TRANSIT UPDATE - None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.