

BAY COUNTY CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated Staff)
Bay County Transit Office
1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
November 05, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ali C. Frohlich, CHAIR
James Pretlow, VICE-CHAIR
Paul Bohac
Robert Wood

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Walter R. Akins
Marty Kirkland
Stanley Parron
Thomas Robinson, MD
Patty J. Strohmenger
Guy York

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Lamar Hobbs	BayWay
Harrison Neilly	Transdev
Cary Neal	Citizen
Kaylor Collins	FDOT
<u>Virtual Attendance:</u>	
Allison Fluitt	Kimley Horn
Brian Graham	Kimley Horn

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Tiffany Bates
Leandra Meredith
Tammy Neal
Gary Kramer
Virtual Attendance:
Kandase Lee
Rae Emary
Gabrielle McVoy
Jill Nobles

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE

Chair Frohlich called the meeting to order. An invocation and the pledge were led, and the meeting was called to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM *None*

FDOT UPDATE

Bryant Paulk an update on active and upcoming transportation projects within the Bay County TPO area. Bryant Paulk reported that several long-standing projects are nearing completion, including the Gulf Coast Parkway segment from Tyndall Parkway to Star Avenue and the U.S. 98 Tyndall Flow project. Bryant Paulk noted that Panama City Beach Parkway projects continue to move forward, with the final segment from Richard Jackson Boulevard to the Hathaway Bridge still anticipated to be let in March 2026, although cost increases would be addressed later in the agenda through a TIP amendment.

Bryant Paulk also provided an update on East Avenue, the corridor connecting State Road 231 to the Port of Panama City. Bryant Paulk explained that the PD&E study has been completed and that the project will remain a two-lane facility but with enhanced features such as wider lanes and improved bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. The corridor has been divided into two segments for design and future phases, with the segment from Business U.S. 98 to the port entrance funded for design in fiscal year 2027. Byrant Paulk emphasized the corridor's classification on the Strategic Intermodal System and its importance to freight movement, noting that future prioritization will depend on funding availability and coordination with larger SIS projects.

Chair Frohlich asked about ongoing construction projects. Updates were provided on the DuPont Bridge project near Tyndall, where test pilings are underway and barges are expected on-site soon, with completion currently projected for late 2029 or early 2030. Chair Frohlich also raised questions about the final phase of State Road 390 connecting to 23rd Street, with Bryant Paulk noting the contractor is targeting fall 2026, though schedule risks remain. Additional discussion addressed pavement conditions on U.S. 98, particularly near Richard Jackson Boulevard and the hospital area, where members expressed concerns about roadway depressions and safety. Bryant Paulk explained that minor maintenance would be handled under asset management, but full improvements would occur as part of future capacity projects.

Chair Frohlich raised further questions about connectivity between the east and west segments of Panama City Beach Parkway. FDOT indicated that routing traffic back to U.S. 98 is currently the only feasible option and that routing through residential areas is not viable. Members also discussed West Bay Parkway and other Needs Plan projects, acknowledging significant funding hurdles related to bridge construction and right-of-way acquisition. Staff noted that additional legislative support may be required to advance those projects.

PLANNING AND TRANSIT CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES - Approval of August 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-21 Approving the Updated Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Plan for FY2025 Thru FY2028**

James Pretlow s moved to approve the minutes and to recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda item. Robert Wood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A- ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-24 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Phase for SR 22 at Callaway Elementary School Traffic Operations Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 456960-1 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$400,000 - *Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk of FDOT presented a request to amend the FY 2026–2030 TIP to include the design phase for the SR 22 Callaway Elementary School Traffic Operations Project (FPID 456960-1). Construction is scheduled for FY 2028 at a total cost of \$400,000. Members discussed long-standing congestion and parking issues along SR 22 during student drop-off and pick-up times.

James Pretlow moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-24 amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Robert Wood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-25 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Utilities and Construction Phases for SR 30A (US 98) Panama City Beach Parkway from Christmas Tree Lane to East Powell Adams Road Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 456872-1 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$50,500 - *Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented the proposed amendment to add utilities and construction phases for the SR 30A (US 98) Panama City Beach Parkway Lighting Project from Christmas Tree Lane to East Powell Adams Road (FPID 456872-1). The total cost is \$50,500. The project involves a Joint Project Agreement with Florida Power & Light to install roadway lighting along the corridor.

Paul Bohac moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-25 amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Robert Wood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. **ENCLOSURE C- ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-26 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for Construction Cost Increase for SR 30A (US 98) Panama City Beach Parkway from Richard Jackson Boulevard to Hathaway Bridge Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPI) Number 217838-5 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$102,225,297 - Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT**

Bryant Paulk introduced the amendment addressing cost increases for the SR 30A (US 98) Panama City Beach Parkway Capacity Project from Richard Jackson Boulevard to Hathaway Bridge (FPID 217838-5). The total revised project cost is \$102,225,297, reflecting approximately \$18 million in utility adjustments and \$2 million in construction cost increases. Bryant Paulk clarified that the project remains on schedule for March 2026.

Paul Bohac moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-26 amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Robert Wood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. **ENCLOSURE D- ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-27 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Utilities and Construction Phases for SR 30 (US 98) Tyndall Parkway from Tram Road to Hickory Street Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 451001-1 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$37,500 - Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT**

Bryant Paulk presented an amendment adding utilities and construction phases for the SR 30 (US 98) Tyndall Parkway Lighting Project from Tram Road to Hickory Street (FPID 451001-1). The project, estimated at \$37,500, will provide roadway lighting through a participation agreement with Florida Power and Light.

Paul Bohac moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-27 amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. James Pretlow seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. **ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-22 Accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program - Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT/ Carla Hodges, FDOT**

Bryant Paulk provided an overview of the FDOT Tentative Work Program. Notable updates included funding for ITS programming in FY 2031, a traffic signal and right-turn lane at Harvard Boulevard, and new resurfacing projects on SR 77 (MLK to Bayline Railroad and 4th Street to Liberty Avenue). Additional highlights included the Callaway Elementary School safety project (FY 2028), a sidewalk project on South Gate Avenue (FY 27 design, FY 29 construction), and the Pipeline Road Extension (FY 28 construction).

James Pretlow moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-22 accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program. Paul Bohac seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-23 Adopting Statewide “Target Zero” Targets for Safety Performance Measures – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer presented Resolution Bay 25-23 asking for adoption of the FDOT statewide “Target Zero” safety performance measures for 2026. Gary Kramer explained that these annual targets align with federal safety standards and that the TPO has consistently adopted the state’s targets for the past eight years.

Paul Bohac moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-23 adopting statewide “Target Zero” targets for Safety Performance Measures. Robert Wood seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – TPO ONLY – Annual Appointment of Bay County TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2026 – Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO

PLANNING PRESENTATIONS ITEMS:

1. ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES - Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Jill Nobles presented an overview of the TA and TRIP programs. The TA program funds non-motorized projects such as sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and trails, while TRIP focuses on regional infrastructure requiring a 50% local match. Applications are due January 16, 2026, and informational workshops will be held December 8 (Bay TPO, 3 p.m.) and December 9 (ECRC Regional, 11 a.m.) with both in-person and virtual options. Flyers and criteria were provided to members.

2. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES - T Review of Draft Bay TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer, with consultants from Kimley-Horn, presented the draft 2050 LRTP Needs Plan, outlining capacity, safety, and multimodal projects anticipated through 2050. Highlights included SR 22 widening, the US 98 corridor management plan, Phillip Griffith Parkway Phase 3, and a US 98 to I-10 toll corridor. Members discussed various intersection and sidewalk projects, and Gary Kramer invited local input to ensure the plan's accuracy. A public workshop is scheduled for January 14, 2026, with a survey launching in December. Comments are requested by November 20, 2025.

PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC Meeting Minutes
2. Modification to the FY 26-30 TIP Letter
3. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Annual Report

TRANSIT AGENDA

TRANSIT PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES – Transit Development Plan (TDP) 2025 Annual Update - Lamar Hobbs, Bay County Transit

Lamar Hobbs provided an update on progress toward goals outlined in the Transit Development Plan, highlighting successful implementation of several planned improvements.

2. ENCLOSURE K – ALL COMMITTEES – FY2025 Transit Productivity and Performance Measures Report - Lamar Hobbs, Bay County Transit

Lamar Hobbs presented the FY 2025 Transit Productivity and Performance Measures Report, noting that Bay County Transit's administrative-to-operational cost ratio is below the state average, meeting all FDOT requirements for efficiency and transparency.

TRANSIT UPDATE

Lamar Hobbs reported that the bus wash system is fully operational and undergoing chemical calibration. Lamar Hobbs also announced that all transit buses are being labeled with federal DOT numbers to meet new federal compliance requirements.

LEGAL UPDATE – *Burke, Blue, Hutchison, Walters & Smith, P.A.*

OTHER BUSINESS – Staff reported that the 2026 Bay TPO meeting schedule is still being

finalized, pending FDOT coordination, and will be distributed to members via email when complete.

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