

BAY COUNTY TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)
Bay County Transit Office
1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
May 27, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

John Adair, Vice Chair	City of Panama City Beach
Scott Chandler	Bay County
Cliff Johnson	Bay County
Sam Buccieri	City of Mexico Beach
Jonathan Hayes	City of Panama City
Clint Murphy	City of Panama City
Matt DeVito	City of Panama City

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Eddie Cook, Chair	City of Callaway
Keith Bryant	Bay County
Doug Lee	Bay County School District
Harrison Neilly	Bay Way
Ben Janke	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 International Airport
Parker McClellan, Jr.	Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport
Bob Majka	Port of Panama City
Cheri Moon	Tyndall Air Force Base

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Lamar Hobbs	BayWay
Sam Buccieri	PWD Mexico Beach
Carol Kent Smith	Gund Management Group
Mary Beth Washnock	Gund Management Group
Jason Alderman	Gund Management Group
Matt Devito	Panama City
Scott Chandler	Bay County
<u>Virtual Attendance</u>	
Brian Graham	Kimley Horn
James McGill	Kimley Horn
Allison Fluitt	Kimley Horn

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Leandra Meredith
Tammy Neal
Gabrielle McVoy
Virtual Attendance:
Rae Emary
Tammy Neal

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE

Vice Chair Adair called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Staff stated they had an additional agenda item regarding a proposed letter of support for the City of Panama City's Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant application and another letter of support for the U.S. 98/U.S. 231 Capacity Project. Staff explained that the letters were requested to support ongoing transportation improvements and infrastructure enhancement efforts within the region.

Jonathan Hayes moved to approve the agenda as amended. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT UPDATE

Bryant Paulk provided an update regarding transportation projects within Bay County, reporting that the final segment of the Panama City Beach Parkway (Back Beach Road) widening project between Richard Jackson Boulevard and the Hathaway Bridge had been awarded for construction. He advised that a notice to proceed is anticipated in mid-June and construction activities are expected to begin between August and September 2026. The project includes approximately \$60 million in construction and utility relocation improvements and is expected to have a contract duration of approximately 1,500 days.

PLANNING AND TRANSIT CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES - Approval of February 2026 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution Bay 26-11 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Bay County Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Johnathan Hayes moved to approve the February TCC meeting minutes and to recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A- ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution BAY 26-09 Adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff**

Gary Kramer presented the Fiscal Year 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and explained that the TIP represents the culmination of the annual transportation planning process and includes projects programmed for funding within the next five years. He reviewed the public review process and noted that comments received during the review period would be incorporated into the final document.

Johnathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 26-09 adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2027-2031 TIP. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B- ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution BAY 26-08 Adopting the Bay County FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff**

Gary Kramer presented Resolution Bay 26-08 adopting the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities and reviewed the prioritization process. explaining that completed projects are removed from the list, fully funded projects are moved to the fully funded list, and new projects are added to the priority rankings as appropriate. He reviewed the project categories, including roadway capacity projects, Transportation Systems Management projects, Transportation Alternatives projects, public transportation, aviation, and seaport projects.

Leandra Meredith, ECRC Marketing staff, summarized the public involvement effort conducted during development of the priorities. She reported that the Bay County TPO conducted a 30-day public survey and comment period, maintained an online virtual open house and interactive map, and hosted a public workshop. The survey received 142 responses from throughout the TPO area and resulted in 43 new email subscribers.

Survey results indicated that traffic congestion, roadway maintenance, safety improvements, and intersection operations remain the public's highest transportation priorities. Respondents identified seasonal tourism, school traffic,

construction activity, and peak-hour traffic as major contributors to congestion. Comments frequently referenced concerns regarding U.S. 231, State Road 79, State Road 22, and U.S. 98.

Gary Kramer reviewed recommended revisions to the project priorities, including correcting the Harrison Avenue project description and modifying the Transportation Systems Management project at State Avenue and 23rd Street.

Committee members discussed the proposed turn lane improvement at State Avenue and 23rd Street. Following discussion, the committee agreed that the project description should clarify that the proposed improvement consists of an eastbound right-turn lane rather than a westbound right-turn lane. Members also requested clarification regarding turn lane improvements at Lisenby Avenue and 23rd Street. Staff agreed to revise the project descriptions accordingly prior to final adoption.

Johnathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 26-08 adopting the Bay County FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities with the recommended changes. Scott Chandler seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE – Consideration of Resolution Bay 26-10 Adopting the 2050 Bay County TPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented Resolution Bay 26-10 adopting the 2050 Bay County Long Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible Plan.

Representatives from Kimley-Horn reviewed the Long Range Transportation Plan development process, including data collection, goal development, congestion management analysis, needs identification, project prioritization, and preparation of the Cost Feasible Plan. Staff noted that the LRTP update began approximately eighteen months earlier and is required to be adopted by June 16, 2026.

Brian Graham reviewed previous public outreach efforts and reported that no public comments were received regarding the draft Cost Feasible Plan alternatives presented during the April 14 public workshop.

James McGill reviewed revenue forecasts, project inflation factors, existing and committed projects, Transportation Improvement Program projects, Strategic Intermodal System projects, and locally funded projects included within the plan. He also reviewed the hybrid alternative selected for inclusion within the Cost Feasible Plan.

Committee members discussed several proposed safety projects and requested clarification regarding project descriptions for improvements at State Avenue and 23rd Street and Lisenby Avenue and 23rd Street. Kimley-Horn agreed to revise the project descriptions for clarity in the final document.

Gary Kramer recognized the efforts of the Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee and thanked members for their participation throughout the eighteen-month planning process.

Jonathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 26-10 adopting the 2050 Bay County TPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Cost Feasible Plan. Clint Murphy seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution Bay 26-12 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Bay Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to De-obligate PL Funds – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

Kandase Lee presented Resolution Bay 26-12 amending the Fiscal Year 2025–Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program and explained that the amendment would de-obligate remaining Planning (PL) funds from the current fiscal year and re-obligate those funds into the following fiscal year. She noted that the action is a routine administrative process necessary to carry forward unexpended planning funds and does not return any funds to FDOT.

Jonathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 26-12 amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Bay Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to de-obligate PL funds. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2027 - *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

Kandase Lee reviewed the annual officer election requirements and advised that officers serve one-year terms and may serve multiple terms.

Jonathan Hayes moved to elect John Adair to serve as TCC chair for FY 2027. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Clint Murphy moved to elect Johnathan Hayes as TCC Vice Chair. Matt DeVito seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ADD ON ITEM – ALL COMMITTEES - Letter of Support for The City of Panama City's Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant Application and Letter of Support for the U.S. 98/U.S. 231 Capacity Project

Kandase Lee presented an additional agenda item regarding a proposed letter of support for the City of Panama City's Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant application and a letter of support for the U.S. 98/U.S. 231 capacity project. Kandase Lee explained that the letters were being requested to support ongoing transportation improvements and infrastructure enhancement efforts within the region.

Jonathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign the letter of support for the City of Panama City's Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) grant application and letter of support for the U.S. 98/U.S. 231 capacity project. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC February 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY2026-2030 TIP Letters
3. FDOT MPO Joint Certification
4. 2026 Bay TPO Meeting Schedule

TRANSIT AGENDA

TRANSIT ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution Bay 26-13 Approving the 911 Cellphone Bank Participation Agreement- Lamar Hobbs, Bay County Transit**

Lamar Hobbs presented Resolution Bay 26-13 approving participation in the 911 Cell Phone Bank Program and explained that the program allows Bayway Transit to donate unclaimed cell phones and electronic devices collected through the transit system's lost and found process. The devices would be repurposed and provided to domestic violence shelters, human service organizations, and law enforcement agencies to assist individuals in need of emergency communications.

Lamar Hobbs advised that the program had been reviewed by legal counsel and that Bayway Transit would comply with state requirements regarding retention periods and reasonable efforts to identify owners before surplus disposal.

Jonathan Hayes moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair sign Resolution Bay 26-13 approving the 911 Cellphone Bank Participation Agreement. Clint Murphy seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

TRANSIT UPDATE

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

OTHER BUSINESS – The next Bay TPO meeting will be held on August 26, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. The TCC will meet at 11:00 a.m. and the CAC at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will take place at the Bay County Transit Office, 1010 Cone Ave Panama City, FL 32401.

ADJOURNMENT