

BAY COUNTY TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated Staff)
Bay County Transit Office
1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, FL 32401
August 27, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Eddie Cook, Chair	City of Callaway
John Adair, Vice Chair	City of Panama City Beach
Keith Bryant	Bay County
Cliff Johnson	Bay County
Harrison Neilly	Bay Way
Jonathan Hayes	City of Panama City
Clint Murphy	City of Panama City
John Skaggs	Naval Coastal Systems Station
<u>Virtual Attendance:</u>	
Cheri Moon	Tyndall Air Force Base

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ian Crelling	Bay County
Doug Lee	Bay County School District
Amanda Richard	City of Lynn Haven
Matt DeVito	City of Panama City
Kathryn Younce	City of Panama City Beach
Tony Summerlin	City of Parker
Richard McConnell	NW FL Beaches International Airport
Parker McClellan, Jr.	NW FL Beaches International Airport
Alex King	Port of Panama City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Harrison Neilly	Trnasdev
Kaylor Collins	FDOT
Cassidy Haney	NWFL Greenways and Trails
Mary Beth Washnock	Grud
Angela Bradley	Grud
Ben Faust	DRMP
Sarah Harris	Port of Panama City
Chris Sponseller	Bay County
<u>Virtual Attendance:</u>	
Brian Graham	Kimley-Horn
Lamar Hobbs	BayWay
Wiley Page	Atkins

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Jessica Walton
Leandra Meredith
Gary Kramer
Roshita Taylor
Tammy Neal
Elizabeth Marino

Virtual Attendance:

Rae Emary
Gabrielle McVoy

CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tiffany Bates stated that Item 4 was removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of Lamar Hobbs.

PUBLIC FORUM – There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATE

Bryant Paulk reported on several active and upcoming transportation projects. Bryant Paulk announced that construction contracts were executed in June for the U.S. 231 and Star Avenue realignment project. While a notice to proceed has not yet been issued, construction is anticipated to begin within 30 days. The project, awarded to Roberts & Roberts Construction, is structured as a 700-day contract and is expected to alleviate congestion and improve safety at the corridor.

Bryant Paulk reported that the Tyndall Flyover project is nearing completion, with final punch list items being resolved and signalization work in progress. Segments of Panama City Beach Parkway remain under construction but are moving forward on schedule, and the additional capacity will be welcomed once completed.

FDEP UPDATE

Cassidy Haney, FDEP Office of Greenways and Trails, reported that statewide status maps for trail corridors are being updated. For Bay County, this includes the Great Northwest Coast Connector and the U.S. 90 Trail Corridor. Updated maps will reflect trail segments that have advanced from “gap” status into acquisition, funding, or completion. The maps are expected by the end of 2025.

Cassidy Haney also described efforts to form alliances along trail corridors to bring municipalities and stakeholders together to coordinate acquisitions and funding to close existing gaps. Cassidy Haney invited members to reach out for more details.

PLANNING AND TRANSIT CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **ALL COMMITTEES:** Approval of the May 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. **ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Addition of Quest Corporation of America, Inc. as a Subcontractor to the TPO's Consultant Contract
3. **TPO ONLY:** Consideration of the Membership Certification for Bay County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board
4. ~~**ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-21 Approving the Updated BayWay Title VI Non-Discrimination Program Including Limited English Proficiency (LEP) for FY2025 thru FY2028~~
5. **ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution of BAY 25-20 Adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement

Keith Bryant moved to approve the minutes and to recommend the TPO approve consent agenda items 2 and 5. Jonathan Hayes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PLANNING ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-17 Adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Evaluation Criteria – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff**

Gary Kramer, ECRC, and Brian Graham, Kimley-Horn, presented proposed evaluation criteria for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). Criteria categories included transportation safety, multimodal choices and connections, system efficiency and preservation, sustainability and livability, economic vitality, transportation security, and congestion management. The highest weights (20% each) were given to safety and congestion management. Brian Graham outlined specific measures under each category, including crash severity, multimodal connections, environmental and economic factors, emergency response, and level-of-service data.

Keith Bryant moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-17 adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 LRTP Evaluation Criteria. Jonathan Hayes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-18 Adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Congestion Management Process (CMP) - Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Brian Graham presented the updated Congestion Management Process. Objectives include reducing travel demand, improving safety, encouraging active transportation, enhancing reliability, and preserving the system. Brian Graham outlined the designated roadway, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and freight networks, as well as performance measures and targets such as carpooling rates, crash rates, facility miles, level-of-service thresholds, and resurfacing percentages. Brian Graham discussed trends in commuting data, particularly the high percentage of residents commuting alone (over 75%), and acknowledged the need to strengthen strategies promoting alternative modes.

Keith Bryant moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-18 adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 LRTP CMP. John Adair seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES -Consideration of Resolution Bay 25-19 Adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Financial Resources - Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Brian Graham presented the Bay County TPO 2025 LRTP Financial Resources. Brian Graham highlighted that available revenues for the 2050 Plan are lower than in the 2045 update, meaning fewer projects can be fiscally constrained. Key sources include the local option gas tax, currently collecting approximately \$7 million annually but with potential to generate up to \$12 million, and the half-cent local infrastructure sales tax, currently producing \$32 million annually but with potential to double if increased to one cent.

Keith Bryant moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution Bay 25-19 adopting the Bay County TPO 2050 LRTP Financial Resources. Jonathan Hayes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS

1. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - Draft Bay TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan Update - Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Brian Graham presented an update on the development of the Needs Plan. The plan will evaluate completed and ongoing projects from the 2045 LRTP, current TIP

projects, identified roadway deficiencies, and stakeholder input. Brian Graham reviewed completed and partially completed projects, as well as projections showing growing congestion on SR 77, SR 79, and the Panama City Beach Parkway. Stakeholder input highlighted priorities for the Port of Panama City, the airport, Bayway transit, the Navy Base, and Tyndall Air Force Base. Suggested projects included improvements to SR 389, SR 388 east of the airport, SR 22, and additional access to military installations. The committee requested that the slides be emailed to them so that they could review the projects listed. Keith Bryant expressed that the most effective way to support the Parkway would be through advancing Philip Griffith phases three and four.

John Adair emphasized the importance of prioritizing improvements to SR 388 east of the airport, even though the roadway lies outside city limits. John Adair stressed that the project is critical for both safety and congestion relief, as it serves as the primary airport access route for city residents and businesses. John Adair noted that speeding and unsafe passing are common along the corridor, making improvements a priority for safe and efficient airport access. The airport had also identified this project in its submitted priorities, and the City expressed strong support.

2. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - RideOn Commuter Services Program Update - *Elizabeth Marino, ECRC Staff*

Elizabeth Marino provided an overview of the RideOn Commuter Services Program, a FDOT-funded initiative covering 16 counties. Elizabeth Marino explained that the program provides a free app offering ride-matching, trip logging, commuter rewards, and tax benefits of up to \$325 per month for participating commuters and employers.

Elizabeth Marino emphasized the program's potential for reducing congestion, lowering commuting costs, and benefiting local businesses. She noted its relevance for Bay County's military, hospitality, and medical sectors. Members received flyers and were encouraged to download the app, promote it through their municipalities, and explore employer participation.

PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC May 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 TIP Letters
3. 2025 Bay County TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

Cliff Johnson provided an update on the recent meeting of the Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST), explaining that the CTST brings together representatives of the “four E’s”—Education, Enforcement, Engineering, and Emergency Management—to regularly address safety issues across the region. At the most recent meeting, the team focused extensively on the ongoing Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan led by the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC). Following discussion, the CTST sent a formal letter to the ECRC project management team. The letter highlighted three key points: the importance of strong municipal and county outreach to ensure the plan captures each jurisdiction’s goals and vision, the need for guidance on regulating e-bikes to avoid inconsistent local ordinances across jurisdictions, and the importance of recognizing beach access points along Thomas Drive and Front Beach Road as key pedestrian destinations. Cliff Johnson confirmed the letter was copied to the CAC and TCC memberships as well as the project management team.

It was also noted that the next phase of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan will involve a deep dive with municipalities, building on the public outreach already conducted. Roshita Taylor, the ECRC planner leading the project, confirmed that outreach to local governments is now beginning.

Tiffany Bates thanked members and municipalities for supporting the ongoing bike/pedestrian survey, noting that flyers were hand-delivered to local governments and public information officers have actively promoted participation. The survey has already received more than 500 responses and will remain open through Sunday, August 31. Members were encouraged to continue promoting the survey during its final days.

Johnatha Hayes stated that City of Panama City reaffirmed its commitment to walkability and pedestrian infrastructure, noting strong engagement on its outreach efforts, including more than 20 shares on its most recent social media post promoting the survey.

The next Bay TPO meeting will be held on November 05, 2025, 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

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.