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**MEETING OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) – 9:30 a.m.

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) – 1:30 p.m.

City of Destin, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, FL

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE – *Chair Bobby Wagner*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Any new action items to be added to the agenda must be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the TPO members present.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Please obtain a speaker request form from ECRC staff. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.

FDOT Update - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Christy Johnson, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons*

FDEP Update - *Cassidy Haney, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES:** Approval of the August 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Addition of Quest Corporation of America, Inc. as a Subcontractor to the TPO's Planning Consultant Contract
- 3. ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-07 Adopting the Long Range Transportation 2050 Public Participation Plan (PPP)
- 4. TPO ONLY:** Consideration of Membership Certifications for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards
- 5. TPO AND CAC ONLY:** Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Applications

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-15 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Utility Phase for SR 20 from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive Lighting Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568701 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$13,196 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*
2. **ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-16 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Phase for I-10 from 1.146 Miles West of SR 285 to the Holmes County Line, Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4556972 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$967,173 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*
3. **ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-12 Accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program- *Carla Hodges, FDOT or Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*
4. **ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-13 Adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
5. **ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-14 Adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
6. **ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution of O-W 25-11 Adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (ICAR) – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
7. **ENCLOSURE G – TPO ONLY** – Appointment of Okaloosa - Walton TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2026 – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

PRESENTATION ITEMS

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

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC August 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 TIP Letters
3. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Annual Report

OTHER BUSINESS: The 2026 Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting schedule is still being determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

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FDOT UPDATE

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CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 1

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MEETING MINUTES

Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

May 15, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bobby Wagner, Vice Chair	Destin
J.B. Whitten	Crestview
Doug Capps	Crestview
Shannon Hayes	Crestview
Todd Bierbaum	DeFuniak Springs
David Schmidt	Fort Walton Beach
Tracey Dickey	Freeport
April Sutton	Mary Esther
Doug Tolbert	Niceville
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission
Tony Anderson	Walton County Commission
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission
Cheryl Sawyers (Non-Voting)	

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

James T. Wood (Non-Voting)	MidBay Bridge Authority
Drew Palmer	Okaloosa County Commission
Trey Goodwin	Okaloosa County Commission
Christine Wasdin	Valparaiso
Torey Geile	Destin

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Latilda Hughes-Neel	Freeport
Samantha Graves	Freeport
Kristen Shell	Niceville
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Ted Corcoran	Fort Walton Beach Chamber
Scott Bitterman	Okaloosa County
Roy Petrey	Okaloosa County
Mary Beth Washnock	Gude
Kathy Rudd	Gude
Tyrone Scorsone	Kittleson & Associates
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Matt Vera	Hurlburt Field

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Annie Arguello
Rae Emary
Gary Kramer
Jill Nobles
Tammy Neal
Leandra Meredith
Roshita Taylor
Elizabeth Merino
Virtual Attendance
Gina Watson

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Vice Chair Wagner called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held for fallen soldiers.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Sutton moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Capps seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Wagner asked for introductions of TPO members and staff for the benefit of the new members and the audience. Introductions were made.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ted Corcoran spoke in favor of the Around the Mound project, stating that its completion will be a generational change for the area. He asked that the TPO keep the priority of this project high.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk provided an update on the Statewide SIS Plan's Needs Plan development, soliciting input from the TPO. It covers the most important corridors throughout the district, mostly related to the transfer of goods and services and connectivity to airports and other traffic facilities. Bryant Paulk explained the corridors that are on the SIS network throughout Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Bryant Paulk asked for projects for the Statewide SIS Needs Plan to consider for funding in a Cost Feasible Plan.

Bryant Paulk reported that the resurfacing of Eglin Parkway from Richbourg Avenue in Shalimar to US 98 in Fort Walton Beach will be let for construction in July and workers should be out there by October.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-06 Adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year 2 (FY 2026) Amendment**

Commissioner Glidewell moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Mixon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE -** Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-08 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add the Right-of-Way Phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$23,100,003
- 2. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE -** Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-09 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Railroad Utility Phase for the Wilson Street Railroad Crossing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4565681 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$287,343

Bryant Paulk provided a brief update of the two TIP amendments. The SR 85 project is a right of way acquisition which is advancing faster due to a local government funding contribution.

The Wilson Street railroad crossing will include full replacement of lights, gates, battery back-up, and detection system.

It was noted that the amendment and all documentation associated with Enclosure A should be corrected from “Live Church Road” to “Live Oak Church Road.” Staff and Bryant Paulk agreed to make sure this change was made.

Council Member Hayes moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-08 and Resolution O-W 25-09 amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Mayor Whitten seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Wagner	Yes
Mayor Whitten	Yes
Council Member Capps	Yes
Council Member Hayes	Yes
Council Member Bierbaum	Yes
Council Member Schmidt	Yes
Council Member Dickey	Yes
Council Member Sutton	Yes
Council Member Tolbert	Yes
Commissioner Ketchel	Yes
Commissioner Mixon	Yes
Commissioner Johns	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	Yes
Commissioner Glidewell	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING -
Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-03 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chair Wagner opened the public forum and asked if there were any speakers. There were none.

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 board members earlier in the month.

Commissioner Mixon moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-03 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Council Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Wagner	Yes
Mayor Whitten	Yes
Council Member Capps	Yes
Council Member Hayes	Yes
Council Member Bierbaum	Yes
Council Member Schmidt	Yes
Council Member Dickey	Yes
Council Member Sutton	Yes
Council Member Tolbert	Yes

Commissioner Ketchel	Yes
Commissioner Mixon	Yes
Commissioner Johns	Yes
Commissioner Anderson	Yes
Commissioner Glidewell	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-04 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities

Jill Nobles provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the project priorities development cycle and where it fits into the overall development of transportation projects from concept to construction. Jill Nobles then explained the types of projects in the priorities and highlighted public comments that were received, specifically changes that were requested by local governments. There was a lot of support for moving the Around the Mound and the PJ Adams Pkwy. /Antioch Rd. at Crab Apple Avenue intersection realignment and signalization project up in the ranking.

Rae Emary provided further information on the public feedback that was received, including an impressive 421 completed surveys. Tourist impacts, school start and stop times, as well as congestion, specifically during peak hours, were the main areas of commute frustration that were reported. Construction zone delays were not listed very high. Most survey takers gave comments and many of them were about congestion on US 98 and SR 85, needed signal timing improvements, more and safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the need for alternative routes.

Scott Davidson said that the survey was widely distributed at Hurlburt Field and many of the comments likely came from personnel there.

Mayor Whitten spoke to the need to move Non-SIS Priority #12 up to address safety and to accommodate the residents of a 150 home subdivision located there. After numerous attempts to alleviate the situation with FDOT, there have been several improvements made, but the requested traffic light has not been approved due to the needed location not being a true intersection. Mayor Whitten explained that aligning Old Antioch Road with Crab Apple is critical to getting the traffic light in place and asked that this project, which has been stalled at #12 for the past three years, be moved to #9.

Commissioner Johns spoke to the need for safety improvements at SR 20 and Thompson Road in Walton County.

Commissioner Anderson spoke to the need for safety features at SR20 and US 331. There are back ups due to accidents on a nearly weekly basis and both roads are critical to moving Walton County.

Council Member Sutton asked Mayor Whitten if there was any way the City of Crestview can contribute funds to the #12 project in order to get it done faster. Mayor Whitten said he would pursue this option and was hopeful.

Commissioner Ketchel suggested swapping projects within each county as opposed to moving projects that would result in others from the adjacent county falling lower in priority. Jill Nobles said the CAC had a similar thought.

There was general discussion about how to proceed and Jill Nobles provided the advisory committee recommendations.

The CAC's recommendation was to approve the Project Priorities with the following changes: 1) move SIS Priority #4 to #2, 2) move the current #12 Non-SIS project higher in priority, at the TPO's discretion, and 3) move the current #9 TSM Priority, SR 189 at Poquito Road, higher in priority, at the TPO's discretion.

The TCC's recommendation was that the TPO add the Perry Avenue one-way study to the Non-SIS Priority #2, Transportation Planning Studies, to keep the current SIS Priority #1, US 98 in the #1 position, to incorporate the DeFuniak Springs Airport priorities as submitted, and asks that if changing the priority of any SIS projects, that such changes should only have an impact on projects within the same county. In other words, to not adversely affect the ranking of the other county's projects.

Commissioner Ketchel moved to re-prioritize the provided draft TSM priorities as follows: #9 becomes #3, #3 becomes #2, and #2 becomes #9. The motion was seconded and was approved by a vote of 13 to 1, with Council Member Tolbert voting in opposition.

Commissioner Mixon moved to switch SIS Priorities #1 and #2, making Priority #1 SR 85 from McWhorter Avenue to PJ Adams Parkway, and making Priority #2 US 98/SR 30 from the Santa Rosa County line to east of Cody Lane interchange. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ketchel. There was much discussion about the validity and need of each of these projects being ranked #1.

Scott Davidson spoke on behalf of Hurlburt Field, explaining the military mission and critical need of Hwy 98. He thanked the TPO for their hard work on moving this project forward.

There was then discussion of the critical need of other military installations in Okaloosa County.

Vice Chair Wagner called for the vote. **The motion passed by a vote of 11 to 3, with Commissioner Anderson, Council Member Sutton, and Council Member Tolbert voting in opposition.**

Commissioner Glidewell moved to approve Resolution O-W 25-04 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities with the changes noted above, and to include the DeFuniak Springs Airport projects as submitted. The motion was seconded Commissioner Mixon and it was unanimously approved.

5. **ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and Appointment of Steering Committee Members

Jill Nobles asked for TPO volunteers to serve on the steering committee and provided the names of the CAC and TCC volunteers who would also be serving. Online attendance will be allowed for convenience, and the meetings will start within the next couple of months.

Mayor Wagner and Commissioner Anderson volunteered.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-05 approving the scope of services for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update and appointment of Wagner, Tony Anderson steering committee members. Council Member Hayes 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

Tiffany Bates stated that it is the time of year for the TPO and its advisory committees to elect officers for the coming year and provided the results of the TCC and CAC elections. Kristen Shell, with the City of Niceville, was elected TCC chair, and Latilda Hughes-Neel was elected TCC vice chair. Amy Jamieson was elected CAC chair, and Robert Rennie was elected CAC vice chair.

There was discussion among the board members regarding who would like to or be willing to serve as the TPO's officers for the upcoming fiscal year.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to elect Mayor Bobby Wagner to serve as TPO chair for FY 2026, Council Member Todd Bierbaum to serve as vice chair, and to ratify the TCC and CAC slate of officers for the same period. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – TPO ONLY – Appointment of a TPO Member to Serve on the MPOAC for the Remainder of CY 2025

Kandase Lee explained that former Fort Walton Beach Mayor Rynearson was the primary member of the MPOAC Governing Board, and with his departure there is a need to address the MPOAC membership.

Kandase Lee noted that Crestview Mayor JB Whitten, the current alternate, attended the last meeting.

Mayor Whitten stated that he has attended several MPOAC meetings as well as attended the training and would enjoy remaining on the MPOAC Governing Board in some capacity.

Council Member Hayes moved to nominate Mayor JB Whitten as the primary member. Commissioner Ketchel seconded the motion.

Immediately following, Council Member Sutton moved to nominate Mayor Bobby Wagner as the primary member. Council Member Schmidt seconded the motion.

Without proceeding to a formal vote on either motion, the Board conducted a silent (written) vote among the members and Mayor Whitten secured the most votes.

Mayor JB Whitten was selected as the MPOAC Governing Board primary member for the remainder of Calendar Year 2025, and Mayor Bobby Wagner was selected as the alternate member.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 2

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Addition of Quest Corporation of America, Inc. as a Subcontractor to the TPO's Consultant Contract

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 5: Plans and Studies

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: In August 2023, and in June of 2024, the TPO approved the selection of Kimley-Horn and Associates, along with DRMP and their respective subconsultants, to serve as planning consultants for the Emerald Coast Planning Council and the Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, and Bay County TPOs.

In the approved Kimley-Horn contract it states in Section 9.02 "THIRD PARTY CONTRACT – Third parties that are now authorized subcontractors of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. Team include Cambridge Systematics, Inc., Carpe Diem Community Solutions, Inc., Halff Associates, Inc. and HSA Columbia. Expect as noted above and otherwise authorized in writing by ECRC/TPOs, the GPC shall not execute any contract or obligate itself in any other manner with any third party with respect to the project." Kimley-Horn and Associates would like to add Quest Corporation on America, Inc. as an additional subconsultant of to their contract, for marketing services.

To accommodate this requested addition, ECRC/TPO staff received the following statement from Quest Corporation outlining their extensive experience and ability to provide the needed public involvement and outreach services:

"Quest Corporation of America, Inc. (Quest) is pleased to support the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) with public involvement and outreach services. With nearly 30 years of experience in Florida's Panhandle, Quest has led public involvement, outreach, and marketing efforts across Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, and Bay counties. Our team of experienced professionals has worked extensively with local governments, TPO boards, and FDOT District Three, building strong relationships with community stakeholders throughout the region. We possess a deep understanding of the Panhandle's diverse communities, from rural towns to coastal hubs, and the unique communication strategies each requires. Quest will provide strategic marketing and communications support for the ECRC's priority projects, helping ensure consistency, clarity, and public awareness in all outreach activities. We will assist with content development, social media, event coordination, and collateral design, while also advising on messaging strategies tailored to each community. Having supported initiatives such as Complete Streets planning, corridor studies, and regional mobility efforts, Quest understands the importance of aligning technical information with public understanding. We are agile, responsive, collaborative, and ready to integrate seamlessly with the ECRC team. Above all, our goal is to uphold the Council's reputation while expanding its communication reach across the Panhandle."

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion approving the addition of Quest Corporation of America, Inc. as a subcontractor to the TPO's planning consultant contract. This action is recommended to ensure continuous services of general planning services. Contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, if additional information is needed at kandase.lee@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, ext. 201.

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 3

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-07 Adopting the 2050 Long Range Transportation Public Participation Plan (PPP)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Okaloosa Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 2: LRTP

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The MPO Handbook states: “When developing the LRTP, the MPO must provide interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on it using the strategies identified in the MPO’s adopted PPP. In some cases, the MPO may develop a PPP specific to the LRTP as part of the scope of that project. If this is done, the PPP for the LRTP must be consistent with the overall PPP of the MPO. The PPP for the LRTP may provide additional details about engagement strategies being used or individuals, groups, or agencies being engaged. The PPP for the LRTP may also include outreach opportunities beyond those identified in the MPO’s adopted PPP. Parties that should be included in the development of LRTPs include:

- Public agencies,
- Indian Tribal governments,
- Representatives of public transportation employees,
- Public ports and airports,
- Freight shippers,
- Providers of freight transportation services,
- Private providers of transportation (including intercity bus operators, employer based commuting programs, such as carpool program, vanpool program, transit benefit program, parking cash-out program, shuttle program, or telework program),
- Representatives of users of public transportation,
- Representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities,
- Representatives of people with disabilities, and
- Other interested parties using the participation plan developed to be consistent with 23 C.F.R. 450.316(a). [23 C.F.R. 450.324(k)]”

Additionally, the FDOT MPO Program Management Handbook, Section 6.3.2, states: The MPO must publish or otherwise make readily available the LRTP for public review, including (to the maximum extent practicable) in electronically accessible formats and means (e.g., the Internet”).

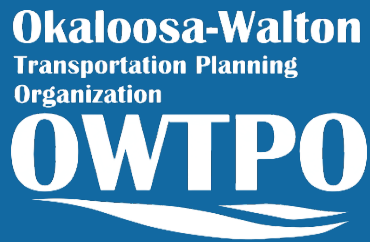
The Okaloosa-Walton TPO’s 2050 LRTP PIP addresses these required strategies. The draft document can be viewed at the following link: [OW TPO LRTP Draft Plan](#)

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-07

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-07 approving the 2050 LRTP Public Participation Plan for the Okaloosa Walton TPO. Contact Rae Emary at Rae.Emary@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976, ext. 220, if additional information is needed.

2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN



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Why is Public Involvement Important?

One of the elements of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is public involvement. Engaging more citizens in the planning process leads to a stronger plan that better addresses the community's needs. Providing opportunities for public participation helps minimize challenges in later phases of the plan by identifying and addressing potential issues during the planning stage. The Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Public Participation Plan (PPP) provides a framework for the development of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP) specific to the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Long Range Transportation Plan

The Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is a federally required document, updated every five years, that addresses future transportation needs for at least a twenty-year horizon.

Public involvement strategies for each LRTP update should incorporate a variety of outreach activities designed to solicit feedback from stakeholders of all ages, communities, and interests throughout all stages of the planning process. Additionally, all outreach activities must adhere to the following procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes outlined in the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 450.316) and the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Handbook. These strategies include:

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used in the development of the LRTP through the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)/Emerald Coast Regional Council website;
- Provide adequate public notice of public involvement activities and sufficient time for public review and comment on key decisions, such as but not limited to the approval of the LRTP;
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during the plan development process;
- Use visualization techniques to describe the LRTP;
- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations;
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to low-income and minority households;
- Coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes, as outlined under 23 C.F.R. Subpart B;
- Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan;

- Incorporate a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of written and oral comments received on the draft LRTP, including the financial plan, as part of the final LRTP; and
- Provide additional opportunities for public comment if the final LRTP differs significantly from the draft version made available for public comment or if new material issues arise.
- Allow a 30-day formal comment period for major LRTP amendments. Public participation procedures may vary depending on the nature of the amendment.

Stakeholders

Stakeholders will include identified neighborhood associations, affordable housing organizations, community organizations, federally designated and non-federally recognized Native American Tribes, Federal Land Management Agency (FLMA), and major employers in the TPO area. Contact lists will be developed, containing stakeholder emails and phone numbers. These contact lists will be used to promote participation in the LRTP process, facilitate presentations, and help form a steering committee. The steering committee will review key components of the LRTP, including the kick-off meeting, Goals and Objectives, Needs Plan, and Cost Feasible Plan.

Citizens Advisory Committee

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) is composed of members of the public who have expressed an interest in transportation planning. The TPO board members appoint CAC membership. Citizens interested in learning more about the CAC can email marketing@ecrc.org for additional information.

Technical Coordinating Committee

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) comprises local government and transportation professionals. This committee plays a vital role in the planning process by providing technical advice to the TPO board on transportation-related issues.

Transportation Planning Organization Board

The Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization serves as this region's and Florida's local intergovernmental transportation policy board. The board is composed of local government officials who make transportation-related decisions at a regional level.

Other TPO Committees

Presentations will be made to other TPO committees and groups as needed to ensure broad engagement and feedback throughout the planning process.

Long Range Transportation Plan Study Area

The Study Area includes Okaloosa and Walton counties in Florida. To ensure that staff effectively reach the right communities and coordinate with agencies and stakeholders in the region, the Okaloosa Walton TPO Community Profile, created as part of the Okaloosa Walton TPO Title VI Plan, will be updated during the information phase of the Long Range Transportation Plan process.

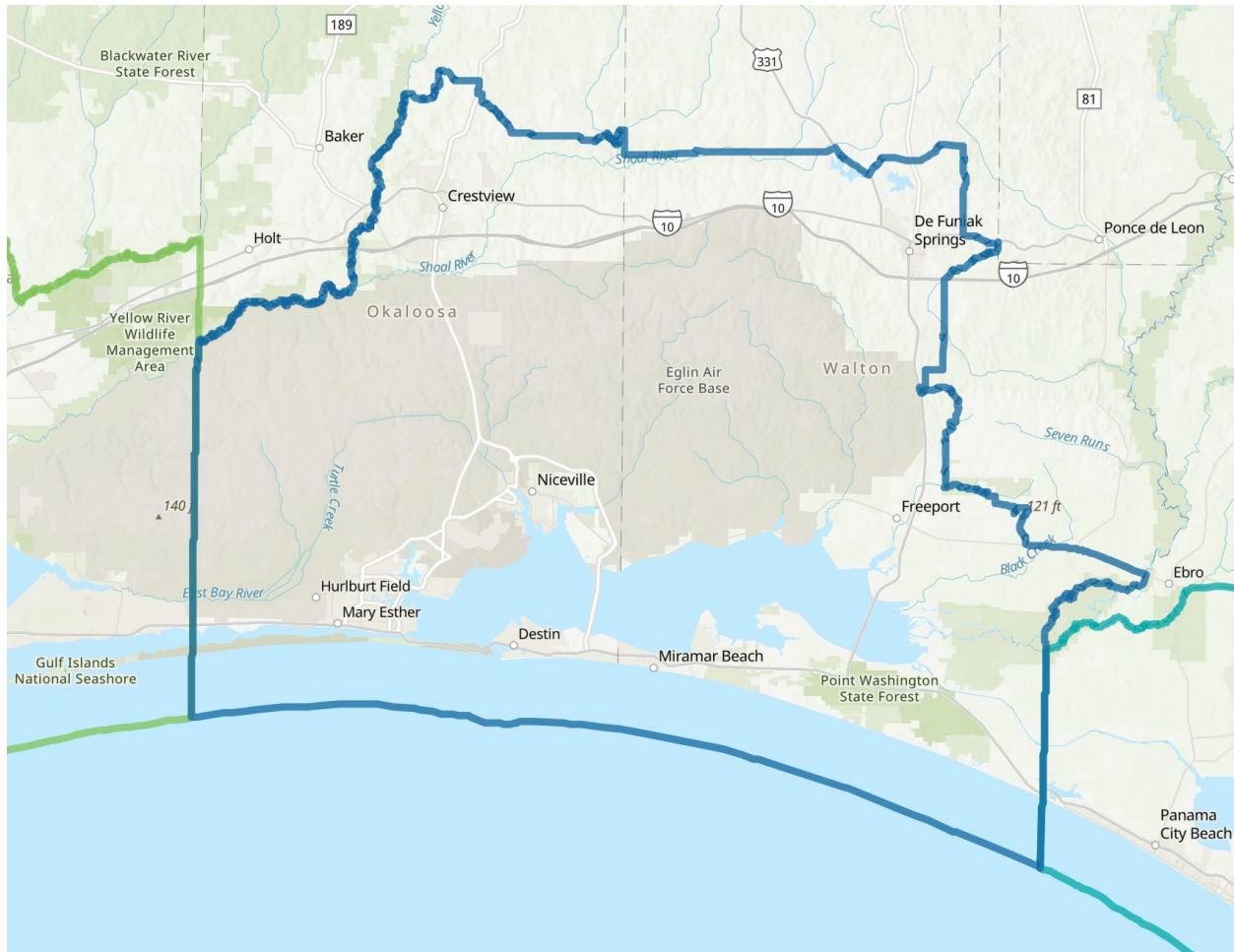


Figure 1: Map illustrating boundaries of the Okaloosa Walton TPO

Public Participation Goals

The Okaloosa Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan incorporates four primary public participation and outreach goals, as outlined in the Okaloosa Walton Public Participation Plan (PPP). These goals are as follows:

Goal 1: Early and Consistent Involvement

Engage the public and stakeholder agencies early in the project and throughout each key phase of the planning process:

- Information Phase – Inform the public and stakeholders about the plan’s purpose, timeline, major milestones, and how they can stay involved and informed.
- Decision-making Phase – Identify specific opportunities for public and stakeholder input at key decision-making points that affect the development of the plan.
- Review Phase – Allow the public to review and provide input on a draft version of the completed plan.

Goal 2: Opportunity

Ensure citizens and stakeholder agencies have meaningful opportunities to participate in all phases of the public involvement process. Special emphasis will be placed on engaging traditionally under-represented or under-served communities.

Goal 3: Information and Communication

Provide citizens and stakeholder agencies with clear, timely, and accurate information about the plan as it progresses, ensuring transparency and accessibility.

Goal 4: Range of Techniques

Implement a broad spectrum of outreach techniques to engage the diverse populations within the project area.

To achieve these goals, a range of public involvement and outreach methods will be proposed and utilized during the update of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.



Traditionally, Under-Represented and Under-Served Populations

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal funds. In addition to considering minority and low-income persons as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the TPO identifies and addresses, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health impacts or economic constraints of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations within the Okaloosa Walton TPO Study Area.

The Project Team for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will integrate Title VI principles into the planning process as developed and implemented through an ongoing initiative. This effort aims to advance racial equity, support underserved and disadvantaged communities, and identify Economically Constrained Communities for consideration in the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

ZIP codes within Okaloosa and Walton Counties with higher concentrations of minority, transit-dependent, low-income, older adult, and Limited English Proficiency will be identified as Economically Constrained Communities.

Throughout the project, participants in public outreach activities will be asked to provide their residential ZIP codes. The Project Team will periodically analyze participation from these ZIP codes to assess engagement levels in Economically Constrained Communities compared to the broader study area. This analysis will determine the effectiveness of outreach activities in reaching individuals in EJ areas.

If participation from economically constrained communities is disproportionately low, the Project Team will implement targeted measures to improve engagement. For example:

- If a transit-dependent, economically constrained community shows significantly low participation, smaller community meetings or outreach events may be held within the immediate area to minimize travel barriers.
- The Project Team will collaborate with counties and municipalities to identify accessible meeting locations to enhance participation, particularly from priority groups.

These measures aim to ensure inclusive and equitable participation throughout the planning process.



Public Participation and Outreach Strategies

The following methods have proven effective in previous outreach efforts by the TPO and will guide future activities:

- Review previous assessments and LRTP activities to identify successful and unsuccessful public outreach approaches.
- Analyzing Community Profiles to understand the demographics of the TPO Study Area, including traditionally underserved communities, to guide outreach strategies.
- Develop a list of specific public involvement and outreach tasks to include in the draft scope of services.

Specific requirements and strategies for public involvement are outlined in the complete Okaloosa Walton TPO Public Participation Plan, available at www.ecrc.org/OWTPO.

Strategies used by the TPO may include:

Outreach

- Identifying stakeholders, organizations, traditionally underserved communities, tribal organizations, and media outlets.
- Utilizing Virtual Public Involvement (VPI) tools.
- Distributed news releases and conducted radio/TV interviews.
- Posting public notices.
- Creating and distributing surveys with at least a 30-day timeframe for public comment.
- Hosting public open houses, workshops, forums, and focus groups.
- Delivering presentations to civic and community groups.
- Providing comment cards.
- Using GIS maps and other technology tools.
- Developing and staffing a steering committee.

Awareness/Education

- Sending email notifications to stakeholders, organizations, underserved communities, tribal organizations, and media outlets.
- Creating social media posts, hosting events, and/or organizing Virtual Open Houses.
- Maintaining a dedicated section on the TPO website for updates and information.

Documentation

- Compiling survey results and comments.
- Mapping outreach locations using GIS tools.
- Documenting outreach events with photos.
- Tracking email open and click rates.
- Measuring social media engagement.
- Posting oral and written comments alongside draft documents on the TPO website.

Public Meetings

The TPO follows these procedures for public meetings:

1. Publishing a legal notice in the newspaper with the largest circulation within the TPO Study Area at least seven days before public meetings. *
2. Creating a social media event or post.
3. Issuing a news release or a reminder release. *
4. Listing the event on the website calendar.
5. Send email notifications to TPO/TCC/CAC members, interested parties, and city and county partners.

* In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), reasonable accommodations to access information, meetings, and services for individuals with Limited English Proficiency are available upon request. Individuals requiring special accommodations under the ADA or translation services should contact us toll-free at 1-800-226-8914, ext. 203, or use TTY-Florida at 1-800-995-8771 at least 48 hours in advance.

Participation is encouraged without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Individuals who believe they have experienced discrimination based on any of these conditions may file a complaint with Leandra Meredith, Title VI Coordinator, at leandra.meredith@ecrc.org or call 850-332-7976, ext. 203.

Se solicita la participación del público sin importar la raza, el color, la nacionalidad, la edad, el género, la religión, la discapacidad o la situación familiar. Las personas que requieran acomodaciones especiales conforme a la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades o las personas que requieran servicios de traducción deben comunicarse con Ada Clark al 850-332-7976, ext. 278 or ada.clark@ecrc.org al menos 48 hours de anticipación. Las personas con deficiencias auditivas deben llamar al 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

Special accommodation request forms are available at www.ecrc.org/OWPublicInvolvement.

Public Workshops

Public workshops follow the same procedures as public meetings and may also include:

1. Emailing flyers to committees, interested parties, public transit providers, and community facilities.
2. Posting event details on community event calendars, such as those for libraries and community centers.
3. Developing tailored presentations as needed.

Presentations to Groups and Organizations

For presentations to groups and organizations, the following steps will be taken:

1. Creating tailored presentation materials as needed.
2. Sending a follow-up note of thanks and providing a summary of questions and comments to the meeting coordinator.

Outreach activities will be regularly assessed to evaluate their effectiveness. Adjustments will be made as needed to improve public engagement and ensure inclusivity.

Public Participation Schedule

To ensure the implementation of effective strategies, the public involvement team will provide a public participation schedule as part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Work. This schedule will align with the overall LRTP update process and outline specific public outreach strategies for key phases, including kick-off meeting, Goals and Objectives, Needs Plan, and Cost Feasible Plan.

The schedule is available online at www.ecrc.org/OW2050LRTP.

Assessment of Public Participation Strategies

The Okaloosa Walton TPO is committed to evaluating the effectiveness of its public participation strategies to ensure that time and resources are used efficiently and that public participation activities achieve their intended goals. As a standard practice, the TPO evaluates public outreach activities quarterly for all projects and initiatives.

If an assessment indicates that the public participation goals are not being met, strategies may be modified or replaced to improve effectiveness.

The effectiveness of the TPO's public participation activities is measured using the following metrics:

- Number and quality of outreach opportunities.
- Number and reach of social media posts.
- Number of eblasts sent.
- Number of news release subscribers (media, groups, and organizations) and news releases distributed.
- Number of attendees at public workshops and the number of comments received.
- Number of completed surveys.

Regular assessments help the TPO identify areas for improvement and ensure meaningful public engagement in the LRTP process.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa Walton TPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 450, Subpart C, Section 316 (e) states the metropolitan planning process shall, “develop a documented process(es) that outlines roles, responsibilities, and key decision points for consulting with other governments and agencies;” and

WHEREAS, in general, federal legislation built upon previous transportation legislation (ISTEA, TEA-21, and SAFETEA-LU) to provide states and metropolitan planning organizations with specific direction in conducting and promoting broad-based public participation activities; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation requires metropolitan planning organizations to provide citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled and other interested parties with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the transportation plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

- 1) The TPO has reviewed its public involvement procedures, hereafter referred to as the Public Participation Plan, to ensure that full and open access to the LRTP planning and TPO decision-making process is provided for all citizens and finds the document to comply with the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 450.316) and the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Handbook.
- 2) The TPO adopts the Long Range Transportation 2050 Public Participation Plan.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 4

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ITEM 4

TPO ONLY

SUBJECT: Consideration of Membership Certifications for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Chapter 427, Florida Statutes and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: In compliance with Rule 41-2, the Designated Official Planning Agency (the TPO) appoints members to the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards for counties within the TPO planning boundary. The Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards request that the TPO certify the Okaloosa County and Walton County board memberships.

Attached are the following:

- Membership Certification for Okaloosa County
- Membership Certification for Walton County

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Membership Certifications. This action is recommended to maintain the function of the Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards in Okaloosa County and Walton County. Contact Howard Vanselow, ECRC staff, at howard.vanselow@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, Extension 231, if additional information is needed.

COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

NAME: OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 11399, Pensacola, FL 32524

The Metropolitan Planning Organization named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), FAC, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM
(1) Chair (Elected Official & Vice Chair)	Sherri Cox	Yvonne Earle	
(2) Florida Department of Transportation	Toni Prough	Zachary Balassone	
(3) Department of Children and Families	Melissa Sidoti	Dorothea Jones	
(4) Local Public Education	Ryan Gore	Timothy Duffy	
(5) Florida Department of Education	Lelia Trippe	Scott Solomon	
(6) Veterans Services	Eddie Taylor	Vacant	
(7) Community Action	Tammy Barrientos	Briley Kennedy	
(8) Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	
(9) Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	
(10) Citizen Advocate/User	Pedro Rodriguez	Vacant	2025-2028
(11) Citizen Advocate	Yvonne Earle	Vacant	2024-2027
(12) Children at Risk	Dana Hodges	Agency Staff	
(13) Mass/Public Transit	N/A	N/A	
(14) Department of Elder Affairs	Kim Hardy	Agency Staff	
(15) Private Transportation Industry	Donna Morgan	Carrie Parker	2024-2027
(16) Agency for Health Care Administration	Wesley Whiteside	Agency Staff	
(17) Agency for Person with Disabilities	Dwayne Jones	Agency Staff	
(18) Workforce Development Board	Will Miles	Michele Burns	
(19) Local Medical Community	Vacant	Vacant	

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Okaloosa-Walton TPO Chair

DATE: _____

COORDINATING BOARD MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATION
WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

NAME: OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ADDRESS: P. O. Box 11399, Pensacola, FL 32524

The Metropolitan Planning Organization named above hereby certifies to the following:

1. The membership of the Local Coordinating Board, established pursuant to Rule 41-2.012(3), FAC, does in fact represent the appropriate parties as identified in the following list; and
2. The membership represents, to the maximum extent feasible, a cross section of the local community.

REPRESENTATION	MEMBER	ALTERNATE	TERM
(1) Chair (Elected Official & Vice Chair)	Dan Curry	Robert Raymond	
(2) Florida Department of Transportation	Toni Prough	Zachary Balassone	
(3) Department Of Children & Families	Melissa Sidoti	Dorothea Jones	
(4) Local Public Education	Vacant	Vacant	
(5) Florida Department of Education	Cheryl Pedone	Stephanie Bailey	
(6) Veteran Services	Wade Wilmoth	Jenifer Anderson	
(7) Community Action	Haley Davenport	Dara Flanagan	
(8) Elderly	Susan Bakalo	Agency Staff	
(9) Disabled	Robert Raymond	Vacant	2025-2028
(10) Citizen User	Vacant	Vacant	
(11) Citizen Advocate	Jared Schnader	Vacant	2024-2027
(12) Children at Risk	Lisa Jefferies	Misty Brown	
(13) Mass/Public Transit	N/A	N/A	
(14) Department of Elder Affairs	Marci Symms	Agency Staff	
(15) Private Transportation Industry	Vacant	Vacant	
(16) Agency for Health Care Administration	John Vinski	Agency Staff	
(17) Agency for Person with Disabilities	Dwayne Jones	Agency Staff	
(18) Workforce Development Board	Will Miles	Michelle Burns	
(19) Local Medical Community	Dr.Carolynn Zonia	Vacant	

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Okaloosa-Walton TPO Chair

DATE: _____

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 5

ENCLOSURE H

TPO AND CAC ONLY

SUBJECT: Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Applications

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: TPO Bylaws

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) was created in accordance with federal and state requirements to provide a forum for citizen review and input to the TPO on the performance of the transportation planning process in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO study area. The CAC provides citizen review of TPO plans, programs, and projects and offers comments to the TPO about the concerns of various segments of the population.

On February 20, 2020, the TPO approved Resolution O-W 20-04, which amended the CAC membership process to include appointment of one local constituent by each voting TPO member. These CAC members' terms are to serve concurrently with that of the elected official; however, they can be removed earlier by a majority vote of the TPO. The remaining six seats on the CAC are at-large positions.

The Public Participation Process Plan (PPP) and Okaloosa-Walton Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) bylaws require that an application be completed by each prospective CAC member, whether nominated or at large, for the TPO's consideration.

At the April 2024 TPO meeting it was clarified that board members may appoint CAC members that live in their county or city, not necessarily their district. In accordance, the following citizens have been appointed to the CAC, pending TPO approval:

- Okaloosa County Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel appointed Steven Place
- Walton County Commissioner Tony Anderson appointed Megan Harrison
- Walton County Commissioner Donna Johns appointed Celeste Cobena
- Fort Walt Beach Councilman Bryce Jeter appointed Amy Jamieson
- Fort Walton Beach Councilman David Schmidt appointed Kirby Locklear
- Crestview City Councilman Shannon Hayes appointed Bill Cox
- Crestview City Councilman Doug Capps appointed Chance Leavins

Prospective member applications/resumes can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ecrc.org/OWTPO>

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion approving nominated citizens as members of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee. This action is recommended because the applicants meet all qualifications for CAC membership. Contact Tiffany Bates, at 850- 332-7976, ext. 217 or tiffany.bates@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

ACTION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE A

ENCLOSURE A ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-15 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Utility Phase for SR 20 from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive Lighting Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568701 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$13,196 (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED**)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, the TPO adopts a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists the projects scheduled throughout the five years of the FDOT Work Program for various phases such as project development and environmental study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. To receive federal funding, the projects must be in the TPO's adopted TIP. This TIP amendment adds the Utility Phase for SR 20 from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4568701 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$13,196.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-15
- Request for Amendment
- Page of the FY 2026 - FY 2030 TIP as Amended

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-15 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP. This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – FISCAL YEAR 2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the Governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted annually by the TPO and submitted to the governor of State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration, and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization for federal funding of projects within an urban area cannot be obtained unless the projects are included in the TPO's TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) believes that the amendment listed below will support the performance targets established by the State and supported by the TPO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO amends the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the construction phase for SR 20 Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive lighting project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568701 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$13,196.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY26-30 TIP Amendment Request

ID # Project Name/Location
Okaloosa

456870-1 SR 20 FROM MERCHANTS WAY TO PETER KUTH DRIVE

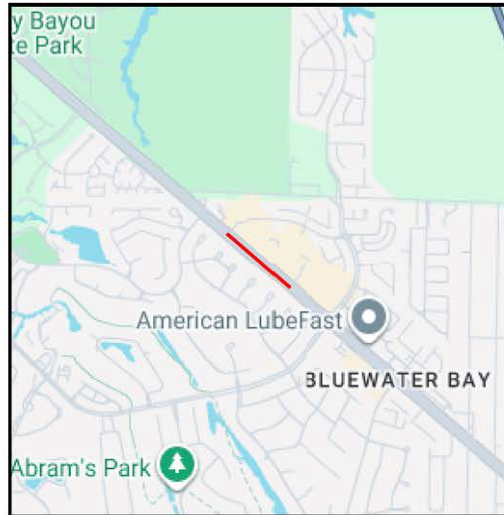
Work Mix: 0777 LIGHTING
Project Length: 0.240 Miles

RRU	Phase Code	<2026	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	TOTAL	Fund Code
	56		13,196					\$13,196	ACSS
		\$0	\$13,196	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,196	

SAFETY LIGHTING PROJECT IN NICEVILLE

4568701 - SR 20

Non-SIS



From: MERCHANTS WAY
To: PETER KUTH DRIVE
Section: 6 - Miscellaneous
Work Summary: LIGHTING
Lead Agency: FDOT

Length: 0.240 MI
LRTP #: Final Report p. F-16

Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
CST	ACSS	13,196	0	0	0	0	13,196
Total		13,196	0	0	0	0	13,196

26-30TIP Page as Amended

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 13,196

Project Description: On November 20, 2025 TPO Agenda for Approval.
Funding for lighting on SR 20 from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive.

ENCLOSURE B

ENCLOSURE B ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-16 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Phase for the I-10 from 1.146 Miles West of SR 285 to the Holmes County Line, Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4556972 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$967,173 **(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, the TPO adopts a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists the projects scheduled throughout the five years of the FDOT Work Program for various phases such as project development and environmental study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. To receive federal funding, the projects must be in the TPO's adopted TIP. This TIP amendment adds the Design Phase for I-10 from 1.146 miles west of SR 285 to the Holmes County line for a Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4556972 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$967,173.

Attached are the following items:

- Resolution O-W 25-16
- Request for Amendment
- Page of the FY 2026 -- FY 2030 TIP as Amended

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-16 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP.** This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – FISCAL YEAR 2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted annually by the TPO and submitted to the Governor of State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration, and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization for federal funding of projects within an urban area cannot be obtained unless the projects are included in the TPO's TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) believes that the amendment listed below will support the performance targets established by the State and supported by the TPO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO amends the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the design phase for I-10 from 1.146 miles west of SR 285 to the Holmes County line for a Walton County median barrier project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4556972 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$967,173.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY26-30 TIP Amendment Request

ID #
Walton

Project Name/Location

455697-2 I-10 FROM 1.146 MILES WEST OF SR 285 TO WALTON COUNTY LINE

Work Mix: 9917 SAFETY PROJECT

Project Length: 26.127 Miles

	Phase Code	<2026	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	TOTAL	Fund Code
PE	31		20,000					\$20,000	ACSS
PE	32		947,173					\$947,173	ACSS
		\$0	\$967,173	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$967,173	

I-10 WALTON COUNTY MEDIAN BARRIER PROJECT FROM MP 1.327 TO MP 27.454

4556972 - I-10

SIS



From: 1.146 MILES WEST OF SR 285
To: HOLMES COUNTY LINE
Section: 6 - Miscellaneous
Work Summary: SAFETY PROJECT
Lead Agency: FDOT

Length: 26.127 MI
LRTP #: Final Report p. F-16

Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
PE	ACSS	20,000	0	0	0	0	20,000
PE	ACSS	947,173	0	0	0	0	947,173
Total		967,173	0	0	0	0	967,173

26-30TIP Page as Amended

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 967,173

Project Description: On November 20, 2025 TPO Agenda for Approval.
Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project from Mile Post 1.327 to Mile Post 27.454.

ENCLOSURE C

ENCLOSURE C ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-12 Accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: Review and comment for consistency with local comprehensive plans.

BACKGROUND: At the May 15, 2025 meeting, the TPO adopted its FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities. The purpose of the Priorities is to ensure that projects programmed by FDOT in the Five-Year Work Program are consistent with local needs and plans. The Priorities rank projects in the following categories:

1. Long Range Transportation Plan Capacity Projects
2. Transportation Systems Management Projects
3. Transportation Alternative Projects
4. Public Transportation Projects
5. Aviation Projects

Adoption of the Project Priorities is the initial step in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). FDOT uses the Priorities to develop its Five-Year Work Program within system maintenance requirements and funds available in various funding categories.

FDOT presented a virtual (online) and in-person public hearing for the FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program on October 16, 2025.

FDOT District III officials will present the FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program at the TPO meeting and will refine the Work Program, within budgetary limitations, to reflect the recommendations of the TPO. The proposed Work Program will then be submitted to the Florida Legislature for adoption. The TPO will develop the final FY 2027-2031 TIP for adoption at the May 2026 TPO meeting, resulting in a TIP and FDOT Work Program that will be consistent.

The FY 2027-2031 Tentative Five-Year Work Programs for Okaloosa and Walton counties will be distributed at the TPO, TCC, and CAC meetings.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-12

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-12. This action is recommended to reflect the coordination that has occurred between the TPO and FDOT in the development of the FY 2027-2031 Work Program and funding of the TPO FY 2027-2031 Priorities. Contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACCEPTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2027-2031 TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of the State of Florida as being responsible, together with the State of Florida, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the TPO annually adopts Transportation Project Priorities and forwards them to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) each year, as the initial step in the development of the TPO Transportation Improvement Program for the following project categories: Capacity Projects, Transportation Systems Management Projects, Transportation Alternative Projects, Public Transportation Projects, and Aviation Projects; and

WHEREAS, FDOT annually uses the TPO Transportation Project Priorities in the development of the FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program to the extent feasible within system maintenance requirements and funds available in various fund categories; and

WHEREAS, FDOT annually presents the FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program to the TPO to ensure that the Work Program is consistent with the TPO's Transportation Project Priorities to the extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Transportation Project Priorities and FDOT Work Program development processes are mutually supportive resulting in a final TIP and FDOT Work Program that are consistent;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:**

The TPO accepts the FDOT FY2027-2031 Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chairman

ATTEST _____

ENCLOSURE D

ENCLOSURE D

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-13 Adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Legislation (MAP-21 (Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century) Act, FAST (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) Act), and Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA)), Federal Highway Administration, and Florida Department of Transportation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) are required to adopt targets for Safety Performance Measures by February 27. The TPOs can either accept the DOT targets or establish their own targets (see requirements in the next paragraph). From 2018-2024, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO accepted the FDOT targets for Safety Performance Measures by adopting resolutions and the necessary language for Safety Performance Measures was incorporated into the corresponding Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and amendments. Any future amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan will also need to incorporate language for Performance Measures. Because of these previous TPO actions, Resolution 25-13 has been worded to continue with the state targets for Safety as it needs to be adopted by February 27, 2026.

If a TPO agrees to support a State Highway Improvement Program Target, the TPO would

- Work with state and safety stakeholders to address areas of concern for fatalities or serious injuries within the metropolitan planning area.
- Coordinate with the State and include the safety performance measures and the State's Highway Improvement Program targets for those measures in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Integrate into the metropolitan transportation planning process, the safety goals, objectives, performance measures and targets described in other State safety transportation plans and processes such as applicable portions of the Highway Safety Improvement Program, including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Include a description in the Transportation Improvement Program of the anticipated effect of the Transportation Improvement Program toward achieving Highway Safety Improvement Program targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, linking investment priorities in the Transportation Improvement Program to those safety targets.

If a TPO establishes its own Safety Performance Target, the TPO would

- Establish Highway Safety Improvement Program targets for all public roads in the metropolitan planning area in coordination with the State.
- Estimate vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for all public roads within the metropolitan planning area for rate targets.
- Coordinate with the state and include the safety performance measures and the TPO's safety targets for those measures in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Integrate into the metropolitan transportation planning process, the safety goals, objectives, performance measures and targets described in other State safety transportation plans and processes such as applicable portions of the Highway Safety Improvement Program, including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Include a description in the Transportation Improvement Program of the anticipated effect

of the Transportation Improvement Program toward achieving Highway Safety Improvement Program targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, linking investment priorities in the Transportation Improvement Program to those safety targets.

The Florida Department of Transportation has adopted a “Target Zero” for the five safety measures. This “Target Zero” target is based on the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The table below illustrates the targets the TPO adopted from 2018-2025 as well as FDOT targets for 2026. The targets are based on a five-year rolling average: 2018 (2012-2016), 2019 (2013-2017), 2020 (2014-2018), 2021 (2015-2019), 2022 (2016-2020), 2023 (2017-2021), 2024 (2018-2022), 2025 (2019-2023), and 2026 (2020-2024).

Entity	Number of Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	Number of Serious Injuries	Rate of Serious Injuries per Hundred Vehicle Miles Traveled	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries
FDOT (2018)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2019)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2020)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2021)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2022)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2023)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2024)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2025)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2026)	0	0	0	0	0

FDOT's METHODOLOGY

Florida shares the national traffic safety vision “Toward Zero Deaths,” and formally adopted their own version of the national vision, “Driving Down Fatalities.” FDOT is committed to eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries with the understanding that the death of any person is unacceptable and based on that, zero deaths is the FDOT safety performance target. This target is consistent throughout the FDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Safety Plan.

Number of Fatalities

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for total fatalities on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 3,423.2 in 2024. Florida's target for fatalities is zero in 2026. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average for fatalities will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of traffic fatalities on Florida's roads.

Number of Serious Injuries

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for serious injuries on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 15,564.2 in 2024. Florida's target for serious injuries is zero in 2026. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average of serious injuries will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of serious injuries on Florida's roads.

Fatality Rate

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 1.510 in 2024. Florida's target for fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled is zero in 2026. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average of fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads.

Serious Injury Rate

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 6.868 in 2024. Florida's target for serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled is zero in 2026. The data forecast indicates Florida's serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of serious injuries per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled on Florida's roads.

Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 3,145.2 in 2024. Florida's target for number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is zero in 2026. The data forecast indicates Florida's number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roads.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-13

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-13 adopting statewide "Target Zero" targets for Safety Performance Measures. This action is recommended to comply with February 27, 2026 deadline to remain in compliance with the Federal and State regulations for transportation planning. Contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING TARGETS FOR SAFETY MEASURES

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration issued a final rule based on section 1203 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and with considerations to provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) which established the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation, as part of its annual development of the State Highway Safety Improvement Plan has developed safety targets for each of the five safety performance measures, and each TPO to establish safety targets by February 27, 2026 and report progress over time in reaching the adopted target;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts following statewide "Target Zero" targets for Safety Performance Measures for 2026.

- **Number of Fatalities** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for traffic fatalities and support FDOT's "Target Zero."
- **Rate of Fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for traffic fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled and support FDOT's "Target Zero."
- **Number of Serious Injuries** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for serious injuries and support FDOT's "Target Zero."
- **Rate of Serious Injuries per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for the rate of serious injuries per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled and support FDOT's "Target Zero."
- **Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries and support FDOT's "Target Zero."

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE E

ENCLOSURE E ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-14 Adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 3: Data Development and Management

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) is to identify, monitor, and rate the performance of transportation facilities (roadways, bike lanes, sidewalks, and transit services) and to suggest strategies for managing demand and encouraging commuting alternatives and low-cost, short-term actions to alleviate congestion. The CMPP is a tool used to evaluate the performance of transportation facilities by identifying where congestion exists.

The CMPP major update takes place every five years to coincide with the TPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The last major update was adopted in June of 2021 as part of the 2045 LRTP and can be found at: www.ecrc.org/OW2045LRTP. The CMPP reviews specific strategies and projects (such as congested areas and corridors) as a part of the overall identification of opportunities for process improvement.

A minor update takes place on an annual basis and is documented through the CMPP minor update report in order to coordinate its implementation with TIP development. The annual CMPP minor update reflects accomplishments in terms of congestion mitigation expected by the TPO by evaluating the performance measures, LOS tables, the truck traffic map, and producing a Corridor Management Plan on a segment recommended through the annual Project Priorities process. FDOT publishes the annual LOS metrics at [FDOT District 3 Existing Level of Service 2024](#) and [FDOT District 3 Future Level of Service 2045](#). The Performance Measures Tracking (**Appendix C**) is also updated annually as part of the CMPP minor update.

The CMPP Minor Update Report can be found at the following link:
https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/index.php#outer-305

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-14

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-14 adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan minor update. This action is recommended to provide an interim update between major updates. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at (850) 332-7976, ext. 212 or jill.nobles@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS PLAN MINOR UPDATE

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin Urbanized Area is an area with a population of 200,000 or more, thus making it a Transportation Management Area (TMA); and

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 1201 134(k)(3)(a) requires that TMAs address congestion management through a process that provides for effective management and operation, based on a cooperatively developed and implemented metropolitan-wide strategy of new and existing transportation facilities eligible for funding under this chapter and title 23 using travel demand reduction, job access projects, and operational management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) is considered a fully operational management system plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CMPP is to rate the performance of transportation facilities and suggest low-cost and short-term strategies to alleviate congestion; and

WHEREAS, the CMPP requires an annual minor update which entails evaluating performance measures and level of service (LOS) ratings for all segments of the CMPP network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The 2025 Congestion Management Process Plan minor update is hereby adopted.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE F

ENCLOSURE F ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution of O-W 25-11 Adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (ICAR)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program Task 1: Program Development

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: Approval and Signature by Okaloosa County, City of DeFuniak Springs, and Walton County

BACKGROUND: The Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (ICAR) prescribes the process for coordination of the TPO planning activities with the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC), local government comprehensive plans and operators of publicly owned transportation systems. The Okaloosa-Walton TPO's ICAR was last updated on April 15, 2010, reaffirmed on April 16, 2015, and reaffirmed again on May 21, 2020. The ICAR outlines the process for planning coordination, forwarding recommendations, and project program consistency between the parties to the agreement. The execution of the ICAR will be led by the TPO working with the operators of the publicly owned transportation systems.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-11
- Draft Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-11 adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement. This action is recommended to continue the coordination efforts between the TPO, ECRC, and all operators of public transportation in the TPO area. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff, at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, Ext. 212 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (ICAR)

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the authority of 23 United States Code and any subsequent applicable amendments requires each metropolitan area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, to have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in designated metropolitan areas to develop and implement plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.175(10)(a)2., Florida Statutes, the Transportation Planning Organization shall execute and maintain an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid agreement must describe how activities will be coordinated and specify how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO adopts the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of November 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT

THIS INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT is made and entered into on this 20th day of November, 2025, by and between the FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Department); the OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION; the EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL; OKALOOSA COUNTY, owner and operator of the DESTIN-FORT WALTON BEACH AIRPORT, DESTIN EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, and BOB SIKES AIRPORT, and the owner and operator of the OKALOOSA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM; the CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, owner and operator of DEFUNIAK SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; and WALTON COUNTY; collectively referred to as the Parties.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the authority of 23 United States Code (USC) § 134 and 49 USC § 5303 and any subsequent applicable amendments, requires each metropolitan area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, to have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in designated urbanized areas to develop and implement plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the metropolitan area;

WHEREAS, 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, Florida Statutes (F.S.), provide for the creation of metropolitan planning organizations to develop transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas;

WHEREAS, 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 450 requires that the State, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and the operators of publicly owned transportation systems shall enter into an agreement clearly identifying the responsibilities for cooperatively carrying out such transportation planning (including multimodal, systems-level corridor and subarea planning studies pursuant to 23 CFR § 450) and programming;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 20.23, F.S., the Department has been created by the State of Florida, and the Department has the powers and duties relating to transportation, as outlined in Section 334.044, F.S.;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, 23 CFR § 450, and Section 339.175 F.S., the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, herein after referred to as the MPO, has been designated and its membership apportioned by the Governor of the State of Florida, with the agreement of the affected units of general purpose local government, to organize and establish the Metropolitan Planning Organization;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 339.175 F.S., the MPO shall execute and maintain an agreement with the metropolitan and regional intergovernmental coordination and review agencies serving the Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, the agreement must describe the means by which activities will be coordinated and specify how transportation planning and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.505, F.S., the RPC is to review plans of metropolitan planning organizations to identify inconsistencies between those agencies' plans and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S.;

WHEREAS, the RPC, pursuant to Section 186.507, F.S., is required to prepare a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, which will contain regional goals and policies that address regional transportation issues;

WHEREAS, based on the RPC statutory mandate to identify inconsistencies between plans of metropolitan planning organizations and applicable local government comprehensive plans, and to prepare and adopt a Strategic Regional Policy Plan, the RPC is appropriately situated to assist in the intergovernmental coordination of the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 186.509, F.S., the RPC has adopted a conflict and dispute resolution process;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the dispute resolution process is to reconcile differences in planning and growth management issues between local governments, regional agencies, and private interests;

WHEREAS, the Parties hereto have determined that the voluntary dispute resolution process can be useful in resolving conflicts and disputes arising in the transportation planning process;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 23 CFR § 450 and Section 339.175, F.S., the MPO must execute and maintain an agreement with the operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, airports, seaports, and spaceports, describing the means by which activities will be coordinated and specifying how public transit, commuter rail, aviation, and seaport planning (including multimodal, systems-level corridor and subarea planning studies pursuant to 23 CFR § 450) and programming will be part of the comprehensively planned development of the Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that the MPO, operators of public transportation systems, including transit systems, commuter rail systems, port and aviation authorities, jointly pledge their intention to cooperatively participate in the planning and programming of transportation improvements within this Metropolitan Planning Area;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement, dated April 15, 2010, is hereby replaced and superseded in its entirety by this Agreement.

WHEREAS, the undersigned Parties have determined that this Agreement satisfies the requirements of and is consistent with 23 CFR § 450 and Section 339.175, F.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Agreement desire to participate cooperatively in the performance, on a continuing basis, of a cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process to assure that highway facilities, transit systems, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, rail systems, air transportation, and other facilities will be located and developed in relation to the overall plan of community development.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises, and representation herein, the Parties desiring to be legally bound, do agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1

RECITALS AND DEFINITIONS

1.01. **Recitals.** Each and all of the foregoing recitals are incorporated herein and acknowledged to be true and correct. Failure of any of the foregoing recitals to be true and correct shall not operate to invalidate this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** The following words when used in this Agreement (unless the context shall clearly indicate the contrary) shall have the following meanings:

- (a) **Agreement** means this instrument, as may be amended from time to time.
- (b) **Corridor or Subarea Study** means studies involving major investment decisions or as otherwise identified in 23 CFR § 450.
- (c) **Department** means the Florida Department of Transportation, an agency of the State of Florida, created pursuant to Section 20.23, F.S.
- (d) **FHWA** means the Federal Highway Administration.
- (e) **Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)** means the 20-year transportation planning horizon which identifies transportation facilities; includes a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented and assesses capital improvements necessary to preserve the existing metropolitan transportation system and make efficient use of existing transportation facilities; indicates proposed transportation activities; and, in ozone/carbon monoxide nonattainment areas is coordinated with the State Implementation Plan, all as required by 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, 23 CFR § 450, and Section 339.175, F.S.
- (f) **Metropolitan Planning Area** means the planning area as determined by agreement between the MPO and the Governor for the urbanized areas designated by the United States Bureau of the Census as described in 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S., and including the existing urbanized area and the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period, which shall be subject to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's planning authority.
- (g) **Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)** means the Okaloosa-Walton TPO formed pursuant to Interlocal Agreement as described in 23 USC § 134, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S. This may also be referred to as a Transportation Planning Organization (TPO).
- (h) **Regional Planning Council (RPC)** means the Emerald Coast Regional Council created pursuant to Section 186.504, F.S., and identified in Rule 29A, F.A.C.
- (i) **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** means the staged multi-year program of transportation improvement projects developed by a Metropolitan Planning Organization consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan, developed pursuant to 23 USC §§ 134 and 450, 49 USC § 5303, and Section 339.175, F.S.
- (j) **Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** means a biennial program developed in cooperation with the Department and public transportation providers, that identifies the

planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area to be undertaken during a 2-year period, together with a complete description thereof and an estimated budget, as required by 23 CFR § 450.308(c), and Section 339.175, F.S.

ARTICLE 2

PURPOSE

2.01. Coordination with public transportation system operators. This Agreement is to provide for cooperation between the Parties in the development and preparation of the UPWP, the TIP, the LRTP, and any applicable Corridor or Subarea Studies.

2.02. Intergovernmental coordination; Regional Planning Council. Further, this Agreement is to provide a process through the RPC for intergovernmental coordination and review and identification of inconsistencies between proposed MPO transportation plans and local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., and reviewed by the Division of Community Development within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

2.03. Dispute resolution. This Agreement also provides a process for conflict and dispute resolution through the RPC.

ARTICLE 3

COOPERATIVE PROCEDURES FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING WITH OPERATORS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

3.01. Cooperation with operators of public transportation systems; coordination with local government approved comprehensive plans.

- (a) The MPO shall cooperate with the OKALOOSA COUNTY, owner and operator of the DESTIN-FORT WALTON BEACH AIRPORT, DESTIN EXECUTIVE AIRPORT, and BOB SIKES AIRPORT, and the owner and operator of the OKALOOSA COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM; the CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, owner and operator of DEFUNIAK SPRINGS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; and WALTON COUNTY (collectively, "Transportation Authorities"] to optimize the planning and programming of an integrated and balanced intermodal transportation system for the Metropolitan Planning Area.
- (b) The MPO shall implement a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that is consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with port and aviation master plans, and public transit development plans of the units of local governments whose boundaries are within the Metropolitan Planning Area.
- (c) As a means towards achievement of the goals in paragraphs (a) and (b) and in an effort to coordinate intermodal transportation planning and programming, the MPO may include, but shall include if within a transportation management area, as part of its membership officials of agencies that administer or operate major modes or systems of transportation, including but not limited to transit operators, sponsors of major local airports, maritime ports, and rail operators per Federal regulations. The representatives of the major modes or systems of transportation may be accorded voting or non-voting advisor status. In the Metropolitan Planning Area if authorities or agencies are created by law to perform transportation functions and are not under the jurisdiction of a general purpose local government represented on the MPO, the MPO

may request the Governor to designate said authority or agency as a voting member of the MPO in accordance with the requirements of Section 339.175, F.S. If the new member would significantly alter local government representation in the MPO, the MPO shall propose a revised apportionment plan to the Governor to ensure voting membership on the MPO to be an elected official representing public transit authorities which have been, or may be, created by law.

The MPO shall ensure that representatives of ports, transit authorities, rail authorities, and airports within the Metropolitan Planning Area are provided membership on the MPO Technical Advisory Committee.

3.02. Preparation of transportation related plans.

- (a) Although the adoption or approval of the UPWP, the TIP, and the LRTP is the responsibility of the MPO, development of such plans or programs shall be viewed as a cooperative effort involving the Parties to this Agreement. In developing its plans and programs, the MPO shall solicit the comments and recommendations of the other Parties to this Agreement in the preparation of such plans and programs.
- (b) When preparing the UPWP, the TIP, or the LRTP, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO shall provide notice to all other Parties to this Agreement to advise them of the scope of the work to be undertaken and inviting comment and participation in the development process. The MPO shall ensure that the chief operating officials of the other Parties receive written notice at least 15 days prior to the date of all public workshops and hearings, or within the specified number of days per MPO bylaws or public participation plan, relating to the development of such plans and programs.
- (c) Local government comprehensive plans.
 - (1) In developing the TIP, the LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO and Transportation Authorities shall review for consistency for each local government in the Metropolitan Planning Area:
 - (i) each comprehensive plan's future land use element;
 - (ii) the goals, objectives, and policies of each comprehensive plan; and
 - (iii) the zoning, of each local government in the Metropolitan Planning Area.
 - (2) Based upon the foregoing review and in consideration of other relevant growth management plans, the MPO and Transportation Authorities shall provide written recommendations to local governments in the Metropolitan Planning Area in the development, amendment, and implementation of their comprehensive plans. A copy of the recommendations shall be sent to the RPC.
 - (3) The MPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the LRTP and the projects and project-phases within the TIP shall be consistent with the future land use element and the goals, objectives, and policies of each comprehensive plan of the local governments in the Metropolitan Planning Area. If the MPO's TIP is inconsistent with a local government's comprehensive plan, the MPO shall so

indicate, and the MPO shall present, as part of the TIP, justification for including the project in the program.

(d) Multi-modal transportation agency plans.

- (1) In developing the TIP, the LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or preparing other than a minor amendment thereto (as determined by the MPO), the MPO shall analyze the master plans of the Transportation Authorities. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation related factors, the MPO, shall from time to time and as appropriate, provide recommendations to the other Parties to this Agreement as well as local governments within the Metropolitan Planning Area, for the development, amendment, and implementation of their master, development, or comprehensive plans.
- (2) In developing or revising their respective master, development, or comprehensive plans, the Parties to this Agreement shall analyze the draft or approved UPWP, TIP, LRTP, or Corridor or Subarea studies, or amendments thereto. Based upon the foregoing review and a consideration of other transportation related factors, the Parties to this Agreement shall as appropriate, provide written recommendations to the MPO with regard to development, amendment, and implementation of the plans, programs, and studies.
- (3) The MPO agrees that, to the maximum extent feasible, the TIP shall be consistent with the affected growth management and other relevant plans of the other Parties to this Agreement.

ARTICLE 4

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW

4.01. Coordination with Regional Planning Council. The RPC shall do the following:

- (a) Within 30 days of receipt, the RPC shall review the draft TIP, LRTP, Corridor and Subarea studies, or amendments thereto, as requested by the MPO, to identify inconsistencies between these plans and programs and applicable local government comprehensive plans adopted pursuant to Chapter 163, F.S., for counties and cities within the Metropolitan Planning Area and the adopted Strategic Regional Policy Plan.
 - (1) The Parties recognize that, pursuant to Florida law, the LRTP and the TIP of the MPO must be considered by cities and counties within the Metropolitan Planning Area in the preparation, amendment, and update/revision of their comprehensive plans. Further, the LRTP and the projects and project phases within the TIP are to be consistent with the future land use element and goals, objectives, and policies of the comprehensive plans of local governments in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Upon completion of its review of a draft TIP or LRTP, the RPC shall advise the MPO and each county or city of its findings;
 - (2) The RPC shall advise the MPO in writing of its concerns and identify those portions of the submittals which need to be reevaluated and potentially modified if the RPC review identifies inconsistencies between the draft TIP or LRTP and local comprehensive plans; and

- (3) Upon final adoption of the proposed TIP, LRTP, Corridor and Subarea studies, or amendments thereto, the MPO may request that the RPC consider adoption of regional transportation goals, objectives, and policies in the Strategic Regional Policy Plan implementing the adopted TIP, LRTP, Corridor and Subarea studies, or amendments thereto. If the proposed plan, program, or study, or amendments thereto, was the subject of previous adverse comment by the RPC, the MPO will identify the change in the final adopted plan intended to resolve the adverse comment, or alternatively, the MPO shall identify the reason for not amending the plan as suggested by the RPC.
- (b) Provide the availability of the conflict and dispute resolution process as set forth in Article 5 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

CONFLICT AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS

5.01. Disputes and conflicts under this Agreement. This process shall apply to conflicts and disputes relating to matters subject to this Agreement, or conflicts arising from the performance of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Article 5, only representatives of a party to this Agreement with conflicts or disputes shall engage in conflict resolution.

5.02. Initial resolution. The affected parties to this Agreement shall, at a minimum, ensure the attempted early resolution of conflicts relating to such matters. Early resolution shall be handled by direct discussion between the following officials:

Department: District Director for Planning and Programs

MPO: The current TPO Chair

RPC: The current Chief Executive Officer

Okaloosa County Transit System: The current Manager

Okaloosa County Airports Department: The current Airport Director

DeFuniak Springs Municipal Airport: The current Airport Manager

Walton County Board of Commissioners: The current Board of Commissioners

5.03. Resolution by senior agency official. If the conflict remains unresolved, the conflict shall be resolved by the officials listed on section 5.02 of this Agreement, with the exception of the Department's listed official, which for purposes of this section 5.03 shall be the District Secretary.

5.04. Resolution by the Office of the Governor. If the conflict is not resolved through conflict resolution pursuant to sections 5.01, 5.02, and 5.03 of this Agreement, the affected parties shall petition the Executive Office of the Governor for resolution of the conflict pursuant to its procedures. Resolution of the conflict by the Executive Office of the Governor shall be binding on the affected parties.

ARTICLE 6

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION

6.01. Constitutional or statutory duties and responsibilities of parties. This Agreement shall not be construed to authorize the delegation of the constitutional or statutory duties of any of the Parties. In addition, this Agreement does not relieve any of the Parties of an obligation or responsibility imposed upon them by law, except to the extent of actual and timely performance thereof by one or more of the Parties to this Agreement or any legal or administrative entity created or authorized by this Agreement, in which case this performance may be offered in satisfaction of the obligation or responsibility.

6.02. Amendment of Agreement. Amendments or modifications of this Agreement may only be made by written agreement signed by all Parties hereto with the same formalities as the original Agreement.

6.03. Duration; withdrawal procedure.

(a) Duration. This Agreement shall have a term of five (5) years and the Parties hereto shall examine the terms hereof and agree to amend the provisions or reaffirm the same in a timely manner. However, the failure to amend or to reaffirm the terms of this Agreement shall not invalidate or otherwise terminate this Agreement.

(b) Withdrawal procedure. With the exception of the MPO, any party to this Agreement may withdraw after presenting in written form a notice of intent to withdraw to the other Parties to this Agreement, at least ninety (90) days prior to the intended date of withdrawal; provided, that financial commitments made prior to withdrawal are effective and binding for their full term and amount regardless of withdrawal.

6.04. Notices. All notices, demands and correspondence required or provided for under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in person or dispatched by certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the officials identified for each party in section 5.02 of this agreement.

A party may unilaterally change its address or addressee by giving notice in writing to the other Parties as provided in this section. Thereafter, notices, demands and other pertinent correspondence shall be addressed and transmitted to the new address.

6.05. Interpretation.

(a) Drafters of Agreement. All Parties to this Agreement were each represented by, or afforded the opportunity for representation by legal counsel, and participated in the drafting of this Agreement and in the choice of wording. Consequently, no provision hereof should be more strongly construed against any party as drafter of this Agreement.

(b) Severability. Invalidation of any one of the provisions of this Agreement or any part, clause or word hereof, or the application thereof in specific circumstances, by judgment, court order, or administrative hearing or order shall not affect any other provisions or applications in other circumstances, all of which shall remain in full force and effect; provided, that such remainder would then continue to conform to the terms and requirements of applicable law.

(c) Rules of construction. In interpreting this Agreement, the following rules of construction shall apply unless the context indicates otherwise:

- (1) The singular of any word or term includes the plural;
- (2) The masculine gender includes the feminine gender; and
- (3) The word “shall” is mandatory, and “may” is permissive.

6.06. Attorney’s Fees. In the event of any judicial or administrative action to enforce or interpret this Agreement by any party hereto, each party shall bear its own costs and attorney’s fees in connection with such proceeding.

6.07. Agreement execution; use of counterpart signature pages. This Agreement, and any amendments hereto, may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original, and such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

6.08. Effective date. This Agreement shall become effective on the date last signed by the Parties hereto.

6.09. Other authority. In the event that any election, referendum, approval, permit, notice, or other proceeding or authorization is required under applicable law to enable the Parties to enter into this Agreement or to undertake the provisions set forth hereunder, or to observe, assume or carry out any of the provisions of the Agreement, said Parties will initiate and consummate, as provided by law, all actions necessary with respect to any such matters as required.

6.10. Parties not obligated to third parties. No party hereto shall be obligated or be liable hereunder to any party not a signatory to this Agreement. There are no express or intended third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

6.11. Rights and remedies not waived. In no event shall the making by the Department of any payment to the MPO constitute or be construed as a waiver by the Department of any breach of covenant or any default which may then exist on the part of the MPO, and the making of any such payment by the Department while any such breach or default exists shall in no way impair or prejudice any right or remedy available to the Department in respect of such breach or default.

6.12. Data, records, reports and other documents. Subject to the right to claim an exemption from the Florida Public Records Law, Chapter 119, F.S., the Parties, excluding the Department, shall provide to each other such data, reports, records, contracts, and other documents in its possession relating to the MPO as is requested. Charges are to be in accordance with Chapter 119, F.S.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION AND REVIEW
AND
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AGREEMENT**

525-010-03
POLICY PLANNING
OGC – 10/20
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Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Attorney: _____

Name: _____

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____

TITLE: _____

(SEAL)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____

TITLE: _____

(SEAL)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

OKALOOSA BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
Paul Mixon

TITLE: Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Brad E. Embry

TITLE: Clerk of the Circuit Court

(SEAL)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS (Placeholder signature block)

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____

TITLE: _____

(SEAL)

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of:

WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (Placeholder signature block)

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

ATTEST: _____

TITLE: _____

(SEAL)

ENCLOSURE G

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TPO ONLY

SUBJECT: Appointment of Okaloosa - Walton TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2026

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: MPOAC

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The MPOAC is a statewide organization created by the Florida Legislature to address transportation issues of common interest to all urbanized areas and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state. The MPOAC is made up of MPO members representing each MPO in the state.

Each year, the MPOAC asks each MPO/TPO to elect a representative and an alternate to serve on the MPOAC for the next calendar year. The current MPOAC representative is Crestview Mayor JB Whitten, and the alternate is Destin Mayor Bobby Wagner

The MPOAC generally meets quarterly. ECRC staff will make travel and hotel arrangements and all expenses will be paid by the TPO.

Attached is the following:

- O-W TPO Roster

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointment of a TPO member and alternate to serve on the MPOAC from January 2026 – December 2026. This action is recommended in order for the TPO to participate with other MPOAC members to address transportation issues that are of common interest to all urbanized areas and MPOs in the state. Please contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.



OKALOOSA – WALTON TPO ROSTER

NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL
Bobby Wagner, Chair	Destin	<i>bwagner@cityofdestin.com</i>
Todd Bierbaum, Vice Chair	DeFuniak Springs	<i>councilseat1@defuniaksprings.net</i>
J.B. Whitten	Crestview	<i>jbwhitten@cityofcrestview.org</i>
Doug Capps	Crestview	<i>cappsd@cityofcrestview.org</i>
Shannon Hayes	Crestview	<i>shannonhayes@cityofcrestview.org</i>
Torey Geile	Destin	<i>tgeile@cityofdestin.com</i>
Bryce Jeter	Fort Walton Beach	<i>bjeter@fwb.org</i>
David Schmidt	Fort Walton Beach	<i>dschmidt@fwb.org</i>
Tracey Dickey	Freeport	<i>tdickey@freeportflorida.gov</i>
April Sutton	Mary Esther	<i>cmbrsutton@cityofmaryesther.com</i>
James T. Wood	MidBay Bridge Authority	<i>armyguyindestin@embarqmail.com</i>
Doug Tolbert	Niceville	<i>dtolbert@niceville.org</i>
Drew Palmer	Okaloosa County Commission	<i>dpalmer@myokaloosa.com</i>
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission	<i>cketchel@myokaloosa.com</i>
Trey Goodwin	Okaloosa County Commission	<i>tgoodwin@myokaloosa.com</i>
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission	<i>pmixon@myokaloosa.com</i>
Christine Wasdin	Valparaiso	<i>cwasdin@valp.org</i>
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission	<i>donna.johns@mywaltonfl.gov</i>
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission	<i>danny.glidewell@mywaltonfl.gov</i>
Tony Anderson	Walton County Commission	<i>tony.anderson@mywaltonfl.gov</i>

PRESENTATIONS

ENCLOSURE H

ENCLOSURE H ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 5: Plans and Studies

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: FDOT District 3 is scheduled to announce the upcoming Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) application cycles for FY 2027- FY 2032 Tentative Work Program.

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

The TA Set-Aside is intended to fund a variety of small-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity. [Transportation Alternatives Program \(fdot.gov\)](https://www.fdot.gov/transportation-alternatives-program)

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These set-aside funds include all projects and activities defined as TA: on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.

Projects located within the TPO will need to be prioritized by their respective TPO. Projects located outside the TPO areas will need to be prioritized by the ECRC. O-W TPO TA Criteria and Supplemental Guidelines can be found at: https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/index.php in the dropdown menu located on the bottom of the page.

Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major growth management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

As the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, ECRC ranks and prioritizes all TRIP applications in the ECRC region. ECRC TRIP Criteria can be found at:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/northwest_florida_regional_tpo/plans_and_documents.php in the dropdown menu located on the bottom of the page.

Schedule

- Monday, November 3, 2025: TA and TRIP application solicitation starts.
- Monday, December 8, 2025 at 1:00 pm: Okaloosa-Walton TPO TA & TRIP Informational Workshop <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/614470220600707424>
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 11:00 am: ECRC – Regional Rural Transportation Plan – Technical Advisory Committee
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4475831912047651930>
- Friday, January 16, 2026: TA and TRIP applications are due in FDOT's Grant Application Program (GAP).

Attached are the following:

- FDOT Transportation Alternatives Flyer
- FDOT Transportation Regional Incentive Program Flyer

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an information only item. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976 ext. 212 or Tanya Branton, FDOT staff, at Tanya.Branton@dot.state.fl.us if additional information is needed.



TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Apply Now

[Click Here](#)

What is it?

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major Growth Management legislation enacted during 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of this program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

Who is eligible to participate?

- Two or more contiguous MPOs
- One or more MPOs and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- A multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law
- Two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- MPOs comprised of three or more counties

Where can I find more information on how to apply?

[https://www.fdot.gov/
programmanagement/lp/
trip/default.shtm](https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/lp/trip/default.shtm)

Or

[https://www.fdot.gov/
nwflroads/planning-
resources](https://www.fdot.gov/nwflroads/planning-resources)

Contact Information

Tanya Sanders Branton
D3 TRIP/TA Coordinator
850.330.1550
Tanya.Branton@dot.state.fl.us





TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA)

Apply Now

[Click Here](#)

What is it?

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) was established by Congress to help fund a variety of small-scale transportation projects such as:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Recreational trails,
- Community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and
- Environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.



Where can I find more information on how to apply?

[https://www.fdot.gov/
planning/systems/systems-
management/tap](https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/systems-management/tap)

Or

[https://www.fdot.gov/
nwflroads/planning-
resources](https://www.fdot.gov/nwflroads/planning-resources)

Who is eligible to participate?

- Local Governments,
- Regional transportation authorities,
- Transit agencies,
- Non-profit entities, and
- Others

Contact Information

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INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. TCC and CAC May 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 TIP Letters**
- 3. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Annual Report**

cOKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
May 15, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Latilda Hughes-Neal, Chair	Freeport
Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs
Cheryl Sawyers	Eglin Air Force Base
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Kristen Shell	Niceville
Joel Paul	Tri-County Community Council
Roy Petrey	Okaloosa County
Chance Powell	Walton County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jayce Vanderford	Crestview
Kyle Lusk	Crestview
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Chris Frasseti	Fort Walton Beach
Robert Herbsteith	Mary Esther
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Johnathan Laird	Niceville
Abra McGill	Okaloosa County
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County
Tracy Stage	Okaloosa County Airports
Robert Rogers	Okaloosa County Airports
Bill Smith	Okaloosa County School District
Joseph Preston	Walton County
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle Dogget	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Scott Bitterman	Okaloosa County
Matt Vera	Hurlburt Field
Cassidy Haney	NW FL Greenways and Trails
Kathy Rudd	Gude
Mary Beth Washnock	Gude
Tyrone Scorsone	Kittelson and Associates
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Samantha Graves	Freeport

Anthony Vallee

Defuniak Springs Citizen

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee

Tiffany Bates

Annie Arguello

Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith

Gary Kramer

Roshita Taylor

Elizabeth Merino

Jill Nobles

Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Gina Watson

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Hughes-Neel called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TPO Only

PUBLIC FORUM – There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk said the DeFuniak Springs SunTrail project PD&E study is beginning. A virtual project update will be available beginning June 10, to include conceptual drawings and environmental information. Design is funded in FY 30.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of February 2025 Meeting Minutes**
2. **ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-06 Adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year 2 (FY 2026) Amendment**

Chris Wallace moved to approve the February 2025 TCC meeting minutes and to recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda item. Tim Gibson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-08 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add

the Right-of-Way Phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$23,100,003

2. **ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-09 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Railroad Utility Phase for the Wilson Street Railroad Crossing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4565681 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$287,343

Bryant Paulk provided a brief update of the two TIP amendments. The SR 85 project is a right of way acquisition which is advancing faster due to a local government funding contribution.

The Wilson Street railroad crossing will include full replacement of lights, gates, battery back-up, and detection system.

Joel Paul moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-08 and Resolution O-W 25-09 amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Chris Wallace seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-03 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton 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.

Tim Gibson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-03 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Chance Powell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. **ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-04 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities

Jill Nobles provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the project priorities development cycle and where it fits into the overall development of transportation projects from concept to construction. Jill Nobles then explained the types of projects in the priorities and highlighted public comments that were received, specifically

changes that were requested by local governments. There was a lot of support for moving the Around the Mound and the PJ Adams Pkwy. /Antioch Rd. at Crab Apple Avenue intersection realignment and signalization project up in the ranking.

Rae Emary provided further information on the public feedback that was received, including an impressive 421 completed surveys. Tourist impacts, school start and stop times, as well as congestion, specifically during peak hours, were the main areas of commute frustration that were reported. Construction zone delays were not listed very high. Most survey takers gave comments and many of them were about congestion on US 98 and SR 85, needed signal timing improvements, more and safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the need for alternative routes.

Kristen Shell asked what methods were used to get that level of input. Rae Emary said there were several. Staff created a convenient media kit and distributed it to area stakeholders and agencies who were able to help spread the survey throughout the TPO's geographical area. Staff also used social media and went out into the community.

Jill Nobles provided the CAC's recommendations, which included the following changes: Move the SIS Priority #4 to #2, move the Non-SIS Priority #12 up in priority, at the TPO's discretion, and move the TSM Priority #9 up in priority, also at the TPO's discretion.

Jill Nobles also noted that staff just received the DeFuniak Springs Airport's priorities and asked that any motion include recommending the TPO accept and include those into the Project Priorities.

Chris Wallace expressed concern about moving #12 up because it could adversely affect the ranking of projects in Walton County. Chair Hughes-Neel agreed with this concern and suggested recommending the TPO ask its Okaloosa County members which of their projects in the top eleven they would like to swap with #12.

Scott Davidson spoke to the mission critical need of the US 98 widening project and asked that the TCC leave it as #1 in their recommendation to the TPO.

Chris Wallace moved to recommend that the TPO add the Perry Avenue one-way study to the Non-SIS Priority #2, Transportation Planning Studies, to keep the current SIS Priority #1, US 98 in the #1 position, to incorporate the DeFuniak Springs Airport priorities as submitted, and if changing the priority of any SIS projects, that such changes should only have an impact on projects within the same county. Joel Paul seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 5. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and Appointment of Steering Committee Members

Jill Nobles asked for TCC volunteers to serve on the steering committee. Online attendance will be allowed for convenience, and the meetings will start within the next couple of months.

Roy Petrey moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-05 approving the scope of services for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update and to appointment of Latilda Hughes-Neel, Cheryl Sawyers, Chris Wallace, and Scott Davidson to the Steering Committee membership. Joel Paul 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

Chair Hughes-Neel asked for volunteers. Kristen Shell agreed to chair the TCC if it was agreeable to the other committee members. Chair Hughes-Neel said she would agree to be vice-chair.

Tim Gibson moved to elect Kristen Shell to serve as TCC chair for FY 2026, and Latilda Hughes-Neel to serve as vice chair. Chris Wallace seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

OKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
May 15, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Jamieson, Chair

Yvonne Earle

Don Cleveland

Yvonne Shanklin

Mike Panarisi

Michelle Kitch

Virtual Attendance

Robert Rennie, Vice Chair

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Alexander Barthe

Matthew Cox

Steven Czonstka

Harrison Harsch

Neill O'Connell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk

FDOT

Cassidy Haney

FDEP Greenways and Trails

Kristen Shell

City of Niceville

Anthony Vallee

DeFuniak Springs Citizen

Virtual Attendance

J.B. Whitten

Mayor, City of Crestview

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Tiffany Bates

Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith

Gary Kramer

Jill Nobles

Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Gina Watson

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Jamieson called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TPO Only

PUBLIC FORUM – There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Christy Johnson announced that the Danny Weurffel Way resurfacing project will be let for bid later in May and the resurfacing of Eglin Parkway will follow in a few months. Christy Johnson also announced an upcoming public meeting for the planned 4.4 mile SunTrail project.

Cassidy Haney introduced herself as an advisor from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Greenways and Trails Department.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Mike Panarisi moved to approve the February 2025 CAAC meeting minutes and to recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda. Don Cleveland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-08 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add the Right-of-Way Phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$23,100,003
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Christy Johnson explained both requested amendments and noted that the right-of-way phase for the SR 85 project is being advanced due to it being donated. The project is being completed through a LAP agreement.

Don Cleveland noted that the name of the road referenced in Enclosure A is Live Oak Church Road and asked that this be corrected on all documentation. Staff agreed.

Mike Panarisi moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-08 and Resolution O-W 25-09 amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program. Yvonne Earle seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING -
Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-03 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton 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.

Michelle Kitch moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-03 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Don Cleveland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-04 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities

Jill Nobles provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained the project priorities development cycle and where it fits into the overall development of transportation projects from concept to construction. Jill Nobles then explained the types of projects in the priorities and highlighted public comments that were received, specifically changes that were requested by local governments. There was a lot of support for moving the Around the Mound and the PJ Adams Pkwy./Antioch Rd. at Crab Apple Avenue intersection realignment and signalization project up in the ranking.

Rae Emary provided further information on the public feedback that was received, including an impressive 421 completed surveys. Tourist impacts, school start and stop times, as well as congestion, specifically during peak hours, were the main areas of commute frustration that were reported. Construction zone delays were not listed very high. Most survey takers gave comments and many of them were about congestion on US 98 and SR 85, needed signal timing improvements, more and safer bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and the need for alternative routes.

Yvonne Earle asked that Around the Mound project be coordinated with the Brooks Bridge improvement and asked that this concern be brought to the TPO.

Yvonne Shanklin asked if the PJ Adams intersection project is being coordinated to align the misaligned road in the area. Mayor Whitten, attending online, agreed with the need to incorporate this project, a major obstacle being that one project is a local project, and the other is an FDOT project. Another obstacle being that FDOT cannot install a traffic signal because the configuration is not a four-way stop.

Christy Johnson said it is an issue of federal approval to construct an interchange at I-10 and Antioch Road. There was general discussion about the need to align Antioch Road with Crab Apple Avenue for the signal installation in order to avoid safety hazards.

The concern for both the Around the Mound/Brooks Bridge and the PJ Adams/Crab Apple/Antioch Road areas was the need for coordination of work in those corridors to avoid prolonged disruptions to the traffic, residents, and businesses there.

There was much discussion about where to recommend the TPO place projects related to Non-SIS Priority #12 (PJ Adams/Antioch at Crab Apple) and SIS Priority #4 (Around the Mound) in the Priorities.

Yvonne Earle moved to recommend the TPO move SIS Priority #4 to #2. The motion was seconded by Don Cleveland and it was unanimously approved.

There was then discussion about the Non-SIS Priority #12 project and what the concerns are regarding safety improvement needs there. There was also discussion about what the CAC should request the TPO to do with the ranking of this project.

Yvonne Shanklin moved to recommend the TPO move the current #12 Non-SIS project higher in priority, at the TPO's discretion. Mike Panarisi seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Yvonne Earle noted that there is tremendous need for the listed #9 TSM project, the SR 189/Poquito Road intersection traffic signal.

Yvonne Earle moved to recommend the TPO move the current #9 TSM Priority, SR 189 at Poquito Road, higher in priority, at the TPO's discretion. Don Cleveland seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Mike Panarisi moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-04 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities with the above recommended changes. Yvonne Shanklin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 5. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and Appointment of Steering Committee Members

Jill Nobles asked for CAC volunteers to serve on the steering committee. Online attendance will be allowed for convenience, and the meetings will start within the next couple of months.

Yvonne Shanklin moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-05 approving the scope of services for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update and appointment of Michelle Kitch, Robert Rennie, and Yvonne Shanklin to the steering committee. Mike Panarisi 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

Tiffany Bates asked for volunteers to serve as chair and vice chair for the next fiscal year.

Yvonne Earle moved to elect Amy Jamieson to serve as CAC chair for FY 2026, and Robert Rennie to serve as vice chair. Michelle Kitch seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Don Cleveland announced that he must resign from CAC due to health issues. Chair Jamieson, the other committee members, and staff thanked Mr. Cleveland for his many years of service to the TPO.

Michelle Kitch said the CAC asked for warning signage at the hill at US90 and U331 and it has not happened. Accidents continue to occur. Christy Johnson said the contractor was asked to put the signage in and sent an email to the FDOT contact to reiterate it.

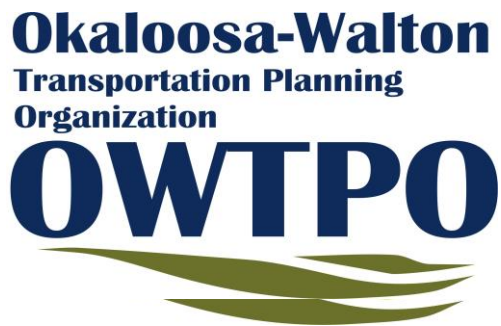
Michelle Kitch said the No U turn sign at the Lowe's in DeFuniak Springs was pulled out of median and this is causing a safety hazard due to the blind spot. Christie Johnson made note of it and agreed to ask that it be replaced.

Michelle Kitch noted there are new traffic lights coming into DeFuniak Springs along Hwy 90 and stated that the Hwy 90 corridor through the city is extremely congested already. She asked if signal timing will be such that it does not make the stop and go

nature of the traffic worse. Yvonne Earle suggested contacting the Walton County Traffic Engineer, and Michelle Kitch agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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May 16, 2025

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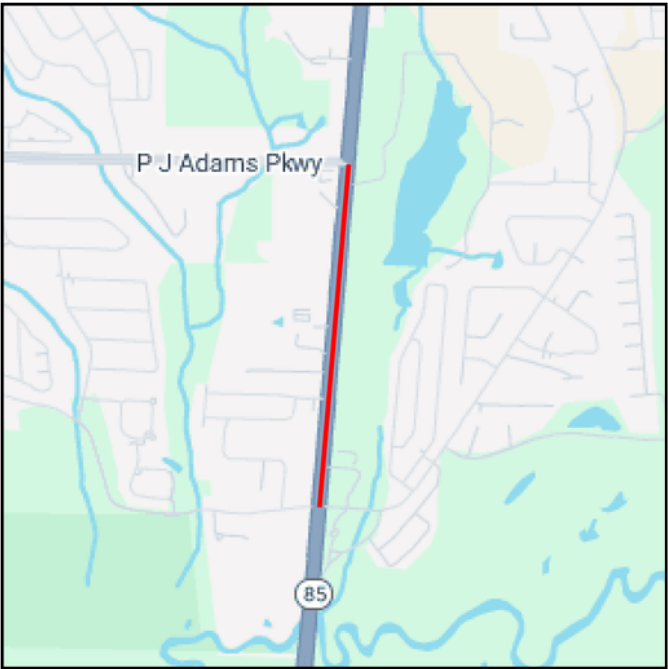
**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 
Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: 

2201717 - SR 85 S FERDON BLVD

SIS



From: LIVE OAK CHURCH ROAD
To: PJ ADAMS PARKWAY
Section: 2 - Capacity
Work Summary: ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT
Lead Agency: FDOT
Length: 1.169 MI
LRTP #: Final Report p. H-7 #A-39

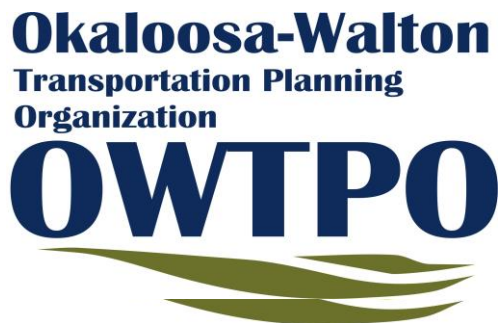
Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
ROW	DIH	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
ROW	ACNP	0	5,693,184	0	0	0	5,693,184
ROW	ACNP	300,000	250,000	0	0	0	550,000
ROW	LF	14,300,000	0	0	0	0	14,300,000
ROW	ACNP	2,456,819	0	0	0	0	2,456,819
Total		17,156,819	5,943,184	0	0	0	23,100,003

Prior Cost <2025: 0

Future Cost >2030: 0

Total Project Cost: 23,100,003

Project Description: TPO SIS Project Priority #6.
Widening of SR 30 (US 98) from CR 30A to West of Philips Inlet Bridge to 6 lanes.



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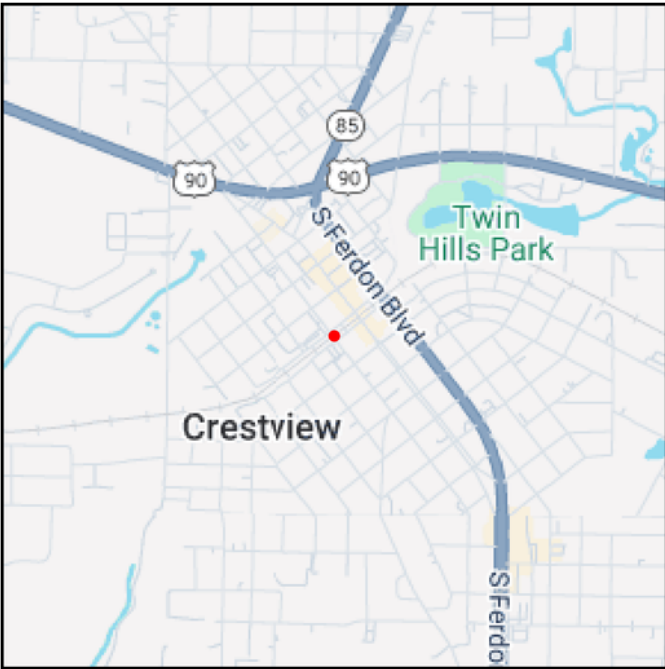

Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: _____



4565681 - WILSON STREET

Non-SIS



From:		@RAILROAD CROSSING NO. 339799K					
To:							
Section:		6 - Miscellaneous					
Work Summary:		RAIL SAFETY PROJECT			Length:		
Lead Agency:		FDOT			LRTP #: Final Report p. 3.5 Objective C.1		
Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
CST	RHH	287,343	0	0	0	0	287,343
Total		287,343	0	0	0	0	287,343

Prior Cost <2025: 0

Future Cost >2030: 0

Total Project Cost: 287,343

Project Description: Wilson Street Safety Project at Railroad Crossing No. 339799K

2025 EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT



PERFORMANCE MEASURES	Escambia		Santa Rosa		Okaloosa		Walton		Bay		Washington		Holmes		ECRC	
	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024
Total fatalities	64	60	22	27	29	19	21	26	25	33	4	9	7	6	172	180
Fatality rate	1.66	1.51	0.89	1.14	1.20	0.78	1.30	1.52	1.17	1.49	0.58	1.26	1.47	1.21	1.26	1.29
Total serious injuries	277	231	108	103	232	124	106	63	153	159	29	30	24	38	929	748
Serious injury rate	7.18	5.81	4.37	4.33	9.57	5.10	6.55	3.68	7.18	7.20	4.21	4.19	5.05	7.65	6.79	5.37
Number of pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries on all roads	40	32	11	11	12	11	9	5	22	21	1	1	0	2	96	83
Number of bicyclist fatalities and serious injuries on all roads	20	13	7	4	13	8	4	4	6	22	0	0	1	0	51	51
Number of safety projects constructed on HIN	-	5	-	0	-	3	-	3	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	11
Number of implemented safety improvements in prior calendar year	-	7	-	3	-	7	-	3	-	2	-	0	-	0	-	22

SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED ON THE **HIGH INJURY NETWORK (HIN)**

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

- **Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Upgrade Projects**

Jackson Street from Fairfield Drive to 65th Avenue
Massachusetts Avenue from Mobile Highway to W Street
Longleaf Drive from Pine Forrest to Rolling Hills Road

PENSACOLA

- **North Palafox Road Diet**

From Cervantes Street to City Limits near West Yonge Street

- **Texar Drive (between Menendez Drive and 16th Avenue)**

Installation of Two Speed Tables

DESTIN

- **Calhoun Avenue, Airport Road (CR-20F) and Scenic Highway 98**

Sidewalk/pathway Repairs, Crosswalk Signage, and ADA Detectable Warning Surfaces

WALTON COUNTY

- **Rock Hill Road Phase 1 (US 331 to High Lonesome Road)**

Reclamation, widening, paving and installing a northbound turn lane at the intersection of US 331 & Rock Hill Road

- **SR 30 (US 98) (from West Shore Drive to Bay County Line)**

Safety lighting project to install standard roadway lighting along US 98 in Walton County.

FREEPORT

- **SR 20 (from City Hall to US 331)**

Solar bollard lighting on the north side for the existing sidewalk.

OTHER SAFETY PROJECTS **NOT** ON HIGH INJURY NETWORK (HIN)

ESCAMBIA COUNTY

- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Upgrade Projects
Chemstrand Road from Johnson Avenue to
Nine Mile Road

SANTA ROSA

- Construction of dedicated east bound turn lane at the northern terminus of Anderson Ln onto Willard NorrisTexar Drive (between Menendez Drive and 16th Avenue)

DESTIN

- Commons Drive - Sidewalk/pathway repairs, crosswalk signage, and ADA detectable warning surfaces

CRESTVIEW

- Commerce Drive (from Hwy 85 to Library) Re-striping
- S Pearl Street (E Cane Avenue to Aplin Road) Striping
- Main Street (Hwy 90 to railroad tracks) Sidewalks and intersection improvements, including adding ADA features and parking

BAY COUNTY

- Richard Jackson Boulevard - Roundabout/ Intersection improvements
- CR 389 East Avenue (from SR 390 to SR 77/Ohio Avenue) - Paved shoulders safety improvement.