

**Emerald Coast Regional Council
Regional Rural Transportation Program
Technical Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – 11:00 a.m.

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Call To Order

Welcome and Introductions - Jeff Massey, Chair

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. FDOT Tentative Work Program**
Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff
- 2. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program**
Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff and Tanya Branton, FDOT
- 3. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)**
Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff and Tanya Branton, FDOT
- 4. Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan Annual Report**
Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

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Presentation Item

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: 1

SUBJECT: FDOT Tentative Work Program Presentation

FDOT presented a virtual (online) and in-person public hearing for the FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program on October 16, 2025. The Tentative Work Programs are open for public comment and review and will be refined, within budgetary limitations, to reflect the recommendations of the TPOs. The proposed Work Program will then be submitted to the Florida Legislature for adoption. Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities will be updated in 2026 using the Tentative Work Programs.

County Summary Reports have been posted to the website and can be found here: <https://www.fdot.gov/topics/fdot-work-program/district-3-wp-public-hearings/district-3-documents>

ECRC staff will provide an overview of the FDOT Tentative Work Program, highlighting the Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities at this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is for information only. Please contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976 ext. 219 if additional information is needed.

Presentation Item

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: 2

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Presentation

On November 3, 2025, FDOT District 3 announced the annual TA Set-Aside application cycle for FDOT's next Tentative Work Program.

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.

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 Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, or Bay County Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) will need to be prioritized by their respective TPO. Projects located outside the TPO areas will need to be prioritized by the ECRC. **Applications are due in FDOT's Grant Application Program (GAP) by Friday, January 16, 2026.**

Click here to learn more about the [Transportation Alternatives Program \(fdot.gov\)](https://fdot.gov/transportation-alternatives-program).

ECRC and FDOT staff will be in attendance to discuss the program and the application requirements.

Attached:

- Transportation Alternatives Program Application Flyer

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Presentation Item

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: 3

SUBJECT: Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation

On November 3, 2025, FDOT District 3 announced the annual TRIP application cycle for FDOT's next Tentative Work Program.

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. **Applications are due in GAP by Friday, January 16, 2026, for ECRC prioritization.**

ECRC and FDOT staff will be in attendance to discuss the program and the application requirements.

Attached:

- FDOT TRIP Flyer
- TRIP Network Map
- TRIP Criteria

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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)

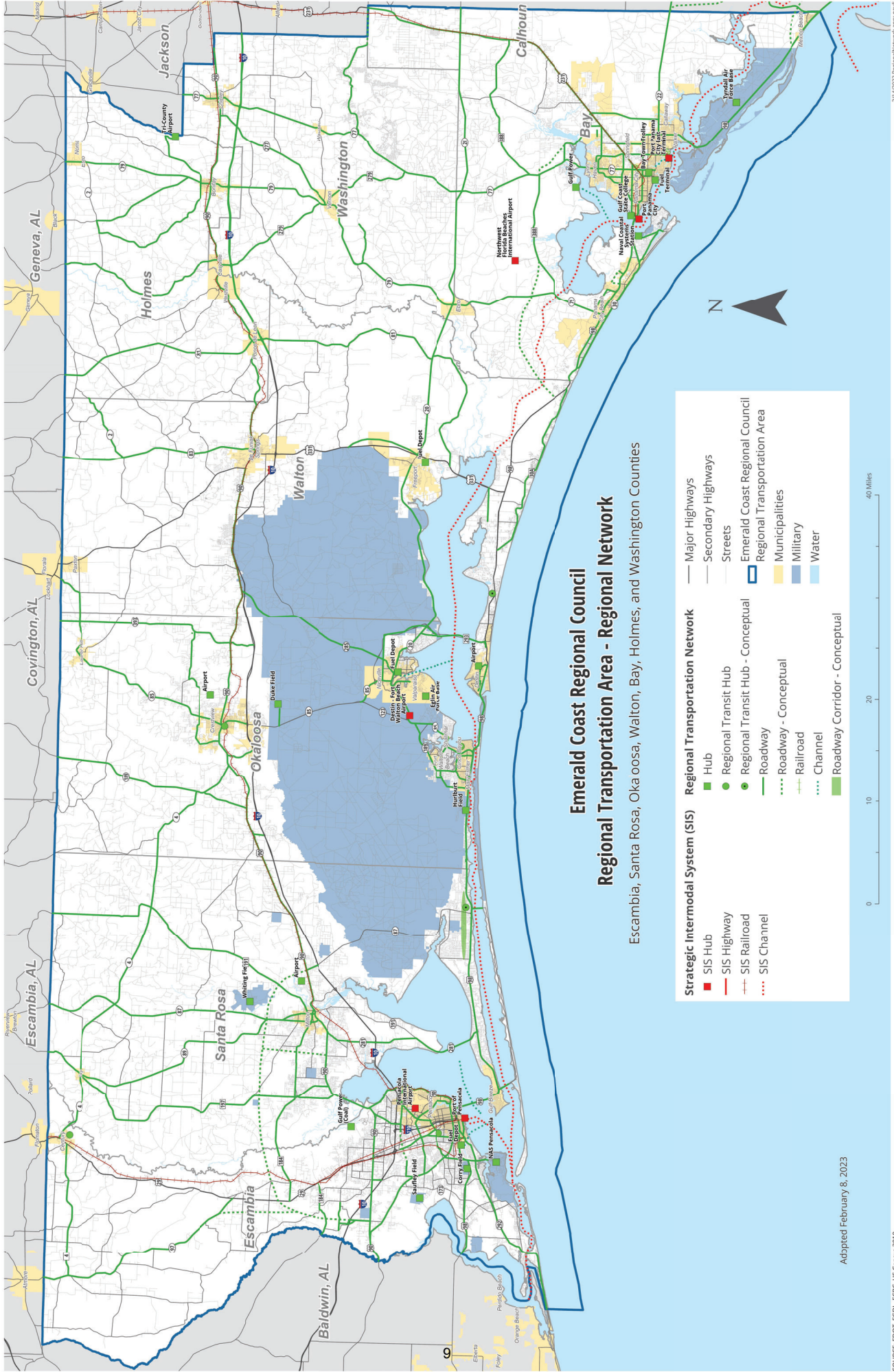
Who is eligible to participate?

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

Contact Information

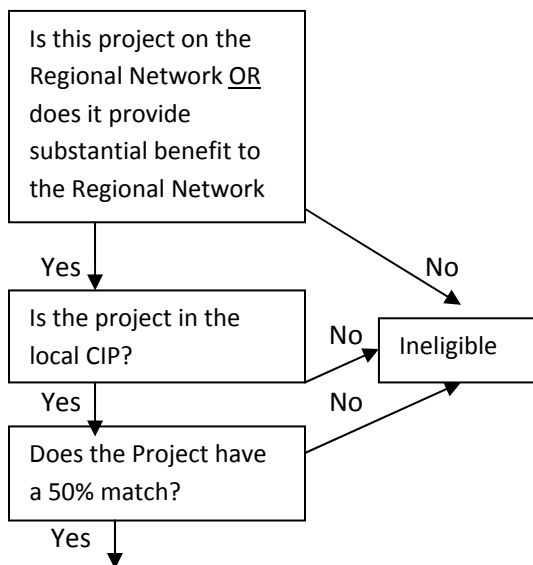
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**Emerald Coast Regional Council
Regional Transportation Planning Organization
TRIP PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA**

A.



B. SIS relativity

- 3 pts ☐ SIS Road or connector
- 2 pts ☐ Connects to SIS
- 1 pt ☐ Compliments SIS
- 0 pts ☐ No relativity

C. Supports Economic Development & Goods Movement in Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

- 1 pt ☐ Yes
- 0 pt ☐ No

D. Subject to local Ordinance for Corridor Management

- 2 pts ☐ Specific Ordinance Attached
- 1 pt ☐ General Ordinance Attached
- 0 pt ☐ Ordinance Not Attained

E. Status of Project (Phases Needed)

- 4 pts ☐ Construction-ready
- 3 pts ☐ ROW needed
- 2pts ☐ Design needed
- 1pt ☐ PD&E need
- Opt ☐ All phases needed

Project Name: _____

Date: _____

Total Points: _____

F.-STRAHNET or STRACNET Designation?

- 1 pt ☐ Yes
- 0 pt ☐ No

G. Project Cost Sharing Beyond 50% Local Match Requirement

- 6 pts ☐ 80% or more of application cost is included in local government CIP
- 5 pts ☐ 70% to 79% of application cost is included in local government CIP
- 4 pts ☐ 60% to 69% of application cost is included in local government CIP
- 3 pts ☐ 51% to 59% of application cost is included in local government CIP
- 1 pts ☐ 50% or less of application cost is included in local government CIP

H. Trip Project Is Part of an Evacuation Route

- Critical roadway segments and intersections identified in the 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study for the West Florida Region.
- 1 pt ☐ Yes 0 pt ☐ No

Adopted January 2021





TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

Apply Now

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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-
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Presentation Item

4

RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: 4

SUBJECT: Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan Annual Report

BACKGROUND: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new SS4A discretionary program, with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. As a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC produced a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

The Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan was adopted on December 12, 2024. In dedication to the implementation of the safety projects identified in this plan, it is important to continue monitoring progress toward reducing traffic deaths and serious injuries. Yearly reporting will help determine which projects are effective in reducing traffic fatalities and serious injuries. The Safety Action Plan and Annual Report are published on the ECRC project website at: https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/transportationsafety_initiatives.php.

ATTACHED:

- Draft SS4A Annual Report

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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL



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
¹⁴ 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 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 Norris/Texar 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.