

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING MINUTES
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated Staff)
Bayview Community Center, 2001 E Lloyd St., Pensacola, FL
February 10, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Wayne Briske, Chair
Nick Wilson, Vice Chair
Keith Bowe
Jim Kauffman
Virtual Attendance:
Laura Keith King

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Rhonda Dorfman
Jack Robie
Bart R. Pullum
Michael Broker
Alan R. Isaacson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Christy Johnson	FDOT
Vince Beebe	ALDOT
Cassidy Haney	FDEP

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

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

CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE/BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

Chair Wayne Briske called the February Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting to order. Chair Briske delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

TPO Only

PUBLIC FORUM: None

FDOT Update – Bryant Paulk, AICP., FDOT

Christy Johnson provided an update on behalf of the Florida Department of Transportation, announcing an upcoming hybrid public meeting regarding a proposed multi-use trail project along Blue Angel Parkway. The meeting will be held on April 21 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Church. An online option will also be available for those wishing to participate remotely.

Christy Johnson explained that project information and maps will be available online beginning March 31 through the Northwest Florida Roads website. The proposed project involves the development of a multi-use trail along the corridor to improve pedestrian and bicycle connectivity between Gulf Beach Highway and Sorrento Road. CAC members briefly discussed the meeting announcement and acknowledged the opportunity for public participation.

Keith Bowe addressed concerns about the coordination and efficiency of roadway construction projects. Keith Bowe referenced ongoing construction along Gulf Beach Highway and noted that the project appeared to have stopped after reaching a partial completion stage. Keith Bowe expressed concern that extended construction delays and temporary barriers can create safety issues and potentially limit emergency vehicle access to nearby neighborhoods.

Keith Bowe encouraged agencies to prioritize improved coordination so that roadway projects proceed efficiently from start to completion once construction begins. He also discussed long-term planning concerns for Gulf Beach Highway, noting that portions of the corridor remain two lanes while nearby corridors such as Barrancas Avenue and Sorrento Road are planned or constructed as four-lane facilities.

Staff stated that public comments are documented and shared with the appropriate agencies for review. Keith Bowe indicated that he planned to provide similar comments at the upcoming TPO Board meeting.

ALDOT Update – Vincent Beebe, P.E., ALDOT

Vincent Beebe reported that construction continues on the project connecting the Foley Beach Express to State Route 180, including the bridge being constructed over the Intracoastal Waterway. Vincent Beebe stated that the project remains on schedule and is anticipated to open to traffic during the summer.

Vincent Beebe also noted that ALDOT is evaluating alternatives for improvements at the intersection of State Route 180 and State Route 161. The project is currently in the alternatives analysis phase, and once a preferred alternative is selected the project will move forward through the National Environmental Policy Act process. Additional pedestrian

improvements are also being evaluated along State Route 182, including crosswalk installations at strategic locations to improve pedestrian safety.

FDEP UPDATE

Cassidy Haney with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Greenways and Trails provided an update to the committee, explaining that the department recently completed updates to the statewide regional trail corridor status maps. These updates reflect the status of the fourteen regional trail corridors throughout Florida and are now available through the department's website and GIS mapping resources.

Cassidy Haney also discussed the development of the U.S. 90 Trail Corridor Alliance, which will span approximately 430 miles across the state from Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to Nassau and Duval counties. Cassidy Haney noted that only a small portion of the corridor has been completed and the alliance will help coordinate efforts among stakeholders to close remaining gaps. CAC members briefly discussed the trail corridor concept and acknowledged the importance of regional trail connectivity.

CONSENT:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES - Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes**
Ketih Bowe moved to approve the November 2025 meeting minutes. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-02 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Construction Cost for SR 727/SR 295 (Fairfield Drive) from North 65th Avenue to West Highland Drive, a Lighting Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568692 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$25,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Christy Johnson presented Resolution FL-AL 26-02, which amends the Transportation Improvement Program to add construction funding for roadway lighting improvements along Fairfield Drive from North 65th Avenue to West Highland Drive.

Christy Johnson explained that the project will install roadway lighting along the corridor to improve safety and visibility and will be administered through a lighting agreement with Florida Power and Light (FPL). CAC members discussed the purpose of the lighting improvements and acknowledged the safety benefits associated with improved roadway lighting.

The committee decided to act on Enclosures A and B in one motion.

2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-03 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Change the Project Description and Limits for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number from "North Hayne Street from East Cervantes Street to East Blount Street with a Mileage of 0.459 Mile" to "East Gonzalez Street to East Blount Street with a Mileage of 0.27 Mile" at a Total Cost of \$918,634- *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

Christy Johnson presented Resolution FL-AL 26-03, which modifies the limits of the North Hayne Street multi-use path project. The revised limits will extend from East Gonzalez Street to East Blount Street.

Christy Johnson explained that the change was necessary due to budget considerations and allows the project to remain within available funding while still providing improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the corridor. CAC members discussed the revised project limits and acknowledged that the modification would allow the project to proceed within the available budget.

Nick Wilson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 26-02 and Resolution FL-26-03 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Keith Bowe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-01 Adopting the 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2028 - 2032 Tentative Work Program - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented Resolution FL-AL 26-01 regarding the adoption of the Transportation Alternatives project rankings for the FY 2028-2032 Tentative Work Program.

Jill Nobles explained that three projects were submitted for consideration and evaluated using the TPO's established scoring criteria. The projects included the East Maxwell Street multi-use path project, the West Jackson Street sidewalk project, and the Pensacola Beach shared use path safety and ADA improvements project. CAC members discussed the ranking process and acknowledged the importance of the Transportation Alternatives program in supporting bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements throughout the region.

Keith Bowe moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 26-01 adopting the 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. **ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-04 Approving the 2026 Beach Traffic Monitoring Proposal with DRMP Utilizing \$62,860 of TPO Funds and Requesting Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties to Pay Their Respective Shares of \$41,906.67 and \$20,953.33 – *Kandase Lee, ECRC Staff***

Kandase Lee presented the proposed 2026 Beach Traffic Monitoring program explaining that the monitoring effort collects traffic data along corridors serving Pensacola Beach to better understand travel patterns during peak tourism periods and special events. The data helps local jurisdictions and agencies evaluate traffic conditions and plan improvements. CAC members discussed the usefulness of the data in supporting traffic management and planning efforts.

Keith Bowe moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 26-04 approving the beach monitoring proposal with DRMP, utilizing \$62,860 of TPO funds and requesting Escambia and Santa Rosa counties pay their respective shares of \$41,906.67 and \$20,953.33. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. **ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-05 Approving the Interstate Compact Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Authorizing the TPO Chair to Execute it, and Directing TPO Staff to Distribute for Signature by all Parties, and to File the Fully Executed MOU with the Appropriate State and Federal Agencies – *Kandase Lee, ECRC Staff***

Kandase Lee presented the Interstate Compact Memorandum of Understanding, which formalizes coordination between participating agencies in the Florida–Alabama TPO planning area. CAC members briefly discussed the purpose of the agreement and acknowledged that it supports continued regional coordination between Florida and Alabama transportation partners.

Nick Wilson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FLAL 26-05 approving the Interstate Compact Memorandum of Agreement, authorizing the TPO chair to execute it, and directing TPO staff to distribute for signature by all parties, and to file the fully executed agreement

with the appropriate agencies. Keith Bowe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 26-06 Requesting the Florida Department of Transportation District 3 Allocate Additional TMA Funding Towards ITS Equipment Upgrades Necessary for Emergency Vehicle Preemption and Continued Technology Upgrades- *Kandase Lee, ECRC Staff*

Kandase Lee presented Resolution FL-AL 26-06 requesting additional Transportation Management Area funding to support Intelligent Transportation Systems upgrades.

Kandase Lee explained that the funding would support traffic signal technology upgrades and emergency vehicle preemption systems designed to improve response times and traffic management capabilities.

CAC members discussed the benefits of maintaining modern traffic signal infrastructure and the importance of supporting emergency vehicle operations.

Chair Briske moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 26-06 requesting FDOT District 3 to allocate additional TMA funding towards ITS equipment upgrades necessary for emergency preemption and continued technology upgrades. Keith Bowe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: (no action necessary)

1. ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – Schedule for Development of the Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Kandase Lee presented the schedule for development of the FY 2028–2032 TPO Project Priorities.

Kandase Lee explained that the schedule outlines key deadlines for local jurisdictions to submit project requests and for the TPO committees and board to review and adopt the final priority lists. Once adopted, the priorities will be transmitted to FDOT District 3 for consideration in the development of the tentative work program.

Tiffany Bates reviewed the schedule for development of the FY 2028–2032 TPO Project Priorities and explained that the process will take place over the next several

months. It will include multiple workshops and opportunities for public input before the priorities are finalized and presented to the TPO Board in May.

Tiffany Bates noted that the first workshop will be held on March 11 at the Gulf Breeze Community Center and will include participation from the TPO, TCC, and CAC. A public workshop is scheduled for April 8 at the same location to gather feedback from residents and stakeholders. Tiffany Bates explained that the public workshops provide an opportunity for the community to review and comment on the proposed transportation priorities before they are submitted to FDOT for consideration in development of the five-year work program.

Committee members asked clarifying questions regarding the purpose and schedule of the workshops. Tiffany Bates explained that the meetings are intended to gather public feedback to help ensure the project priorities reflect community needs and concerns.

INFORMATION ITEMS - (no presentation necessary)

1. TCC and CAC November 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letter
3. 2026 FL-AL TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS - The next Florida – Alabama TPO meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.** Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. The TCC will meet at 10:00 a.m. and CAC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the **Bayview Community Center, 2001 E Lloyd St., Pensacola, FL.**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.