



Todd Bierbaum
Chairman

April Sutton
Vice Chairman

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

Thursday, August 20, 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Niceville Community Center, 204 Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE – *Chair Todd Bierbaum*

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

FHWA Update - Presentation of Certification Results by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) - *Erika Thompson, Transportation Planning Specialist, FHWA*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES:** Approval of the May 2026 Meeting Minutes
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-24 Adopting the Okaloosa Walton Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy with Language Assistance Plan Major Update
- 3. TPO ONLY:** Consideration of the Membership Certification for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution OW 26-23 Amending the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Railroad and Utility Phase for SR 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) from East 1st

Avenue to Garden Street Safety Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568731 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$12,000- *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

2. **ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-19 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 – FY 2027 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add Previously De-Obligated PL and CM Funds – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*
3. **ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-20 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
4. **ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-21 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs List – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
5. **ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-22 Adopting the Needs Projects for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. **ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES** - Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Cost Feasible Plan - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
2. **ENCLOSURE G - ALL COMMITTEES** - Public Participation Process (PPP) Plan for the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) – *Rae Emery, ECRC Staff*

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC May 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 TIP Letters

OTHER BUSINESS: The next Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on November 19th at 3:00 p.m. The CAC will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the TCC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the **Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Dr, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435**

ADJOURNMENT:

Stay up to date with TPO events and activities on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/EmeraldCoastRegionalCouncil or by subscribing to the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Interested Parties list : <http://eepurl.com/dqlsyH>

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FULL AGENDA



FDOT UPDATE

FHWA UPDATE

FHWA UPDATE ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Presentation of Certification Results by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 CFR 450.334 (b) and 49 CFR 613.100

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Under 23 CFR 450.334 (b) and 49 CFR 613.100, FHWA and FTA must jointly certify the planning process of Transportation Management Areas (TMAs are TPOs with a population greater than 200,000) “not less often than once every four years.” This four-year cycle runs from the date of issuance of the previous joint certification report.

The primary purpose of a certification review is to formalize the continuing oversight and evaluation of the planning process. The FHWA and the FTA work cooperatively with the TMA planning staff on a regular basis. By reviewing and approving planning products, providing technical assistance, and promoting best practices, the formal assessment involved in a certification review provides an external view of the TMA's transportation planning process.

A certification review generally consists of four primary activities:

1. a “desk audit” which is a review of the TMA's main planning process documents (LRTP, TIP, UPWP);
2. a “site visit” with staffs from the TMA's various transportation planning partners (TPO, FDOT, local/regional transit service provider(s), and other participating state/local agencies) which includes opportunities for local elected officials and the general public to provide comments on the planning process;
3. preparation of a “FHWA/FTA TMA Certification Review Report” that documents the certification review's findings; and
4. a formal FHWA Florida Division presentation of the review findings at a future TPO meeting.

In the final report from FHWA and FTA jointly certified the Okaloosa-Walton TPO to remain in effect through March 2030. The TPO received zero corrective actions, three commendations, and six recommendations. The full report can be found on the TPO website at:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/federal_certification.php#outer-2199.

FHWA's Florida Division, Transportation Planner, Erika Thompson, will give a brief presentation at the TPO meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for information only. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at (850) 332-7976 Ext. 212 or jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT
AGENDA ITEM 1
TPO MINUTES

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)

MEETING MINUTES

Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

May 21, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Todd Bierbaum, Vice Chair	DeFuniak Springs
J.B. Whitten	Crestview
Doug Capps	Crestview
Shannon Hayes	Crestview
Sandy Trammell	Destin
David Schmidt	Fort Walton Beach
Tracey Dickey	Freeport
April Sutton	Mary Esther
Doug Tolbert	Niceville
Drew Palmer	Okaloosa County Commission
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission
<i><u>Virtual Attendance</u></i>	
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission
Tom Browning	Valparaiso

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Bobby Wagner, Chair	Destin
Bryce Jeter	Fort Walton Beach
James T. Wood	MidBay Bridge Authority
Sherri Cox	Okaloosa County Commission
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission
Tony Anderson	Walton County Commission

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Bonnie Barlow	Fort Walton Beach Chamber
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Josh DeVries	HDR
Jeff Cozad	City of Destin
Kristin Shell	Okaloosa County
Ben Faust	DRMP
Ted Corcoran	Fort Walton Beach Chamber
Alex Blanco-Castano	Eglin Airforce Base
James Hoff	Eglin Airforce Base
Anthony Vallee	O-W CAC Member

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Vice Chair Bierbaum called the meeting to order and chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tiffany Bates indicated staff was requesting a TIP amendment be added to the agenda. It would be presented after Enclosure E

Commissioner Glidewell moved to approve the agenda as amended. Council Member Hayes seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ted Corcoran – Around the Mound Project

Ted Corcoran addressed the Board in support of the Around-the-Mound project and emphasized its importance to mobility and economic development in Fort Walton Beach. He noted local support for Alternative 1A, the at-grade alternative, and encouraged the Board and FDOT to continue advancing the project.

Bob Brook – Forest Connector Road

Bob Brook addressed the Board in support of the proposed Forest Connector Road, citing increasing congestion, limited east-west connectivity, and emergency response concerns in South Walton County. He encouraged the Board to continue supporting the project and pursue funding opportunities.

Paul Van Risseghem – Regional Transit Service

Paul Van Risseghem discussed regional public transportation needs and expressed concern about the lack of transit connections to Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport. He encouraged consideration of a regional transportation authority to improve transit coordination and support future growth.

Hurlburt Field Speaker - Colonel Clayton W. Schuety, Deputy Commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing (1 SOW) at Hurlburt Field

Colonel Clayton Schuety addressed the Board regarding transportation challenges affecting

Hurlburt Field, particularly congestion along U.S. 98. He emphasized the importance of reliable transportation access to military readiness and thanked the Board, FDOT, and ECRC for supporting projects that improve access to the installation. He also noted Hurlburt Field's continued partnership in regional transportation and emergency planning efforts.

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

Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT, provided an update on current and upcoming transportation projects within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area. He reported that FDOT is preparing to begin a resurfacing project along U.S. 90 from State Road 331 north to the Holmes County line. He explained that the project will include resurfacing improvements and other associated maintenance activities intended to preserve the corridor and improve roadway conditions. FDOT will host a virtual public meeting on July 22, 2026, to provide additional information regarding the project and receive public input.

During discussion, Commissioner Carolyn Ketchel asked about the status of the Eglin Parkway resurfacing project and expressed concerns regarding pavement conditions and construction activities. Bryant Paulk explained that the contractor is currently completing preliminary work, and that more visible construction activities are expected to occur as the project advances. He noted that the project includes both roadway resurfacing and bridge deck improvements and is being implemented under a long-term construction schedule.

Board members discussed the importance of minimizing impacts to motorists and maintaining communication with the public regarding construction schedules and anticipated traffic disruptions.

FDEP UPDATE

Cassidy Haney provided an update on statewide trail planning efforts, including updates to the Regional Trail Corridor maps and the Great Northwest Coast Connector. She also discussed the U.S. 90 Trail Corridor and efforts to establish an alliance to improve coordination and expand the regional trail network.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of the February 2026 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-09 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
- 3. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-15 Supporting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Receipt of Section 5310 Funding to Continue Transit Services**

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-10 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for I-10 from 1.85 Miles West of the SR 81 Interchange to the Holmes County Line – the Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project Phase II for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 457026-2 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$306,020 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Vice Chair Bierbaum noted that Resolutions O-W 26-10 through O-W 26-14 were all TIP amendments presented by FDOT. By consensus of the Board, the five TIP amendment resolutions would be considered together and voted on as a single action item.

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-10. He explained that the amendment would add construction funding for the North Walton County Multi-Use Trail project. The project will provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the area and support implementation of regional trail network goals.

Board members discussed the continued importance of expanding multimodal transportation opportunities throughout Walton County and recognized the project's contribution to improving pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-11 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Doodles Forest Road to the Forestry Station, a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371798 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$5,280,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-11. He advised that the amendment would add construction funding for a shared use path along John Sims Parkway. The project will enhance connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting multimodal transportation options within the Niceville area.

- 3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-12 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to West of Phillips Inlet, a Bridge Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371799 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$4,800,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-12 and explained that the amendment would add funding for Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) improvements intended to enhance traffic operations, improve system efficiency, and support congestion management throughout the region.

4. ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-13 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Right-of- Phase for S.R. 85 from S.R. 123 to S.R. 210 (McWhorter Avenue), a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201714 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$50,000- *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-13. He reviewed proposed safety improvements and explained that the amendment would provide funding for intersection improvements intended to reduce crash potential and improve traffic operations.

5. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-14 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Right-of-Way Phase for SR 85 from SR 210 (McWhorter Avenue) to South of Live Oak Church Road, a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201715 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$800,300 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-14 and reviewed the proposed amendment and explained that the action would add additional funding and programming adjustments necessary to advance transportation projects within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning area.

ADD ON ITEM: – ROLL CALL VOTE – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-18 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to add the RRU (Railroad and Utilities) Phase for South 25th Street Railroad Safety Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 458263-1 in FY 2025/2026 for a total cost of \$108,633.

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-18 and advised the Board that a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment page had been provided at each member's seat. Bryant Paulk explained that the amendment consists of a rail safety improvement project located at the South 25th Street railroad crossing in DeFuniak Springs. The project includes standard railroad crossing signal upgrades and related safety improvements and is included as part of FDOT's annual rail safety program.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-

W 26-10, Resolution O-W 26-11, Resolution O-W 26-12, Resolution O-W 26-13, Resolution O-W 26-14, and Resolution O-W 26-18 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Council Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Todd Bierbaum	Yes
J.B. Whitten	Yes
Doug Capps	Yes
Shannon Hayes	Yes
Sandy Trammell	Yes
David Schmidt	Yes
Tracey Dickey	Yes
April Sutton	Yes
Doug Tolbert	Yes
Drew Palmer	Yes
Danny Glidewell	Yes
Virtual Attendance	Yes
Carolyn Ketchel	Yes
Tom Browning	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-06 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2027–2031 TIP, which identifies transportation projects programmed for funding over the next five years. He noted that the draft TIP was available for public review and was recommended for approval by the TCC and CAC. Vice Chair Bierbaum opened and closed the public hearing with no public comments received.

Council Member Hayes moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-06 adopting the FY 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program. Council Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Todd Bierbaum	Yes
J.B. Whitten	Yes
Doug Capps	Yes
Shannon Hayes	Yes
Sandy Trammell	Yes
David Schmidt	Yes
Tracey Dickey	Yes

April Sutton	Yes
Doug Tolbert	Yes
Drew Palmer	Yes
Danny Glidewell	Yes
Virtual Attendance	Yes
Carolyn Ketchel	Yes
Tom Browning	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE- Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-07 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2028 – FY 2032 Project Priorities – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities and reviewed the prioritization process and recommended rankings. Rae Emary summarized public outreach efforts and noted that congestion, safety, emergency evacuation, and east-west mobility were among the primary concerns identified. Board members discussed several project rankings and emphasized balancing congestion relief, safety, economic development, and project readiness when establishing priorities.

Mayor Whitten moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-07 adopting the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities. Council Member Sutton seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Todd Bierbaum	Yes
J.B. Whitten	Yes
Doug Capps	Yes
Shannon Hayes	Yes
Sandy Trammell	Yes
David Schmidt	Yes
Tracey Dickey	Yes
April Sutton	Yes
Doug Tolbert	Yes
Drew Palmer	Yes
Danny Glidewell	Yes
Virtual Attendance	Yes
Carolyn Ketchel	Yes
Tom Browning	Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

8. ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-08

Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan System Performance Report – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Josh DeVries presented the 2025 System Performance Report and reviewed key measures related to safety, infrastructure condition, congestion, freight movement, and system reliability. He explained how TPO transportation investments support federal performance targets and noted areas of continued progress and future improvement.

Council Member Sutton moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-08 adopting the 2025 System Performance Report. Council Member Trammel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

9. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-16 Authorizing the TPO Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for State Road (S.R.) 85 from S.R. 123 to U.S. 98 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Designation Change Request- *Bryant Paulk, AICP,FDOT*

Kandase Lee presented Resolution O-W 26-16 supporting the designation of State Road 85 as part of Florida's SIS. Board members discussed the corridor's importance to military installations, regional connectivity, and future funding opportunities.

Council Member Hayes moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-16 supporting SIS designation of State Road 85. Council Member Tolbert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

10. ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-17 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to De-obligate PL and CM Funds – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

Kandase Lee presented Resolution O-W 26-17 and explained that the amendment is a routine administrative action to close out the current Unified Planning Work Program while maintaining compliance with federal funding requirements.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-17. Council Member Trammell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Kandase Lee reviewed the officer election procedures contained within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Bylaws. Chair Todd Bierbaum opened nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Danny Glidewell nominated Todd Bierbaum to serve as Chair for Fiscal Year 2027. Hearing no additional nominations, Vice Chair Bierbaum closed nominations.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to elect Todd Bierbaum as Chair of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization for Fiscal Year 2027. Council Member Schmidt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Chair-elect Bierbaum then opened nominations for Vice Chair. Council Member Trammell nominated April Sutton to serve as Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2027. Hearing no additional nominations, nominations were closed.

Council Member Trammell moved to elect April Sutton as Vice Chair of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization for Fiscal Year 2027. Commissioner Glidewell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 1. ENCLOSURE L – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Jill Nobles presented an overview of the CMPP being developed as part of the 2050 LRTP update. Joshua DeVries reviewed existing system conditions and identified corridors experiencing congestion. Board members discussed congestion related to population growth, tourism, military activity, and seasonal travel demand, as well as potential roadway, operational, and multimodal improvements.

- 2. ENCLOSURE M- ALL COMMITTEES - Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Needs List - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Joshua DeVries presented the draft Needs List for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, which includes roadway, bicycle and pedestrian, transit, freight, safety, and operational improvements. He explained that the list will guide development of the Cost Feasible Plan. Board members discussed several projects and emphasized regional mobility, economic development, military readiness, and quality of life.

- 3. ENCLOSURE N - ALL COMMITTEES - Review of Existing Conditions and Proposed Networks for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Update – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Joshua DeVries presented an update on the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan,

reviewing existing facilities, network gaps, and proposed multimodal improvements. Board members discussed improving connectivity and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists and expanding transportation options throughout the region.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

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

OTHER BUSINESS: The next Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on August 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. The CAC will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the TCC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Niceville Community Center, 204 Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 2

ALL COMMITTEES

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-24 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton Title VI with Language Assistance Plan Major Update

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: UPWP

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Every three years, staff are required to complete a comprehensive update of the Title VI Plan to ensure it remains accurate and compliant with federal requirements. The update includes the most recent demographic data for advisory committees and the region, updated contact information, revisions to reflect current practices, and improvements to the document's design and layout.

In addition to the major update completed every three years, staff reviews the Title VI Plan annually to identify and incorporate any minor updates that may be needed. This annual review helps ensure the plan remains current between major updates and continues to reflect the organization's policies, procedures, and contact information.

The draft Title VI Nondiscrimination Policy with Language Assistance Plan Major Update can be viewed at the following link:

https://ecrc.org/programs/public_involvement/okaloosa_walton_tpo_public_involvement.php#outer-158

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-24

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 26-24 approving the 2026 Title VI Plan with Language Assistance Plan, which includes the required major updates. This action is requested to keep the TPO in Title VI requirement compliance. Contact Leandra Meredith, ECRC staff at 850-332-7976 Ext. 203, or leandra.meredith@ecrc.org with questions.

RESOLUTION O-W 26-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE AND APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED TITLE VI AND NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY AND PLAN INCLUDING LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the Transportation Planning Organization designated by the governor of the State of Florida as being responsible 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 Okaloosa-Walton TPO is the recipient of state and federal grant funds for public transportation in the Okaloosa and Walton Urbanized Areas; and

WHEREAS, state and federal grants impose certain obligations; and

WHEREAS, in order for the TPO to continue receiving and utilizing state and federal grant funds, it is necessary to update the Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Including Limited English Proficiency (LEP);

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

The TPO approves the 2026 Title VI and Nondiscrimination Policy and Plan Including Limited English Proficiency (LEP) major update.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 3

TPO ONLY

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 3

TPO ONLY

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Membership Certification 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 to authorize 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	Deborah Lawson	Agency Staff	
(8) Elderly	Vacant	Vacant	
(9) Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	
(10) Citizen Advocate/User	Pedro Rodriguez	Vacant	2025-2028
(11) Citizen Advocate	Yvonne Earle	Vacant	2026-2029
(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	Elizabeth Qualiana	2026-2029
(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: _____

OKALOOSA Membership Certification 2026-2027

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	Vacant	
(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	Vacant	Vacant	
(8) Elderly	Susan Bakalo	Agency Staff	
(9) Disabled	Vacant	Vacant	
(10) Citizen User	Vacant	Vacant	
(11) Citizen Advocate	Angie Moore	Jared Schnader	2026-2029
(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	Mariah Evans	
(18) Workforce Development Board	Will Miles	Michelle Burns	
(19) Local Medical Community	Dr.Carolynn Zonia	Vacant	

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: Okaloosa-Walton TPO Chair

DATE: _____

ACTION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE A

ENCLOSURE A ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-23 Amending the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Railroad and Utility Phase for SR 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) from East 1st Avenue to Garden Street Safety Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4568731 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$12,000 **(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 railroad and utility phase for SR 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) from East 1st Avenue to Garden Street safety lighting project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568731 in FY 2026/2027 at a total cost of \$12,000.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-23
- Request for Amendment
- Page of the FY 2027 -- FY 2031 TIP as Amended

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-23 amending the FY 2027-2031 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 26-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 – FISCAL YEAR 2031 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 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the railroad and utility phase for SR 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) from East 1st Avenue to Garden Street safety lighting project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568731 in FY 2026/2027 at a total cost of \$12,000.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY27-31 TIP Amendment Request

ID # Project Name/Location
Okaloosa

456873-1 SR 85 N FERDON BLVD FROM E 1ST AVE TO GARDEN ST

Work Mix: 0777 LIGHTING
Project Length: 2.596 Miles

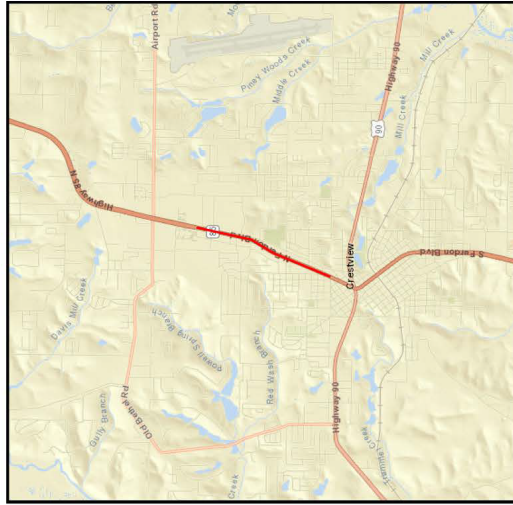
RRU

Phase Code	<2027	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031	TOTAL	Fund Code
56		12,000					\$12,000	ACSS
	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000	

SAFETY LIGHTING PROJECT

4568731 - SR 85 N FERDON BLVD

Non-SIS



From: E 1ST AVE
To: GARDEN ST
Section: 6 - Miscellaneous
Work Summary: LIGHTING
Lead Agency: FDOT

Phase	Fund Source	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	Total
RRU	ACSS	12,000	0	0	0	0	12,000
Total		12,000	0	0	0	0	12,000

27-31TIP Page as Amended

Prior Cost <2027: 0

Future Cost >2032: 0

Total Project Cost: 12,000

Project Description: On August 19, 2026 TPO Agenda for Approval. Funding for Lighting on SR 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) from East 1st Avenue to Garden Street.

ENCLOSURE B

ENCLOSURE B ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-19 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 – FY 2027 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Add Previously De-Obligated PL and CM Funds

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT MPO Program Handbook

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The UPWP is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products and identifies who will perform the work, timeframes for completing the work, the cost of the work and sources of funds. (23 C.F.R. 450.104).

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO previously de-obligated FY 2025–FY 2026 funds to make them available for programming in the subsequent UPWP cycle. These funds are now available and eligible to be incorporated into the FY 2026–FY 2027 UPWP beginning July 1, 2026; as funds are authorized and available, ensuring that they are utilized without delay and aligned with current planning priorities.

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO proposes to add the following previously de-obligated funds into the FY 2026 – FY 2027 UPWP:

- PL (Planning) \$100,000
- CM (CMAQ) \$170,000
- Total Amount: \$270,000**

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-19

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-19 amending the FY 2026 – FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program to add previously de-obligated PL and CM funds from the prior fiscal year and authorizing the ECRC CEO to execute the updated FDOT/MPO agreement. This action is recommended to ensure the work is in place with a supporting budget. Contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 26-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING FY 2026 - FY 2027 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO ADD PREVIOUSLY DE- OBLIGATED PL AND CM FUNDS

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 decision making process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 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; which includes the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that contains a work plan and budget; and

WHEREAS, if a TPO has previously de-obligated funds that can be programmed in the current two-year UPWP, the TPO must take action to inform the Florida Department of Transportation District so that the funds are added into the new UPWP budget beginning July 1, 2026, as funds are authorized and available; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO has identified the following previously de-obligated funds to be added to the FY 2026 – FY 2026 UPWP:

- PL (Planning) \$100,000
- CM (CMAQ) \$170,000

Total Amount: \$270,000

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

The TPO hereby approves the amendment to the FY 2026 – FY 2027 UPWP to add the above-referenced previously de-obligated funds and authorizes submission to the Florida Department of Transportation for incorporation into the Five-Year Work Program and applicable agreements.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE C

ENCLOSURE C ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-20 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(i), Chapter 339.175 (7) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 2: Long Range Transportation Planning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO updates the LRTP every five years. The current LRTP was adopted on December 9, 2021. The 2050 Okaloosa-Walton TPO LRTP Scope of Services was approved by the TPO on May 15, 2025. Some of the tasks identified in the scope of services are: Public Participation, Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Criteria, Financial Resources, Congestion Management Process Update, 2050 Needs Plan, and 2050 Cost Feasible Plan.

The Congestion Management Process Plan is completed as a task in the 2050 LRTP development as a major update. The Congestion Management Process Plan is required of TPOs with populations greater than 200,000; incidentally, the Florida Department of Transportation has extended this requirement to all TPOs in Florida.

The 2050 LRTP Steering Committee met on April 16, 2026 and June 18, 2026, to review and comment on the draft Congestion Management Process Plan.

LRTP documents, including the draft CMPP, can be found on the project website at www.ecrc.org/OW2050LRTP.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-20

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-20 adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) as part of the TPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update. This motion is recommended to maintain the LRTP schedule to meet the December 2026 adoption deadline. Contact Jill Nobles at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 212 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 26-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS PLAN AS PART OF THE 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN 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 Okaloosa-Walton TPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 update, which is developed pursuant Part 23 §450.322, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Chapter 339.175 (7) Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) approved the LRTP 2050 updated Scope of Services on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, a task in the LRTP 2045 updated Scope of Service is the Congestion Management Process Update; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process Plan was reviewed by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);

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

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts the Congestion Management Process Plan for the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan update.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____

Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE D

ENCLOSURE D

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-21 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs List

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(i)(2), Chapter 339.175 (7) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 2: Long Range Transportation Planning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO updates the LRTP every five years. The current LRTP was adopted on December 9, 2021. The 2050 Okaloosa-Walton TPO LRTP Scope of Services was approved by the TPO on May 15, 2025. Some of the tasks identified in the scope of services are: Public Participation, Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Criteria, Financial Resources, Congestion Management Process Update, 2050 Needs Plan, and 2050 Cost Feasible Plan.

The Steering Committee met five times—October 2025 and January, March, April, and June 2026—to review, discuss, and recommend the draft 2050 LRTP Needs Plan list. A virtual Needs List Dashboard Walkthrough was held on November 13, 2025, to provide local agencies with a tour of the GIS dashboard of Needs Plan projects and an opportunity to provide feedback. A public workshop was also held on May 21, 2026, to review the draft Needs Plan list.

For more information on the 2050 LRTP, as well as the draft Needs Plan projects, please visit the LRTP project website at www.ecrc.org/OW2050LRTP.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-21

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-21 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan. This motion is recommended to maintain the December 2026 deadline for the 2050 LRTP. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at 850-332-7976, extension 212 or at jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 26-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE 2050 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN NEEDS PLAN

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 Okaloosa-Walton TPO Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 update, which is developed pursuant Part 23 §450.322, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and Chapter 339.175 (7) Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) approved the LRTP 2050 updated Scope of Services on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2050 LRTP Needs Plan was developed by the Steering Committee members and presented to the public; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2050 LRTP Needs Plan contains multi-modal projects;

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

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts the 2050 Needs Plan.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE E

ENCLOSURE E ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-22 Adopting the Needs Projects for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act § 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133(h); FDOT; and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 5: Plans and Studies

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Okaloosa-Walton TPO approved the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan Scope of Work in December 2024. A Notice to Proceed was issued to HDR, Inc., one of the TPO's General Planning Consultants, in November 2025. A Working Group was formed and meets together with the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Steering Committee.

For more information on the Master Plan, as well as the draft Needs Projects, please visit the project webpage at <https://www.ecrc.org/OWBikePedTrail2026>.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 26-22

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-22 adopting the Needs Projects for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan. This motion is recommended to finalize a list of bicycle, pedestrian, and trail projects for the Master Plan update. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at 850-332-7976, ext. 212, or jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 26-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE NEEDS PROJECTS LIST FOR THE BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, TRAIL MASTER PLAN

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 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) approved the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan Scope of Work on December 12, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the draft Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Needs Projects List was developed by the Working Group members and presented to the public;

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

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts the Needs Projects List for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trail Master Plan.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 20th day of August 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Todd Bierbaum, Chair

ATTEST: _____

PRESENTATIONS

ENCLOSURE F

ENCLOSURE F ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Cost Feasible Plan

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(i)(2), Chapter 339.175 (7) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 2: Long Range Transportation Planning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO updates the LRTP every five years. The current LRTP was adopted on December 9, 2021. The 2050 Okaloosa-Walton TPO LRTP Scope of Services was approved by the TPO on May 15, 2025. Some of the tasks identified in the scope of services are: Public Participation, Goals and Objectives, Evaluation Criteria, Financial Resources, Congestion Management Process Update, 2050 Needs Plan, and 2050 Cost Feasible Plan.

Public outreach will be conducted over the next several months on the draft Needs Plan. Input provided by the public will be considered during development of the 2050 LRTP Needs Plan.

A public workshop and virtual open house will be hosted in September.

For more information on the 2050 LRTP update, as well as the draft Cost Feasible Plan projects, visit the LRTP project website at www.ecrc.org/OW2050LRTP.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for review this month and adoption in November.

Provide any comments by October 30, 2026. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at 850-332-7976, extension 212 or at jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

ENCLOSURE G

ENCLOSURE G ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Public Participation Process (PPP) Plan for the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Code of Federal Regulations (CFR 450.316) and the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Handbook

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The PPP provides guidelines for achieving quality public involvement when developing major planning documents and programs. Effective public participation begins early in the planning process and continues throughout, helping to avoid, minimize, and mitigate negative impacts while providing the best solutions.

The PPP is reviewed as part of the four-year certification process conducted by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) during the TPO certification. The 45-day review period for the plan begins August 20, 2026, and closes on October 5, 2026.

The draft PPP can be viewed on August 20, 2026 under the following link:

<https://www.ecrc.org/OWPublicInvolvement>

Comments will be documented, addressed, and presented to the Okaloosa-Walton TPO by ECRC staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for review and comment. Adoption will be requested in **November**. Please have comments submitted no later than **5 p.m. on October 5, 2026**. Contact Marketing and Outreach at (850) 332-7976 or marketing@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. TCC and CAC May 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 TIP Letters

OKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

MEETING MINUTES

Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

May 21, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Shell - Chair	Okaloosa County
Latilda Hughes-Neel - Vice Chair	Freeport
Jayce Vanderford	Crestview
Kyle Lusk	Crestview
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Chris Frassetto	Niceville
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Roy Petrey	Okaloosa County
Chance Powell	Walton County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs
Alex Blanco-Castano	Eglin Air Force Base
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Robert Herbsteith	Mary Esther
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Johnathan Laird	Niceville
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County
Elliot Kampert	Okaloosa County
Tracy Stage	Okaloosa County Airports
Robert Rogers	Okaloosa County Airports
Dustin Keith	Okaloosa County School District
Joel Paul	Tri-County Community Council
Joseph Preston	Walton County
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle B. Doggett	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Carol Kent Smith	Gund Management Group
Mary Beth Washnock	Gund Management Group
Samantha Graves	City of Freeport
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Chance Powell	Walton County

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee

Tiffany Bates

Rae Emary

Jill Nobles

Leandra Meredith

Gabrielle McVoy

Gary Kramer

Virtual Attendance

Tammy Neal

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT Update -

Bryant Paulk, FDOT, provided an update regarding an upcoming resurfacing project on U.S. 90 in Walton County, reporting that the project extends from just west of U.S. 331 eastward to the Holmes County line and consists of a standard resurfacing project. A virtual public information opportunity will be available beginning July 22, 2026, through FDOT's Northwest Florida Roads website. Construction is anticipated to be let in late calendar year 2027. Committee members discussed future resurfacing needs along U.S. 98 through Destin. Bryant Paulk indicated he would follow up regarding the scheduling of those improvements.

FDEP UPDATE

Cassidy Haney provided an update on statewide trail planning efforts, including updates to the Regional Trail Corridor maps and the U.S. 90 Trail Corridor. She discussed efforts to establish a U.S. 90 Trail Corridor Alliance to improve coordination, close trail gaps, and expand the regional trail network.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of the February 2026 Meeting Minutes**
2. **ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-09 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
3. **ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-15 Supporting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Receipt of Section 5310 Funding to Continue Transit Services**

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to approve the February 2026 TCC minutes as presented, and to recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda items. Kyle Lusk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously

approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-10 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for I-10 from 1.85 Miles West of the SR 81 Interchange to the Holmes County Line – the Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project Phase II for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 457026-2 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$306,020 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Chair Shell noted that Resolutions O-W 26-10 through O-W 26-14 were all TIP amendments presented by FDOT. By consensus of the committee, the five TIP amendment resolutions were considered together and would be voted on as a single action item.

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-10, explaining that the amendment would add construction funding for the North Walton County Multi-Use Trail Project. The project will provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the area and support implementation of regional trail network goals. Committee members discussed the continued importance of expanding multimodal transportation opportunities throughout Walton County and recognized the project's contribution to improving pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-11 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Doodles Forest Road to the Forestry Station, a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371798 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$5,280,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-11, explaining that the amendment would add construction funding for a shared use path along John Sims Parkway. The project will enhance connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting multimodal transportation options within the Niceville area.

- 3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-12 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to West of Phillips Inlet, a Bridge Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371799 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$4,800,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-12, explaining that the amendment would add funding for Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) improvements intended to enhance traffic operations, improve system efficiency, and support congestion management throughout the region.

- 4. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-13 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Right-of- Phase for S.R. 85 from S.R. 123 to S.R. 210 (McWhorter Avenue), a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201714 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$50,000- *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-13, explaining proposed safety improvements. The amendment would provide funding for intersection improvements intended to reduce crash potential and improve traffic operations.

- 5. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-14 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Right-of-Way Phase for SR 85 from SR 210 (McWhorter Avenue) to South of Live Oak Church Road, a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201715 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$800,300 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 26-14, explaining that the action would add additional funding and programming adjustments necessary to advance transportation projects within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning area.

Roy Petrey moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-10, Resolution O-W 26-11, Resolution O-W 26-12, Resolution O-W 26-13, and Resolution O-W 26-14 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Jayce Vanderford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 6. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-06 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2027-2031 TIP, which identifies transportation projects programmed for funding over the next five years. He noted that the TIP was developed using the adopted Project Priorities and FDOT's Tentative Work Program.

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-06 adopting the FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program. Anna Hudson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE- Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-07 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2028 – FY 2032 Project Priorities – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities and reviewed the recommended rankings. Rae Emary summarized public outreach efforts and noted that congestion, safety, emergency evacuation, and east-west mobility were among the primary concerns identified. Committee members discussed several project rankings, including Around-the-Mound, the Forest Connector Road, U.S. 98 improvements, and military-related transportation needs.

Roy Petrey moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-07 adopting the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities. Kyle Lusk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

8. ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-08 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan System Performance Report – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Josh DeVries presented the 2025 System Performance Report and explained that federal transportation regulations require metropolitan planning organizations to periodically evaluate the performance of the transportation system and measure progress toward established national performance goals. The report includes measures related to safety, pavement and bridge condition, congestion management, freight movement, and system reliability.

Josh DeVries reviewed several key performance measures and explained how transportation investments programmed through the TPO support achievement of federal performance targets. He noted that the report demonstrates continued progress in several areas while also identifying opportunities for future improvement.

Anna Hudson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-08 adopting the 2025 System Performance Report. Latilda Hugh-Neel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

9. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-16 Authorizing the TPO Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for State Road (S.R.) 85 from S.R. 123 to U.S. 98 Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Designation Change Request- Bryant Paulk, AICP,FDOT

Kandase Lee presented Resolution O-W 26-16, explaining that the resolution would provide formal support for designation of State Road 85 as part of Florida's SIS. She noted that SR 85 serves as a critical transportation corridor supporting military

installations, regional economic activity, freight movement, and emergency evacuation operations.

Roy Petrey moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-16 supporting SIS designation of State Road 85. Jayce Vanderford seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

10. ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-17 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to De-obligate PL and CM Funds – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

Kandase Lee presented Resolution O-W 26-17, a routine amendment to close out the current Unified Planning Work Program and reprogram funds for future planning activities while maintaining compliance with federal funding requirements.

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-17 de-obligating PL and SU funds. Kyle Lusk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Kyle Lusk moved to elect Latilda Hugh-Neel as chair of the OW TCC for Fiscal Year 2027 and Kristen Shell as vice chair. Chance Powell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. ENCLOSURE L – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented an overview of the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) being developed as part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update. Joshua DeVries reviewed existing transportation conditions and identified approximately 91.8 miles of the network operating below adopted level of service standards.

2. ENCLOSURE M- ALL COMMITTEES - Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Draft Needs List - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Joshua DeVries presented the Draft Needs List for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan, which includes roadway, multimodal, transit, freight, safety, and operational improvements. He explained that the list will serve as the foundation for

developing the Cost Feasible Plan.

3. ENCLOSURE N - ALL COMMITTEES - Review of Existing Conditions and Proposed Networks for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Update – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Joshua DeVries presented an update on the Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan. The presentation included a review of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities, identified network gaps, and proposed improvements intended to enhance connectivity throughout the region. Joshua DeVries explained that the update focuses on creating a more connected and accessible transportation network for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting safety, recreation, tourism, and alternative transportation opportunities. Proposed improvements include shared-use paths, sidewalks, bicycle facilities, trail connections, and other multimodal enhancements.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

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

OTHER BUSINESS: The next Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on August 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. The CAC will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the TCC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Niceville Community Center, 204 Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL

ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*

OKALOOSA – WALTON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs
May 21, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Jamieson, Chair
Robert J. Rennie, Vice Chair
Yvonne Earle
Yvonne Shanklin
Bill Cox
Mike Pararisi
Anthony Vallee

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Matthew Cox
Steven J. Czonstka
Chance Leavins
Kirby Locklear
Steven Place
Harrison Harsch
Celeste Cobena
Neill O'Connell
Megan Harrison

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christy Johnson	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Carol Kent Smith	Gund Management Group
Mary Beth Washnock	Gund Management Group
Samantha Graves	City of Freeport
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Chance Powell	Walton County

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

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

Tammy Neal

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT Update -

Christy Johnson, FDOT, provided updates on current and upcoming transportation projects. Christy Johnson reported that the U.S. 90 resurfacing project from Country Club Road in Walton County to the Holmes County line can be viewed through the Northwest Florida Roads website as a virtual project update. She also discussed the designation of State Road 85 from State Road 123 to U.S. 98 as part of the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), noting that the addition would close an existing gap in the corridor and improve connectivity.

Committee members discussed the status of resurfacing work along Eglin Parkway, signal synchronization in Crestview, conditions along the new bypass bicycle path, and concerns regarding manhole covers and roadway conditions along U.S. 331 and U.S. 90 in DeFuniak Springs. Staff agreed to follow up on the issues raised.

FDEP UPDATE

Cassidy Haney provided an update on statewide trail planning efforts, including the Regional Trail Corridor maps, Great Northwest Coast Connector, and U.S. 90 Trail Corridor. She also discussed the establishment of a U.S. 90 Trail Corridor Alliance to improve coordination and expand the regional trail network.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of the February 2026 Meeting Minutes

Anthony Vallee moved to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-09 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Anthony Vallee moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-09 adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-15 Supporting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Receipt of Section 5310 Funding to Continue Transit Services

Mike Pararisi moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-09 adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 – FY 2028 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-10 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for I-10 from 1.85 Miles West of the SR 81 Interchange to the Holmes County Line – the Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project Phase II for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 457026-2 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$306,020 - *Christy Johnson, FDOT***

Chair Shell noted that Resolutions O-W 26-10 through O-W 26-14 were all TIP amendments presented by FDOT. By consensus of the committee, the five TIP amendment resolutions would be considered together and voted on as a single action item.

Christy Johnson presented Resolution O-W 26-10 and explained that the amendment would add construction funding for the North Walton County Multi-Use Trail project. The project will provide enhanced bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within the area and support implementation of regional trail network goals. Committee members discussed the continued importance of expanding multimodal transportation opportunities throughout Walton County and recognized the project's contribution to improving pedestrian and bicycle safety.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-11 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Doodles Forest Road to the Forestry Station, a Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371798 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$5,280,000 - *Christy Johnson, FDOT***

Christy Johnson presented Resolution O-W 26-11. She advised that the amendment would add construction funding for a shared use path along John Sims Parkway. The

project will enhance connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists while supporting multimodal transportation options within the Niceville area.

- 3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-12 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to West of Phillips Inlet, a Bridge Capacity Project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371799 in FY 2026/2027 at a Total Cost of \$4,800,000 - Christy Johnson, FDOT**

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Anthony Vallee moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-10, Resolution O-W 26-11, Resolution O-W 26-12, Resolution O-W 26-13, and Resolution O-W 26-14 amending the FY 2026-2030 TIP. Yvonne Shanklin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-06 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which identifies transportation projects programmed for funding over the next five years. He noted that the TIP was developed using the adopted Project Priorities and FDOT's Tentative Work Program.

Mike Pararisi moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-06 adopting the FY 2027–2031 Transportation Improvement Program. Anthony Vallee seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE- Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-07 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2028 – FY 2032 Project Priorities – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities and reviewed the recommended rankings. Rae Emary summarized public outreach efforts, noting that congestion, safety, emergency evacuation, and east-west mobility were among the primary concerns identified. Gary Kramer also reviewed recommended changes based on public comments and local government coordination.

Committee members discussed several project rankings, including the Around-the-Mound project, the Forest Connector Road, U.S. 98 improvements, and military-related transportation needs associated with Hurlburt Field and Eglin Air Force Base.

Yvonne Earle moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 26-07 adopting the FY 2028–2032 Project Priorities. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

8. ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 26-08 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan System Performance Report – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Josh DeVries presented the 2025 System Performance Report and reviewed key measures related to safety, infrastructure condition, congestion, freight movement, and system reliability. Committee members discussed crash statistics, fatality trends, safety analysis, and available crash data resources.

Bill Cox moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign

Resolution O-W 26-08 adopting the 2025 System Performance Report. Anthony Vallee seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Yvonne Earle moved to elect Amy Jamieson as Chair of the O-W CAC for Fiscal Year 2027 and Robert Rennie as vice chair. Bill Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

- 1. ENCLOSURE L – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Josh DeVries presented an overview of the CMPP being developed as part of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan update. He reviewed existing transportation conditions and identified approximately 91.8 miles of the network operating below adopted level of service standards.

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3. ENCLOSURE N - ALL COMMITTEES - Review of Existing Conditions and Proposed Networks for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Update – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

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INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC February 2026 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 TIP Letters
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4. 2026 O-W TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS:

Committee members discussed concerns regarding the increasing use of electric bicycles, scooters, and other motorized devices on shared-use paths and trails. Discussion included potential legislation, local regulatory authority, enforcement challenges, and safety concerns involving underage riders. Staff reported that several local governments and state agencies are actively evaluating policy options and monitoring legislative developments related to electric mobility devices.

Chair Jamieson also commended staff for their successful public outreach efforts and

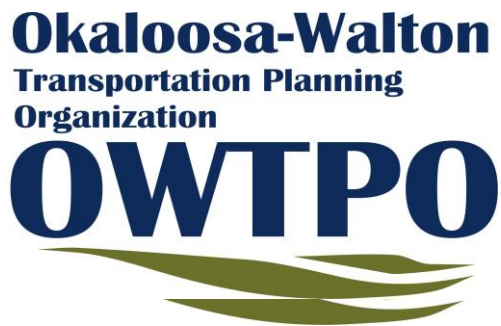
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workshops associated with the Long Range Transportation Plan update.

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ADJOURNMENT: *There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.*



Bobby Wagner
Chairman

Todd Bierbaum
Vice Chairman

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May 22, 2026

Mr. Mark Brock, Transportation Planning Manager
FDOT District 3 Planning
P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

RE: Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Brock:

At the May 21st Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting, the TPO passed Resolution 26-12 to amend the following project in the FY 26-30 TIP.

Adds the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to West of Phillips Inlet Bridge Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4371799 in FY 2026/2027 for a total cost of \$4,800,000.

The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Kandase Lee
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-12
2. Amended FY 2026-2030 TIP Page

Copies to:

Bryant Paulk, Christy Johnson – Milton Operations Center
Jared Kirkland, FDOT District 3
Aleah Smith, FDOT District 3

RESOLUTION O-W 26-12

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 Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to west of Phillips Inlet Bridge, a capacity project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4371799 in FY 2026/2027 at a total cost of \$4,800,000.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of May 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____

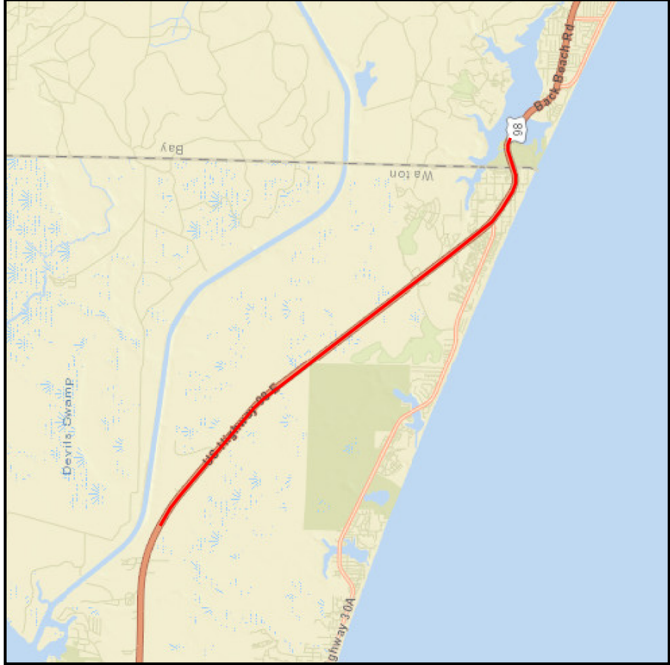


Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____



4371799 - SR 30 (US 98)



From: FORESTRY STATION
To: WEST OF PHILLIPS INLET BRIDGE
Section: 2 - Capacity
Work Summary: ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT
Lead Agency: FDOT
Length: 7.798 MI
LRTP #: #A-45 in Final Report p. H-16

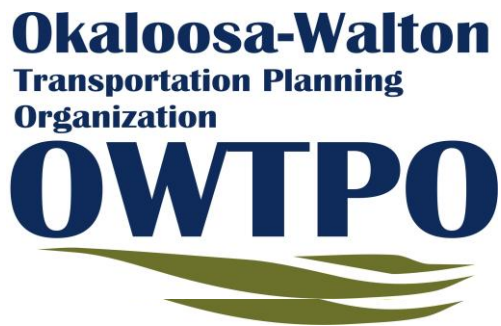
Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
PE	SIWR	0	4,400,000	0	0	0	4,400,000
PE	DIH	0	400,000	0	0	0	400,000
Total		0	4,800,000	0	0	0	4,800,000

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 4,800,000

Project Description: TPO SIS Project Priority #6.
Widening of SR 30 (US 98) from Forestry Station to West of Phillips Inlet Bridge to 6 lanes.



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May 22, 2026

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The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,

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Chief Executive Officer

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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 Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for I-10 from 1.85 miles west of the SR 81 interchange to the Holmes County Line, the Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project Phase II for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 457026-2 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$306,020.

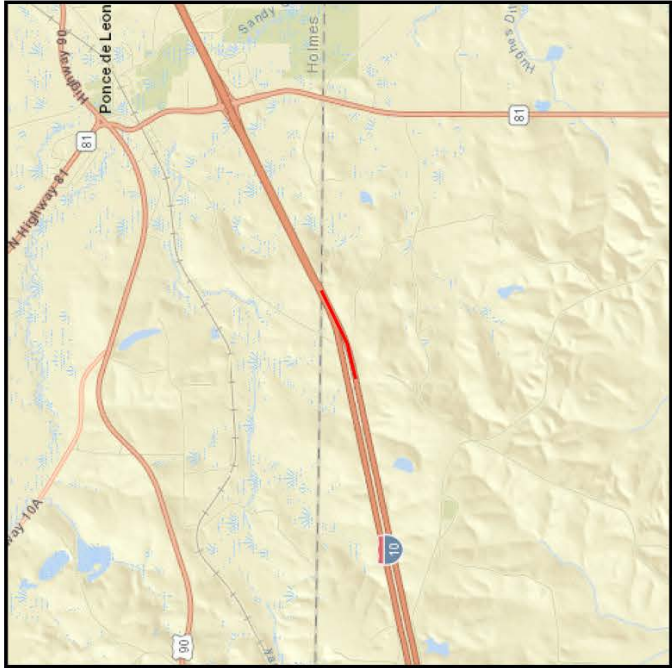
Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of May 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: 

4570262 - I-10



From: 1.85 MILES W OF SR 81 INTERCHANGE
To: HOLMES COUNTY LINE
Section: 6 - Miscellaneous
Work Summary: SAFETY PROJECT
Lead Agency: FDOT
Length: 0.287 MI
LRTP #: Final Report F-16

Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
PE	ACSS	5,000	0	0	0	0	5,000
PE	ACSS	301,020	0	0	0	0	301,020
Total		306,020	0	0	0	0	306,020

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 306,020

Project Description: FY26 STATEWIDE MEDIAN BARRIER INITIATIVE.
Installation of 1500 feet of median barrier on I-10 beginning about 1.85 miles west of the SR 81 interchange to the Holmes County Line. MP 27.167 to 27.454.



Bobby Wagner
Chair

Todd Bierbaum
Vice Chair

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June 11, 2026

Mr. Mark Brock, Transportation Planning Manager
FDOT District 3 Planning
P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

RE: Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Brock:

At the May 21st Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting, the TPO passed Resolution 26-18 to amend the following project in the FY 26-30 TIP.

Adds the RRU (Railroad and Utilities) Phase for South 25th Street Railroad Safety Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 458263-1 in FY 2025/2026 for a total cost of \$108,633.

The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext. 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

Sincerely,

Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer
Emerald Coast Regional Council

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-18
2. Amended FY 2026-2030 TIP Page

Cc: Bryant Paulk, Christy Johnson – Milton Operations Center
Jared Kirkland, FDOT District 3
Aleah Smith, FDOT District 3



Staff to TPO
Okaloosa-Walton Urbanized Area...

“...planning for the future transportation needs of the
Okaloosa-Walton Urbanized Area...”

RESOLUTION O-W 26-18

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

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The TPO amends the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the RRU (Railroad and Utilities) Phase for South 25th Street Railroad Safety Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 458263-1 in FY 2025/2026 for a total cost of \$108,633.

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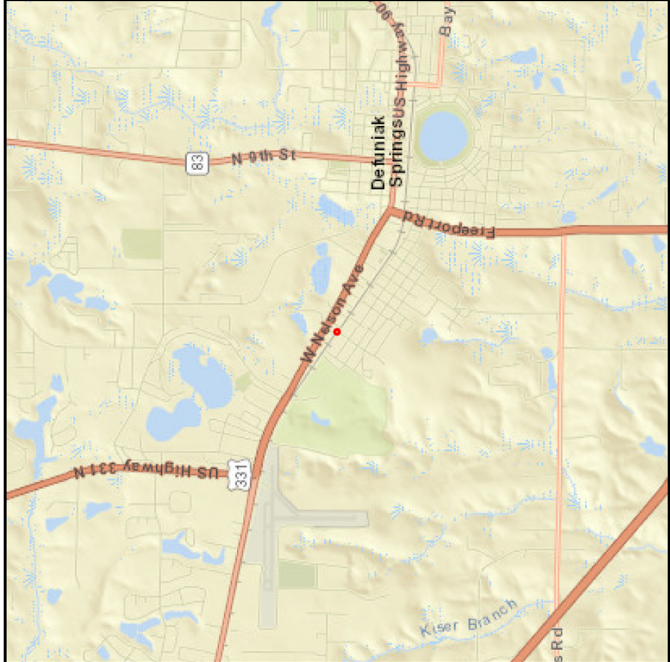
ATTEST: _____

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____

Bobby Wagner, Chairman

4582631 - S 25TH STREET



From: @RR Crossing No. 339822C

To:

Section: 6 - Miscellaneous

Work Summary: RAIL SAFETY PROJECT

Length:

Lead Agency: FDOT

L RTP #: Final Report p. 3-5 Objective C.1

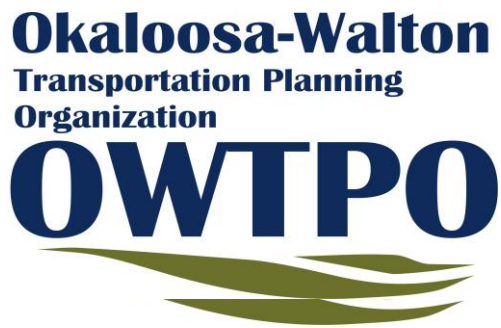
Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
RRU	RHH	108,633	0	0	0	0	108,633
Total		108,633	0	0	0	0	108,633

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 108,633

Project Description: South 25th Street Crossing signal and safety upgrades at Railroad Crossing No. 339822C



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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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May 22, 2026

Mr. Mark Brock, Transportation Planning Manager
FDOT District 3 Planning
P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

RE: Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Brock:

At the May 21st Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting, the TPO passed Resolution 26-13 to amend the following project in the FY 26-30 TIP.

Adds the Right of Way Phase for SR 85 from SR 123 to SR 210 (McWhorter Avenue) Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 2201714 in FY 2025/2026 for a total cost of \$50,000.

The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Kandase Lee
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-13
2. Amended FY 2026-2030 TIP Page

Copies to:

Bryant Paulk, Christy Johnson – Milton Operations Center
Jared Kirkland, FDOT District 3
Aleah Smith, FDOT District 3

RESOLUTION O-W 26-13

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

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The TPO amends the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the right-of-way phase for S.R. 85 from S.R. 123 to SR 210 (McWhorter Avenue), a capacity project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201714 in FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$50,000.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of May 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

ATTEST: _____



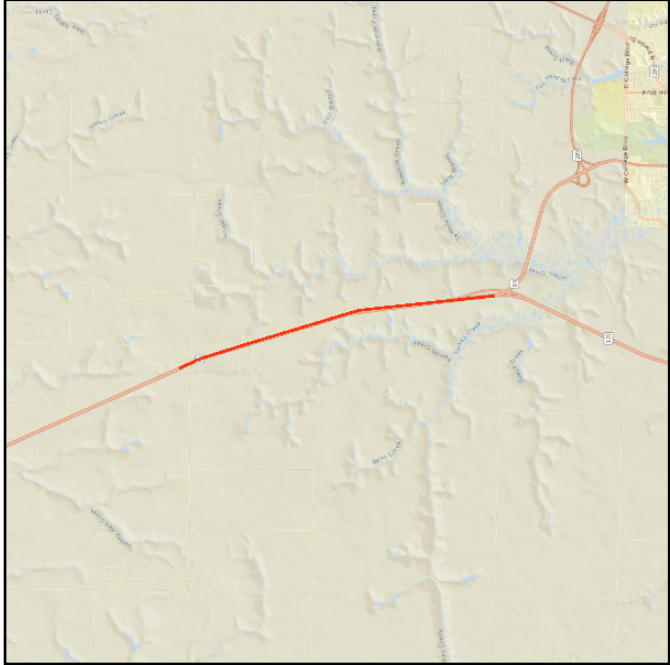
BY: _____



Bobby Wagner, Chair

2201714 - SR 85

SIS



From: SR 123

To: SR 210 MCWHORTER AVE

Section: 2 - Capacity

Work Summary: ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT

Length: 5.459 MI

Lead Agency: FDOT

LRTP #: Final Report p. H-15 #A-41

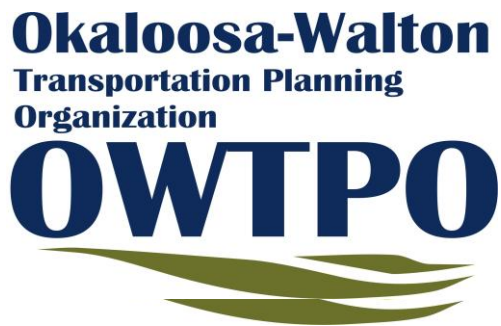
Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
ROW	DIH	10,000	0	0	0	0	10,000
ROW	DDR	25,000	0	0	0	0	25,000
ROW	DDR	15,000	0	0	0	0	15,000
Total		50,000	0	0	0	0	50,000

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 50,000

Project Description: TPO SIS Project Priority #8.
Widening of SR 85 from SR 123 to McWhorter Avenue to 6 lanes.



Bobby Wagner
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Todd Bierbaum
Vice Chairman

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May 22, 2026

Mr. Mark Brock, Transportation Planning Manager
FDOT District 3 Planning
P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

RE: Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Brock:

At the May 21st Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting, the TPO passed Resolution 26-11 to amend the following project in the FY 26-30 TIP.

Adds the Preliminary Engineering (PE) Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Doodles Forest Road to Forestry Station Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4371798 in FY 2026/2027 for a total cost of \$5,280,000.

The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Kandase Lee
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Resolution 26-11
2. Amended FY 2026-2030 TIP Page

Copies to:

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Jared Kirkland, FDOT District 3
Aleah Smith, FDOT District 3

RESOLUTION O-W 26-11

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

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Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of May 2026.

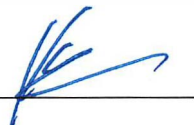
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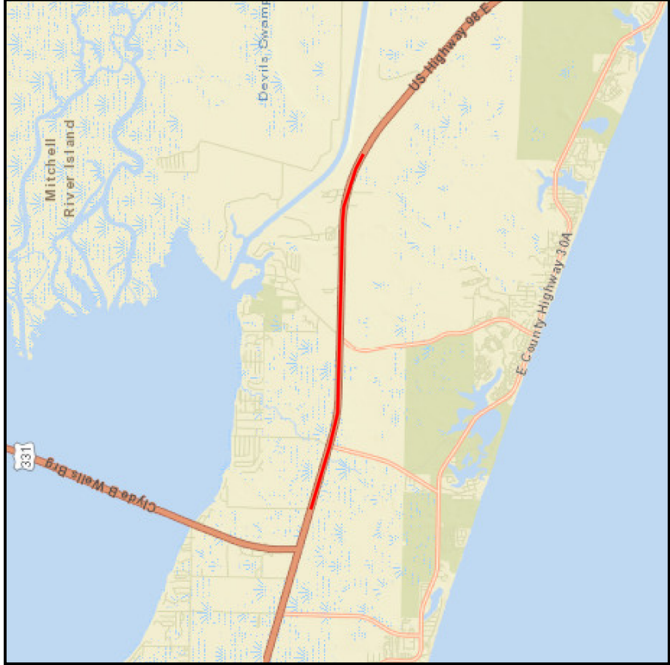


Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: _____



4371798 - SR 30 (US 98)



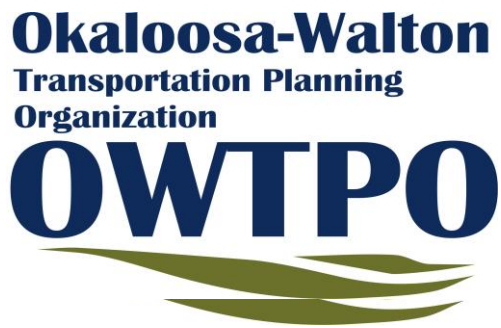
From:	DOODLES FOREST ROAD						
To:	FORESTRY STATION						
Section:	2 - Capacity						
Work Summary:	ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT					Length:	5.148 MI
Lead Agency:	FDOT					LRTP #:	#A-45 in Final Report p. H-16
Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
PE	ACNP	0	480,000	0	0	0	480,000
PE	ACNP	0	2,171,852	0	0	0	2,171,852
PE	SIWR	0	2,628,148	0	0	0	2,628,148
Total		0	5,280,000	0	0	0	5,280,000

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 5,280,000

Project Description: TPO SIS Project Priority #6.
Widening of SR 30 (US 98) from Doodles Forest Road to Forestry Station to 6 lanes.



Bobby Wagner
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May 22, 2026

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P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

RE: Amendment to the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Dear Mr. Brock:

At the May 21st Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting, the TPO passed Resolution 26-14 to amend the following project in the FY 26-30 TIP.

Adds the Right-of-Way Phase for SR 85 from SR 210 (McWhorter Avenue) to South of Live Oak Church Road Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 2201715 in FY 2026/2027 for a total cost of \$800,300.

The signed resolution and the amended TIP page are attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Kandase Lee
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

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2. Amended FY 2026-2030 TIP Page

Copies to:

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RESOLUTION O-W 26-14

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

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Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of May 2026.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 
Bobby Wagner, Chair

ATTEST: 

2201715 - SR 85

SIS



From: SR 210 MCWHORTER AVE
To: S OF LIVE CHURCH ROAD
Section: 2 - Capacity
Work Summary: ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT
Lead Agency: FDOT

Length: 4.232 MI

LRTP #: Final Report p. H-15 #A-39

Phase	Fund Source	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	Total
ROW	ACSA	0	70,000	0	0	0	70,000
ROW	ACSA	0	547,400	0	0	0	547,400
ROW	ACSA	0	182,900	0	0	0	182,900
Total		0	800,300	0	0	0	800,300

Prior Cost <2026: 0

Future Cost >2031: 0

Total Project Cost: 800,300

Project Description: TPO SIS Project Priority #2.
Widening of SR 85 from McWhorter Avenue to South of Live Church Road to 6 lanes.