

**Emerald Coast Regional Council
Board Meeting Agenda**

**Chautauqua Hall
95 Circle Dr, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435**

February 18, 2026 11:30 a.m.

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2658410661758190165>

Call to Order – Kurvin Qualls, Chair
Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call and Recognition of Online Members – Kurvin Qualls, Chair

PUBLIC FORUM

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. 2026 Meeting Schedule**
No Presentation
- 2. Regional Rural Transportation Program Project Priorities**
Gary Kramer, Planner ECRC

ACTION ITEMS

- 3. Approval of the November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
No Presentation
- 4. Approval of October - December 2025 Financial Statements**
No Presentation
- 5. Appointments/Reappointments to the Transportation Advisory Committee for the Regional Rural Transportation Plan**
Kandase Lee, CEO ECRC
- 6. Resolution ECRC 2026-01, Amending the Regional Transportation Area Network Map**
Jill Nobles, Planner ECRC
- 7. Resolution ECRC 2026-02, Approval and Adoption of the Rural 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA-) Set-Aside Ranked for FY2028-2032 Project Priorities**
Jill Nobles, Planner ECRC
- 8. Resolution ECRC 2026-03, Approval and Adoption of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Applications & Rankings FY 2028-2032**
Jill Nobles, Planner ECRC
- 9. Resolution ECRC 2026-04, Approval and Adoption of the FL-AL TPO Fiber Optic/Intelligent Transportation Systems Connection RFP Ranking and Selection**
Ada Clark, Community & Economic Development Director ECRC

10. Resolution ECRC 2026-05, Approval of the SS4A Grant Design/Construction RFQ and Planning Task Order

Kandase Lee, CEO ECRC

11. Resolution ECRC 2026-06, Approval of the Information Technology (IT) RFP Process

Kandase Lee, CEO ECRC

Information Item

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2026 RRTP MEETINGS

FEB 18

RRTP TAC Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **9:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected TAC Items:** Ranking TA/TRIP Applications & Project Priorities Open

MAY 20

RRTP TAC Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **9:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected TAC Items:** Adopt RRTP Project Priorities

AUG 27

RRTP TAC Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **9:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected TAC Items:** Grant Opportunities Overview

DEC 10

RRTP TAC Meeting

- 📍 **Location To Be Announced**
- 🕒 **9:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected TAC Items:** FDOT Work Program

2026 ECRC BOARD MEETINGS

FEB 18

Board Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **11:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected Board Items:** Ranking TAVTRIP Applications & R RTP Project Priorities Open

MAY 20

Board Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **11:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected Board Items:** Annual Audit & Adopt R RTP Project Priorities

AUG 27

Board Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **11:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected Board Items:** Budget/Work Program, CEO Evaluation, Chair/Vice Chair Elections, & Executive Committee Selections

DEC 10

Board Meeting

- 📍 **Location TBD**
- 🕒 **11:30 AM**
- 📄 **Expected Board Items:** TBD

Information Item

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Agenda Item Number: 2

SUBJECT: Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) Project Priorities FY 2028-2032 Schedule

BACKGROUND: In February of 2023, a RRTP was adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC). With the adoption of the RRTP Long-Term Transportation Plan, a project priorities list was also adopted. A major update to the RRTP occurs every five years. However, as with the TPO, the RRTP project priorities are reviewed and adopted annually by the ECRC and are based on adopted RRTP.

At the April 17, 2024 meeting, the Board opened the cycle for the RRTP process to move toward mirroring the TPO Project Priorities process that allows FDOT to fold in our rural area projects to the FDOT five-year work program. The FY 2028-2032 RRTP Project Priorities marks the third year of development for the Project Priorities in the rural areas of the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC).

The Project Priorities are the Top 10 Priorities in each Category in the adopted RRTP. Once the FY 2028-2032 RRTP Project Priorities have been adopted by the ECRC, they will be sent to the Florida Department of Transportation to use a guide to develop the FDOT FY 2028-2032 Work Program. The FY 2028-2032 RRTP Project Priorities have updated based on the FY 2027-2031 FDOT Work Program. The following is the FY 2028-2032 Regional Rural Project Priorities Schedule.

- Public Outreach.
- February 18, 2026 – Kickoff of the FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities.
- March 18, 2026 – RRTP TAC Committee Workshop 10:00 a.m. Virtually.
- May 20, 2026 – TAC and ECRC meetings approval of FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities. Public Workshop will be included in the ECRC Meeting Agenda. Chautauqua Building (95 Circle Dr, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435-2542)

ATTACHED:

- Draft FY 2028-2032 RRTP Project Priorities

Interactive map and dashboard available at www.ecrc.org/RRTP

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for review this month and adoption in May. Please contact Mr. Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, if additional information is needed at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 219.

DRAFT RRTTP 2028-2032 Capacity Project Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding	Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
1	SR 4 (Okaloosa) From: SR 189 To: US 90 (Milligan) west of Crestview	204	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes: FDOT Feasibility Study 2021	4.6	PD&E
2	US 29-FL/AL Connector (Escambia) From: I-10 To: State Line	515	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 6 Lanes: FDOT WP-Safety Project 451057-1: SR 95 from Pond St to AL State Line, PE 2025/CST 2027 - PE complete, <i>letting Fall 2026</i> ; FDOT WP-Intersection Improvement Project 454908-1: SR 95 @ CR 196/Barrineau Park Rd, CST 2028; FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 454618-1: SR 95 (US 29) from Tedder Rd to SR 4 (2.17 mi), PE 2026/CST 2028	37.2	Feasibility Study
3	I-10 Connector (Bay/Washington) From: Panama City To: State Line	516	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	New 4 Lane	64.6	Feasibility Study
4	SR 83 (Walton) From: Sunrise/SR 1883 To: SR 2	164	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes	8.5	PD&E
5	SR 189 (Okaloosa) From: SR 4 To: State Line	510	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes: FDOT -Feasibility Study 2021	14.4	PD&E
6	SR 97 (Escambia) From: US 29 To: State Line	506	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes: FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 450821-1: SR 97 from SR 95 to AL State Line, CST 2026 (<i>let 12/2025</i>)	22	PD&E ∞
7	Holmes/Washington US 90 (Holmes/Washington) From: Holmes/Walton Line To: Jackson County	513	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes: FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 457028-1 E of FG&A R/R Bridge to Choctawhatchee River Bridge, PE 2027/CST 2029; FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 436269-2: SR 10 from Banfill Ave to Hubbard St, CST 2025 - CST <i>underway</i> (<i>est. completion 12/2026</i>); FDOT WP-Bike Path/Trail Project 455414-1: SR 10 from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's Office, PD&E 2030	37	Feasibility Study
8	SR 4 (Escambia/Santa Rosa/Okaloosa) From: US 29 To: SR 189	509	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes	39	Feasibility Study
9	Paxton By-Pass (Walton) From: US 331 To: Alabama State Line	126	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	New 2 Lane	2.9	PD&E
10	SR 83 (Walton) From: SR 2 To: Alabama State Line	205	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Widen to 4 Lanes	5.9	PD&E

PD&E - Project Development and Environment Study
PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)

ROW - Right-of-Way
CST - Construction

SIS - Strategic Intermodal System (FDOT roadway designation)

FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS NOT YET CONSTRUCTED

Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Capacity Projects					

DRAFT RRTTP 2028-2032 Resurfacing Project Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding								Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2027	2028	2029			
1	Hwy 164 (Escambia) From: Hwy 97 To: US 29	35	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	11.5	PE	
2	Hwy 168 (Escambia) From: Hwy 99 To: Hwy 4A	42	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	5.9	PE	
3	Singer Road (Washington) From: Silver Lake Road To: Hwy 20	192	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	2.5	PE	
4	Hwy 4 (Escambia) From: Hwy 97 To: Hwy 99	44	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	3.4	PE	
5	Hwy 147 (Walton) From: US 331 To: SR 85	123	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	3.3	PE	
6	State Line Road (Escambia) From: Century Town Limits To: Town Limits	13	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	0.4	PE	
7	Hwy 182/Molino Rd (Escambia) From: US 29 To: Hwy 95A	27	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	0.67	PE	
8	CR 393 (Okaloosa) From: Poverty Creek Rd To: SR 85	87	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing	11.68	PE	
9	Rock Hill Rd (Walton) From: High Lonesome Rd To: Walton Bridge Rd	309 440627-3 440627-4	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Request is Resurfacing for Construction. 3 Phases. Another phase will need to be addressed. Phase 3- Walton Bridge Rd to SR 81. Design finished all 3 phases: FDOT WP-Widen/Resurface 440627-3: Rock Hill Rd from High Lonesome Rd to Mckinnon Bridge Rd PH II (1.31 mi), CST 2028; FDOT WP-Widen/Resurface 440627-4: W of Mckinnon Bridge Rd to Walton Bridge Rd. CST 2029	2.98	CST	
10	Pecan St (Washington) From: US 90 To: E Church Ave	18 457064-1	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		Resurfacing FDOT WP-Resurfacing 457064-1: Pecan St Roadway Resurfacing Improvements, CST 2027	0.16	PE	

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Funded	Escambia SR 97 From: CR 95-A To: Alabama State Line	24 450821-1	CST	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		Resurfacing <i>Let Winter 2025</i>		Was #2: Other
Funded	Walton CR 1883 From: SR 83 To: CR 183B	219 448615-1	PE & CST (2024)	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		Under Design and Funded for Construction (FDOT SCRAP/ARPA) - ongoing		Was #10: Other Projects Moved Up
Funded	Escambia US 29 From: Hwy 4 To: Town Limits/AL State Line	12 451057-1	CST	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		Safety Project <i>Letting Summer 2026</i>		Was #1: Other

DRAFT RRTTP 2028-2032 Safety Project Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding					Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought	
			2027	2028	2029	2030	2031				
1	I-10 @ Main Street-Chipley (Washington) Intersection Improvements	524	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration; FDOT WP Safety Project 455697: Washington County 10 Median Barrier Project, PE 2027/CST 2028	NA	Safety Study
2	Hwy 20 @Hwy 79 (Washington) Intersection Improvements	191	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Need Turn Lane & Turn Arrow	NA	PE
3	US 29 & SR 97 @ Crabtree (Escambia) Intersection Improvements	517	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Area: FDOT WP Resurfacing Project 450821-1: SR 97 Atmore Hwy from SR 95 to AL Line, CST 2026, /et December 2025	NA	Safety Study
4	Munson Hwy (Santa Rosa) From: East Gate Rd To: SR 4	127	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Paved Shoulders; Will improve Safety Line of Sight: (project extends 12.51 mi beyond Rural Area)	15.1	Paved Shoulders
5	US 90 @ SR 79 Bonifay (Holmes) Intersection Improvements	523	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration: FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project 455414-1: US 90 from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's Office, PD&E 2030	NA	Safety Study
6	SR 4 @ Galliver Cut Off (Okaloosa) Intersection Improvements	200	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Traffic Signal Needed	NA	Signal Warrant
7	SR 87 N @ Country Mill Rd (Santa Rosa) Intersection Improvements	144	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Left and Right Turn Lanes on SR 87 N	NA	PE
8	US 90 @ SR 4 near Milligan (Okaloosa) Intersection Improvements	519	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration	NA	Safety Study
9	SR 89 N @ CR 197/Chunnuckla Hwy (Santa Rosa) Intersection Improvements	135	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Left and Right Turn Lanes on SR 89 N; FDOT WP Resurfacing Project 452944-1: SR 89 from CR 178 to SR 4, CST 2027	NA	PE
10	US 90 @ SR 81 (Holmes) Intersection Improvements	235	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Stop Light Needed: High Traffic/Crash Area	NA	Safety Study

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FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS NOT YET CONSTRUCTED

	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		
	Phase							

DRAFT RRTTP 2028-2032 Bike, Ped, Trails Project Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding	Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
1	US 90 (Washington) From: East End of Bridge To: Caryville City Limits	1	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Bike/Ped Improvements	1.8	TBD
2	US 90 (Okaloosa) From: Okaloosa County Line To: TPO Boundary	201 452971-1 452971-2	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 1-PDE 2- Design	Multi-Use Path: FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project 452971-2: SR 10 from Cooper Ln to Holt Community Center. PE 2027, PDE anticipated approval Spring 2026; FDOT WP Resurfacing Project 454639-1: SR 10 (US 90) from Santa Rosa Line to Summertime Dr, PE 2026/CST 2028, PE contract expected Feb 2026	11	TBD
3	SR 4 (Okaloosa) From: SR 189 (Baker) To: US 90	202	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Multi-Use Path: PE 2026	4.6	TBD
4	CR 191 (Santa Rosa) From: SR 87 To: State Line	529	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Shared-Use Path	30	TBD
5	US 90 (Holmes/Washington) From: Holmes/Walton County Line To: Jackson County Line	504 455414-1	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Shared-Use Path SUN-Trail: FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 457028-1: E of FG&A R/R Bridge to Choctawhatchee River Bridge. PE 2027/CST 2029; FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project 436269-2: SR 10 from Banfill Ave to Hubbard St. CST 2025 - construction underway, anticipated completion 12/2026 FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project 455414-1: US 90 from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's Office, PD&E 2030	37	TBD
6	SR 4 (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa) From: US 29 (Century) To: SR 189	530	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Shared Use Path	39	TBD
7	Clear Springs Road (Walton) From: US 331 To: SR 85	217	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Bike/Ped Feasibility Study	2.4	TBD
8	Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path (Walton) From: County Line To: Lake Drive	120	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Multi-Use Trail	1	TA Grant (See TA Priorities)
9	Waits Ave/CR 279 (Washington) From: US 90 To: Caryville City Limits	2	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Sidewalks or Bike Paths	1	TBD
10	US 331 N (Walton) From: Paxton By-Pass To: Alabama State Line	125	Phase 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031	Bike/Ped Feasibility Study	2.8	TBD

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PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)

ROW - Right-of-Way
CST - Construction

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FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS NOT YET CONSTRUCTED

Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Phase					

DRAFT RRTTP 2028-2032 TA Project Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding					Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
1	Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path Phase II (Walton County) Lake Drive From: SR 85 To: 0.5 mi east of Lake Rd		Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Multi-Use Path	1	PE \$333,244
2	Complete Streets Master Plan (Century) US 29 From: CR 4 to Town Limits (State Line)		Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Complete Streets Master Plan	5.5	Planning \$100,000
3	Freedom Rd Safety Enhancement Project (Century) From: Highway 4 To: Jefferson Ave		Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Bike Lanes, Sharrows	0.6	PD&E, PE, CST, Other \$1,350,000
4	Westbourne Ave & West Blvd Sidewalk Project (Chipley) Westbourne Ave From: West Blvd To: Sinclair St West Blvd From: South Blvd To: W Jackson Ave		Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Sidewalks	0.6	PE, CST, CEI, Other \$606,845
5	CR 181 Sidewalk Improvements (Holmes County) From: Fern Arnold Park To: CR 179A/Pine St		Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Sidewalks	0.4	PE, CST, CEI \$570,103
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			

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CEI - Construction, Engineering, and Inspection

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			Phase 2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
			Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031		

Action Item

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Emerald Coast Regional Council

Meeting Minutes

Bayview Community Center

2001 E Lloyd St, Pensacola, FL 32503

November 12, 2025, 11:00am



Members Present:

Kurvin Qualls, Governor Appointee, Chair
Councilmember April Sutton, City of Mary Esther, Vice Chair
Darryl Boudreau, NWFLWMD
Tanya Branton, FDOT
Councilmember Paul Casto, City of Panama City Beach (Virtual)
Commissioner Doug Crosby, Bay County (Virtual)
Mayor Pam Henderson, City of Callaway (Virtual)
Mayor Heather Lindsay, City of Milton
Commissioner Andrew Palmer, Okaloosa County
Councilmember Bill Schaetzle, City of Niceville
Mayor JB Schluter, City of Gulf Breeze
J.D. Smith, Governor Appointee
Commissioner Kerry Smith, Santa Rosa County
Commissioner Josh Street, City of Panama City
Mayor JB Whitten, City of Crestview
Commissioner Colten Wright, Santa Rosa County

Others Present:

Amanda Carpenter, MPOAC Director
David Chang, Atkins Realis
Andrea Collins, Atkins Realis
Kaylor Collins, FDOT
Sierra Eades, WGI
Ben Faust, DRMP
Andrew Fonseca, MioVision
Casey Johns, FDOT
Kris McCoy, MioVision
Kurtis McBride, MioVision
Ron Meyer, Atkins Realis
Nathan Mozeleski, Atkins Realis
Brant Rogesson, MioVision
Jared Schneider, Kimley-Horn
Maria Showalter, FDOT
Lindsay Slautterback, Kimley-Horn
Deston Taylor, DRMP
Kim Toole, FDOT
Cory Wilkinson, HDR
Kandase Lee, ECRC
Dawn Schwartz, ECRC
Renee Quick, ECRC (Virtual)
Ada Clark, ECRC

Eric Christianson, ECRC
Vacari Dickerson, ECRC
Rae Emary, ECRC
Gary Kramer, ECRC
Leandra Meredith, ECRC
Tammy Neal, ECRC
Jill Nobles, ECRC
Jill Strickler, ECRC (Virtual)

Members Not Present:

Mayor Tracy Andrews, City of Chipley
Councilmember Jim Bagby, City of Destin
Commissioner Steven Barry, Escambia County
Mayor Bob Campbell, City of DeFuniak Springs
Kasey Cuchens, Governor Appointee
Commissioner Danny Glidewell, Walton County
Commissioner Trey Goodwin, Okaloosa County
Commissioner Jack Griffis, City of Springfield
Councilmember Casey Jones, City of Pensacola
Elizabeth Orr, FL Department of Environmental Protection
Commissioner Claire Pease, Bay County
Councilmember David Schmidt, City of Fort Walton Beach
Commissioner Earl Stafford, Holmes County
Commissioner Steven Stroberger, Escambia County

Call to Order

Chair Qualls called the meeting to order.

Call for Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

The prayer was led by Mayor JB Whitten, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call and Recognition of Virtual Members and Attendees

Chair Qualls welcomed those in attendance and introductions were made.

Kandase Lee, CEO ECRC recognized several partners to include representatives from the Florida Department of Transportation District 3, MPOAC, WGI, Inc., Kimley-Horn, HDR, Atkins Realis, DRMP, and MioVision and expressed appreciation for the strong partnership and ongoing collaboration with these organizations.

Public Forum:

Chair Qualls opened the Public Forum. With no speakers or comments from the public, Chair Qualls closed the public forum.

Information Items

Item 1: Introductions/Special Guests

Kandase Lee introduced special guest Curtis McBride, CEO of Miovision.

Curtis McBride provided an overview of Miovision's long-standing partnership with agencies in the Florida Panhandle, noting that in October 2015, the first six intersections were deployed in Escambia County and have now expanded to more than 600 Miovision-equipped intersections

across the state and 6,000 intersections that are deployed with some version of Miovision capabilities. The presentation highlighted the region's role as pioneer for testing and scaling new capabilities, including cloud-based emergency vehicle preemption, real-time traffic data, and safety analytics to assist in identifying near-misses to proactively address risk.

The Miovision team emphasized its open-data approach and partnerships with companies such as TomTom, Esri, Samsara, and Geotab to assist strengthening agency operations and provided examples of local projects in Pensacola, Santa Rosa County, and Bay County.

The team introduced "Mateo," an AI-enabled traffic engineering tool that allows agencies to interact with safety and mobility data with conversation to support Vision Zero and other safety objectives. The presentation concluded with an invitation to a demo ride in a vehicle where the intersection speaks directly to the vehicle.

Kandase Lee stated that while much of the current work is occurring within the Florida-Alabama TPO area, the Mateo system is available for access and use across the entire region, including Bay, Walton, and Okaloosa Counties. The goal is to support regional access and advance technology and innovation throughout Northwest Florida.

Item 2: ECRC Financial Follow Up Presentation

Dawn Schwartz, CFO, gave a brief presentation on the requested compilation from the past twenty (10-20) years of ECRC budgets demonstrating the Council's growth and financial strength to also include an overview of recent years' projects, noting their significant impact on the annual budget.

The presentation highlighted the largest growth began in the FY 2024-2025 and to-date, FY 2025-2026, which included the Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC), and the Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Demonstration Grant.

Item 3: Transportation Alternative (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

Jill Nobles, ECRC Planner, presented the Transportation Alternative (TA) Program and informed those in attendance of the upcoming public workshops. Discussion included those projects eligible for TA funding and limiting those submitted; only the top five (5) projects qualify for consideration. All TA applications need to be submitted in FDOT's GAP System no later than January 16, 2026.

Jill Nobles briefly explained each of the six (6) criteria for scoring purposes and ranking by the RRTP TAC Scoring Committee. A review workshop will be held in December 2025 and final rankings due to the ECRC Board for approval in April 2026.

Jill Nobles went on to present the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) application cycle for FDOT's next Tentative Work Program and informed those in attendance of upcoming public workshops. Discussion included the purpose of TRIP, the encouragement of regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements, and those regional partners eligible for participation. All TRIP applications need to be submitted in FDOT's GAP System no later than January 16, 2026.

Each of the eight (8) criteria for scoring purposes and ranking by the RRTP TAC Scoring Committee for prioritization was discussed. A review workshop will be held in December 2026, and final rankings due to the ECRC Board for approval in April 2026.

Item 4: Safe Streets 4 All (SS4A) Annual Report

Jill Nobles explained that in December 2024, the regionwide SS4A (Safe Streets and Roads for All) Safety Action Plan was adopted. The plan identifies the high-injury network across the ECRC region and recommends specific countermeasures and project opportunities eligible for SS4A implementation funding to also include systemic improvements for locations not on the network but still needing safety upgrades.

An annual report detailing the 2023-2024 data on fatalities, serious injuries, vulnerable road users, and known safety projects, both on and off the high-injury network was provided by Staff with next year's report to encompass the 2024-2025 data.

Item 5: Intelligent Transportation Systems – Fiber Design LAP Update

Ada Clark, Community & Economic Development Director reported that the ITS Fiber Design RFP was released in October 2024 and received six (6) bids. The selection committee ranked the firms, and the top three will be invited to submit technical proposals within fourteen (14) days. Ms. Clark stated that after final ranking, the selected firm will be submitted to FDOT for approval and then brought to the ECRC Board for final approval. The design is expected to take approximately 180 days, after which the completed plans will be provided to Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties for construction of those improvements.

Item 6: FDOT Rural Work Program

Tanya Branton, Planning Specialist, FDOT gave a brief update highlighting the recent public hearing for the FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program that occurred October 16, 2025 and provided a reminder that the TA and TRIP application cycle is open, as well as the Local Programs application cycle is opening in December 2025.

Action Items:

Item 7: Approval of the September 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes and September 22, 2025 Executive Committee Summary

Chair Qualls asked for action on the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes and the September 22, 2025 Executive Committee Summary.

Mayor Whitten moved to approve the September 22, 2025 meeting minutes and September 22, 2025 Executive Committee Summary as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Sutton and was unanimously approved.

Item 8: Approval of August - September 2025 Financial Statements

Chair Qualls asked for action on the August - September 2025 financial statements.

Vice Chair Sutton moved to approve the August – September 2025 financial statements. The motion was seconded by Mayor Whitten and was unanimously approved.

Item 9: Approval of the Amended FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget & Work Program

Dawn Schwartz, CFO presented a budget and work program amendment for the current fiscal year (FY2025-2026) related to the FL-AL TPO. The amendment includes funding for the Escambia/Santa Rosa Coordinated Traffic Signal Operation funding within the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program in the amount of \$1,000,000. She also reported that FDOT will discontinue the Commuter Assistance Program effective December 31, 2025, resulting in a reduction in FDOT CAP funds from \$230,000 to \$57,500 for the current fiscal year.

JD Smith moved to approve and adopt the amended FY 2025-2026 Annual Budget and Work Program.. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Schaeztle and was unanimously approved.

Item 10: Resolution ECRC 2025-09, Approval and Adoption of the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Minor Update

Eric Christianson, Planner ECRC explained that the ECRC region was designated an Economic Development District (EDD) by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) and developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) was a prerequisite for most EDA planning programs.

Eric Christianson highlighted projects throughout the community, workforce development, business development, and income per capita.

Kandase Lee emphasized the importance of close collaboration between local governments and staff. Noting staff is available to assist local governments in locating funding sources and navigating federal programs to help meet these community needs.

JD Smith moved to approve Resolution ECRC 2025-09, adopting the 2022-2026 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Minor Update. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lindsay and was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44am.

Duly passed and approved by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 18th day of February, 2026.

By: _____
Kurvin Qualls, ECRC Chair

Date: _____

Action Item

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EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
 Balance Sheet - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
 As of 10/31/2025

	<u>Current Year</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Operating Cash	2,465,314.78
Operating Reserves	859,768.99
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,488,629.02</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,813,712.79</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>4,813,712.79</u></u>
Liabilities	
Short-term Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	218,387.27
Deferred Revenue	<u>296,940.64</u>
Total Short-term Liabilities	<u>515,327.91</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>515,327.91</u>
Net Assets	
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>3,827,289.28</u>
Total Net Assets	3,827,289.28
Current YTD Net Income	<u>471,095.60</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>4,298,384.88</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>4,813,712.79</u></u>

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
From 10/1/2025 Through 10/31/2025

	YTD Budget - Original	Current Period Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget Variance
PROJECT REVENUES				
Project Revenues	10,921,041.00	297,499.84	297,499.84	(10,623,541.16)
Project Fringe Reimbursement	0.00	223,004.64	223,004.64	223,004.64
Total PROJECT REVENUES	<u>10,921,041.00</u>	<u>520,504.48</u>	<u>520,504.48</u>	<u>(10,400,536.52)</u>
ADMIN REVENUE				
ECRC Membership Dues	156,691.00	156,691.00	156,691.00	0.00
Local Contribution	36,377.00	36,377.00	36,377.00	0.00
Ind Exp Reimb	522,809.00	33,380.17	33,380.17	(489,428.83)
Interest and Misc Income	0.00	6,288.16	6,288.16	6,288.16
Total ADMIN REVENUE	<u>715,877.00</u>	<u>232,736.33</u>	<u>232,736.33</u>	<u>(483,140.67)</u>
PROJECT EXPENSES				
Salaries & Fringe	3,019,343.00	199,406.32	199,406.32	2,819,936.68
Indirect Costs	522,809.00	33,380.17	33,380.17	489,428.83
Travel	50,000.00	427.64	427.64	49,572.36
Other Direct Expenses	7,432,043.00	41,729.28	41,729.28	7,390,313.72
Total PROJECT EXPENSES	<u>11,024,195.00</u>	<u>274,943.41</u>	<u>274,943.41</u>	<u>10,749,251.59</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administrative: Salaries & Fringe	234,472.00	(6,364.46)	(6,364.46)	240,836.46
Administrative: Auto Allowance	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Operating: Audit & Legal Fees	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Operating: Current Accounting Fees	2,200.00	97.68	97.68	2,102.32
Operating: Expend/Debt Ser/Cap Lease	560.00	0.00	0.00	560.00
Operating: General Insurance	3,100.00	1,163.55	1,163.55	1,936.45
Operating: Memberships & Subscriptions	7,000.00	1,219.99	1,219.99	5,780.01
Operating: Office Expense	19,100.00	314.04	314.04	18,785.96
Operating: Personnel Training	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Operating: Postage	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Operating: Professional Services	9,830.00	0.00	0.00	9,830.00
Operating: Purchase of Equipment	7,870.00	0.00	0.00	7,870.00
Operating: Rent	9,900.00	1,618.44	1,618.44	8,281.56
Operating: Telephone	6,100.00	121.02	121.02	5,978.98
Operating: Travel - Admin	32,000.00	811.25	811.25	31,188.75
Operating: Travel - Council & Committee	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
Operating: Utilities	500.00	20.29	20.29	479.71
Total ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>456,032.00</u>	<u>(998.20)</u>	<u>(998.20)</u>	<u>457,030.20</u>
COUNCIL EXPENSES				
Council Expenses	156,691.00	8,200.00	8,200.00	148,491.00
Total COUNCIL EXPENSES	<u>156,691.00</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>148,491.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>471,095.60</u>	<u>471,095.60</u>	<u>471,095.60</u>

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
 Balance Sheet - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
 As of 11/30/2025

	<u>Current Year</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Operating Cash	2,311,826.85
Operating Reserves	860,348.56
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,385,289.42</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,557,464.83</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>4,557,464.83</u></u>
Liabilities	
Short-term Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	11,421.27
Deferred Revenue	<u>276,949.43</u>
Total Short-term Liabilities	<u>288,370.70</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>288,370.70</u>
Net Assets	
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>3,827,289.28</u>
Total Net Assets	3,827,289.28
Current YTD Net Income	<u>441,804.85</u>
Total Net Assets	<u><u>4,269,094.13</u></u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>4,557,464.83</u></u>

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
From 11/1/2025 Through 11/30/2025

	YTD Budget - Original	Current Period Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget Variance
PROJECT REVENUES				
Project Revenues	10,921,041.00	257,981.17	555,481.01	(10,365,559.99)
Project Fringe Reimbursement	0.00	(45,439.68)	177,564.96	177,564.96
Total PROJECT REVENUES	<u>10,921,041.00</u>	<u>212,541.49</u>	<u>733,045.97</u>	<u>(10,187,995.03)</u>
ADMIN REVENUE				
ECRC Membership Dues	156,691.00	0.00	156,691.00	0.00
Local Contribution	36,377.00	0.00	36,377.00	0.00
Ind Exp Reimb	522,809.00	32,669.72	66,049.89	(456,759.11)
Interest and Misc Income	0.00	7,034.61	13,322.77	13,322.77
Total ADMIN REVENUE	<u>715,877.00</u>	<u>39,704.33</u>	<u>272,440.66</u>	<u>(443,436.34)</u>
PROJECT EXPENSES				
Salaries & Fringe	3,019,343.00	202,623.54	402,029.86	2,617,313.14
Indirect Costs	522,809.00	32,669.72	66,049.89	456,759.11
Travel	50,000.00	2,036.78	2,464.42	47,535.58
Other Direct Expenses	7,432,043.00	24,996.75	66,726.03	7,365,316.97
Total PROJECT EXPENSES	<u>11,024,195.00</u>	<u>262,326.79</u>	<u>537,270.20</u>	<u>10,486,924.80</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administrative: Salaries & Fringe	234,472.00	14,138.89	7,774.43	226,697.57
Administrative: Auto Allowance	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Operating: Audit & Legal Fees	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Operating: Current Accounting Fees	2,200.00	155.47	253.15	1,946.85
Operating: Expend/Debt Ser/Cap Lease	560.00	44.60	44.60	515.40
Operating: General Insurance	3,100.00	105.55	1,269.10	1,830.90
Operating: Memberships & Subscriptions	7,000.00	277.22	1,497.21	5,502.79
Operating: Office Expense	19,100.00	492.53	806.57	18,293.43
Operating: Personnel Training	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Operating: Postage	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Operating: Professional Services	9,830.00	579.17	579.17	9,250.83
Operating: Purchase of Equipment	7,870.00	34.80	34.80	7,835.20
Operating: Rent	9,900.00	809.22	2,427.66	7,472.34
Operating: Telephone	6,100.00	251.24	372.26	5,727.74
Operating: Travel - Admin	32,000.00	2,161.82	2,973.07	29,026.93
Operating: Travel - Council & Committee	10,000.00	144.62	144.62	9,855.38
Operating: Utilities	500.00	14.65	34.94	465.06
Total ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>456,032.00</u>	<u>19,209.78</u>	<u>18,211.58</u>	<u>437,820.42</u>
COUNCIL EXPENSES				
Council Expenses	156,691.00	0.00	8,200.00	148,491.00
Total COUNCIL EXPENSES	<u>156,691.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>8,200.00</u>	<u>148,491.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(29,290.75)</u>	<u>441,804.85</u>	<u>441,804.85</u>

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
 Balance Sheet - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
 As of 12/31/2025

	<u>Current Year</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Operating Cash	2,559,151.95
Operating Reserves	860,390.02
Accounts Receivable	<u>1,031,324.83</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>4,450,866.80</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>4,450,866.80</u></u>
Liabilities	
Short-term Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	8,462.90
Deferred Revenue	<u>260,460.24</u>
Total Short-term Liabilities	<u>268,923.14</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>268,923.14</u>
Net Assets	
Net Assets	
Unrestricted	<u>3,827,025.68</u>
Total Net Assets	3,827,025.68
Current YTD Net Income	<u>354,917.98</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>4,181,943.66</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u><u>4,450,866.80</u></u>

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures - Unposted Transactions Included In Report
From 12/1/2025 Through 12/31/2025

	YTD Budget - Original	Current Period Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget Variance
PROJECT REVENUES				
Project Revenues	10,921,041.00	336,771.62	892,252.63	(10,028,788.37)
Project Fringe Reimbursement	0.00	(90,985.71)	86,579.25	86,579.25
Total PROJECT REVENUES	<u>10,921,041.00</u>	<u>245,785.91</u>	<u>978,831.88</u>	<u>(9,942,209.12)</u>
ADMIN REVENUE				
ECRC Membership Dues	156,691.00	0.00	156,691.00	0.00
Local Contribution	36,377.00	0.00	36,377.00	0.00
Ind Exp Reimb	522,809.00	31,671.89	97,721.78	(425,087.22)
Interest and Misc Income	0.00	4,412.41	17,735.18	17,735.18
Total ADMIN REVENUE	<u>715,877.00</u>	<u>36,084.30</u>	<u>308,524.96</u>	<u>(407,352.04)</u>
PROJECT EXPENSES				
Salaries & Fringe	3,019,343.00	191,661.96	593,691.82	2,425,651.18
Indirect Costs	522,809.00	31,671.89	97,721.78	425,087.22
Travel	50,000.00	2,109.91	4,574.33	45,425.67
Other Direct Expenses	7,432,043.00	112,585.40	179,311.43	7,252,731.57
Total PROJECT EXPENSES	<u>11,024,195.00</u>	<u>338,029.16</u>	<u>875,299.36</u>	<u>10,148,895.64</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administrative: Salaries & Fringe	234,472.00	16,200.90	23,975.33	210,496.67
Administrative: Auto Allowance	75,000.00	0.00	0.00	75,000.00
Operating: Audit & Legal Fees	30,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00
Operating: Current Accounting Fees	2,200.00	189.48	442.63	1,757.37
Operating: Expend/Debt Ser/Cap Lease	560.00	44.60	89.20	470.80
Operating: General Insurance	3,100.00	0.00	1,269.10	1,830.90
Operating: Memberships & Subscriptions	7,000.00	2,926.83	4,424.04	2,575.96
Operating: Office Expense	19,100.00	691.50	1,893.47	17,206.53
Operating: Personnel Training	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00
Operating: Postage	400.00	2.44	2.44	397.56
Operating: Professional Services	9,830.00	562.27	1,141.44	8,688.56
Operating: Purchase of Equipment	7,870.00	0.00	34.80	7,835.20
Operating: Rent	9,900.00	828.52	3,256.18	6,643.82
Operating: Telephone	6,100.00	441.91	814.17	5,285.83
Operating: Travel - Admin	32,000.00	1,720.70	4,693.77	27,306.23
Operating: Travel - Council & Committee	10,000.00	858.00	1,002.62	8,997.38
Operating: Utilities	500.00	15.37	50.31	449.69
Total ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>456,032.00</u>	<u>24,482.52</u>	<u>43,089.50</u>	<u>412,942.50</u>
COUNCIL EXPENSES				
Council Expenses	156,691.00	5,850.00	14,050.00	142,641.00
Total COUNCIL EXPENSES	<u>156,691.00</u>	<u>5,850.00</u>	<u>14,050.00</u>	<u>142,641.00</u>
NET INCOME	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(86,491.47)</u>	<u>354,917.98</u>	<u>354,917.98</u>

Action Item

5



Agenda Item Number: 5

SUBJECT: Consideration of Appointments and/or Reappointments to the Regional Rural Transportation Program (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to Serve a Two-Year (24-month) Term with the Option of Serving Multiple Terms

BACKGROUND: The Rural Transportation Planning Project designates the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO), which includes the establishment of a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

The TAC serves as an advisory body to the ECRC Board of Directors, which retains all decision-making authority. The role of the TAC is to review and provide recommendations on matters related to the Rural Transportation Plan.

The TAC shall have a maximum of 21 voting members: A representative appointed by each of the seven counties of the region (7 members); and a representative appointed by the ECRC Board to represent the cities in each of the seven counties of the region (14 members). Rural jurisdictions within the region that do not have technical staff may nominate an elected official to serve on the TAC. Members of the TAC shall serve a two-year (24-month) term with the option of serving multiple terms.

ATTACHED:

- Final Appointments/Reappoints to be provided at the meeting

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion approving the appointments and/or reappointments to the Regional Rural Transportation Program (RRTP) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for a two-year (24-month) term with the option of serving multiple terms. For more information, please contact Kandase Lee at (850) 332-7976 ext. 201, or kandase.lee@ecrc.org.

Action Item

6

Agenda Item Number: 6

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2026-01 Amending the Regional Transportation Area Network Map for the ECRC Regional Transportation Area

BACKGROUND: ECRC is the designated Regional Transportation Area to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties. ECRC receives applications for Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) projects and prioritizes them for submission to FDOT when funds are available. Only projects on the regional network for the seven counties qualify for these funds through ECRC.

The Regional Transportation Area Network Map is proposed to be amended to include the following roadways:

- Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway (from Clara Avenue to Chip Seal Parkway). The western segment from Clara Avenue to N Alf Coleman Road is on the TRIP Network.
- Frankford Avenue (from Highway 390/Saint Andrews Boulevard to Business US 98)

ATTACHED:

- Maps of proposed roadway segments

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to sign Resolution ECRC 2026-01, amending the Regional Transportation Area Network Map. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976 ext. 212 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-01
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN
NETWORK MAP

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) is the designated Regional Transportation Area created pursuant to *Florida Statutes*, 339.155(4) and 163.01 to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.2819, *Florida Statutes*, creates within the Department of Transportation a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) for the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas created pursuant to Section 339.155(4), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, as the Regional Transportation Area, the ECRC must adopt a Regional Transportation Plan, which is met by having a Regional Transportation Area network map that identifies regionally significant transportation facilities as outlined by Section 339.155(4)(e), *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT:

The ECRC, as the designated Regional Transportation Area, hereby amends the Regional Transportation Area Network map by identifying two (2) new regionally significant transportation facilities:

1. Philip Griffiths Sr Parkway (from Clara Avenue to Chip Seal Parkway). The western segment from Clara Avenue to N Alft Coleman Road is on the TRIP Network.
2. Frankford Avenue (from Highway 390/Saint Andrews Boulevard to Business US 98)

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 8th day of February 2023.

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer ECRC



Proposed Addition to Regional Transportation Network: Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway



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|---------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Regional Transportation Network | — SIS Highway Corridor | ■ Military |
| ■ Hub | ···· SIS Waterway Corridor | ■ Municipality |
| — Network Addition | | ■ Water |
| — Roadway | | |
| --- Roadway - Conceptual | | |

SOURCE: FDOT, FGDL, ECRC

Proposed Addition to Regional Transportation Network: Frankford Avenue from Highway 390 to Business 98



Regional Transportation Network

- Hub
- ▬ Network Addition
- ▬ Roadway
- + Railroad
- ⋯ Channel



- ⊙ SIS Seaport
- ▬ SIS Highway Corridor
- ▬ SIS Highway Connector
- + SIS Railway Connector
- ⋯ SIS Waterway Corridor
- ⋯ SIS Waterway Connector

- Municipality
- Water

SOURCE: FDOT, FGDL, ECRC

Action Item

7

Agenda Item Number: 7

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2026-02, Adoption of the Rural 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2028 – 2032 Tentative Work Program

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act under 23 U.S.C. 133(h). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities defined as TA: on - and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.

FDOT Guidance: FDOT District 3 issued guidance on the 2026 TA Set-Aside cycle for the Fiscal Year 2028 – 2032 Tentative Work Program on November 3, 2025. The guidance specified ECRC may submit up to five (5) prioritized projects from the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) rural area.

The following five projects submitted will be ranked and submitted to FDOT:

- Town of Century – Complete Streets Master Plan
- Town of Century – Freedom Road Safety Enhancement Project
- City of Chipley – Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard Sidewalk Project
- Holmes County – CR 181 Sidewalk Improvements
- Walton County – Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path Phase 2 (along Lake Drive and Lake Road to SR 85)

Final 2026 TA applications and project evaluation worksheets may be found under the Transportation Alternatives dropdown menu at:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/regional_rural_transportation_plan/index.php

ECRC Submittal: Following action by the ECRC, final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 23, 2026. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking from the TPO to FDOT.

ATTACHED:

- Resolution ECRC 2026-02
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- Project Scores and Ranking
- Project Locations Maps

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to sign Resolution ECRC 2026-02, adopting the Rural 2026 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects for FY 2028-2032 Tentative Work Program. If additional information is needed, please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at 850-332-7976, ext. 212, or jill.nobles@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-02
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL
COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2026 TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROJECT RANKING FOR
THE FY 2028-2032 FDOT TENTATIVE WORK
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, ECRC is the designated Regional Transportation Area to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is consistent with Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act under 23 U.S.C. 133(h); and

WHEREAS, the TA Program provides funding for projects in the following areas: on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation and projects for planning, designing or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways; and

WHEREAS, according to 23 U.S.C. 213(c)(5), each RTPO is required to select TA Set-aside projects through a competitive process in consultation with the state; and

WHEREAS, the ECRC has established and accepted scoring criteria to rank projects in a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, each local jurisdiction with representation on the ECRC board was limited to five project submittals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Emerald Coast Regional Council that:

The 2026 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside project ranking is hereby adopted.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 18th day of February 2026.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer ECRC





**FY 2028-2032 Rural Transportation Alternatives (TA)
Set-Aside Program Priority List DRAFT**

Jurisdiction (Alphabetical)	Project	Requested \$	Final Score
Town of Century	Town of Century Complete Streets Master Plan	Planning \$100,000	4
Town of Century	Freedom Road Safety Enhancement Project	PD&E, Preliminary Engineering/Design, Environmental, Permits, & Construction \$1,350,000	4
City of Chipley	Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard Sidewalk Project	PE, Environmental, Permits, Construction, & CEI \$606,845	3
Holmes County	CR 181 Sidewalk Improvements	Preliminary Engineering/Design, Construction, & CEI \$570,103	2
Walton County	Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path Ph. 2	Preliminary Engineering Design \$333,244	5

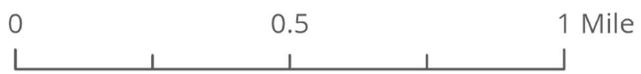
Top Ranked TA Projects to Submit to FDOT

Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path Ph. 2	1
Town of Century Complete Streets Master Plan	2*
Freedom Road Safety Enhancement Project	3*
Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard Sidewalk Project	4
CR 181 Sidewalk Improvements	5

** In the event there is a tie in scoring the lowest cost project will take priority.*

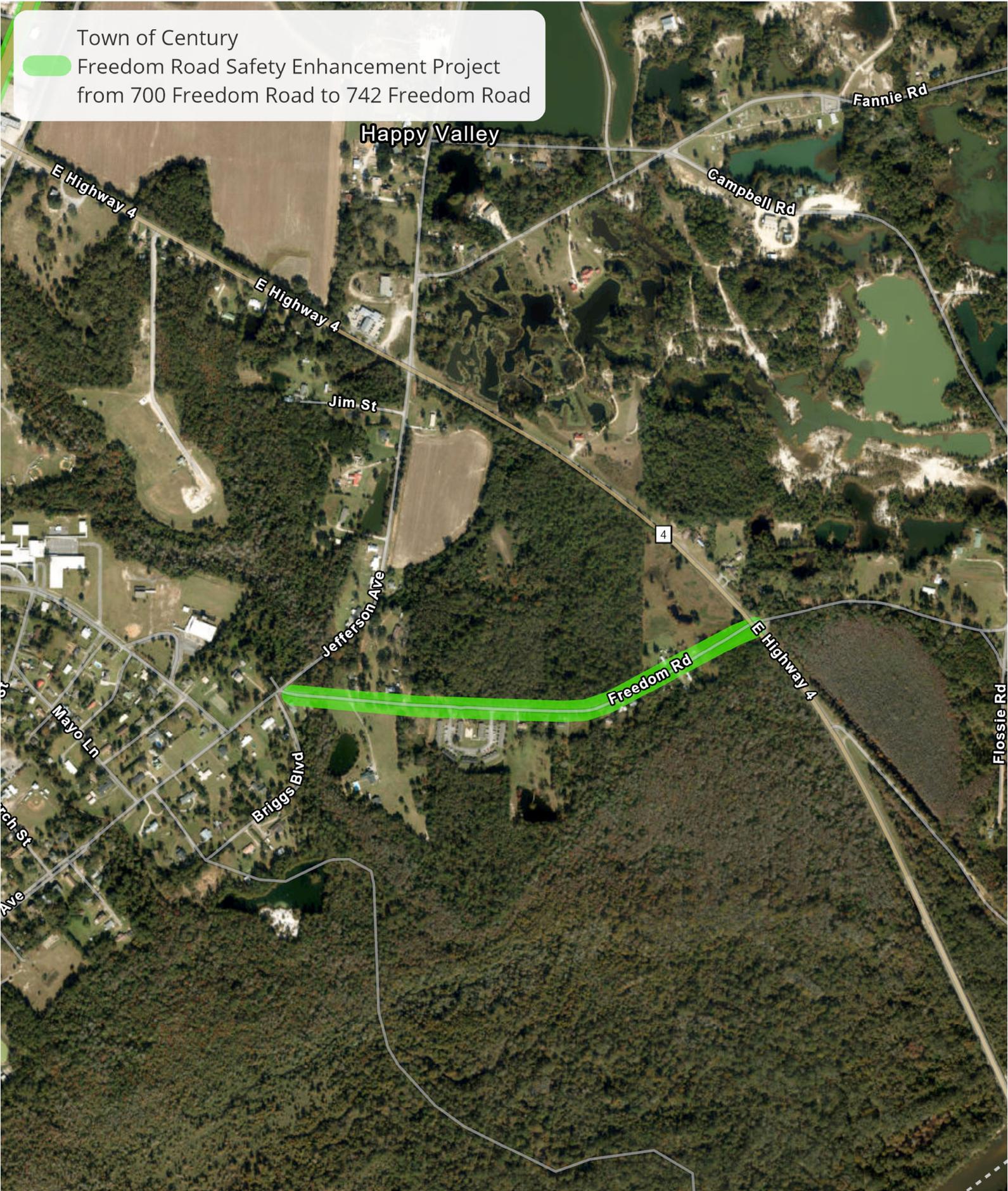
Rural Area - TA Project Locations - Town of Century

 Town of Century
 Complete Streets Master Plan



Rural Area - TA Project Locations - Town of Century

- Town of Century
- Freedom Road Safety Enhancement Project from 700 Freedom Road to 742 Freedom Road

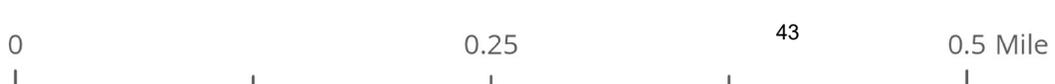
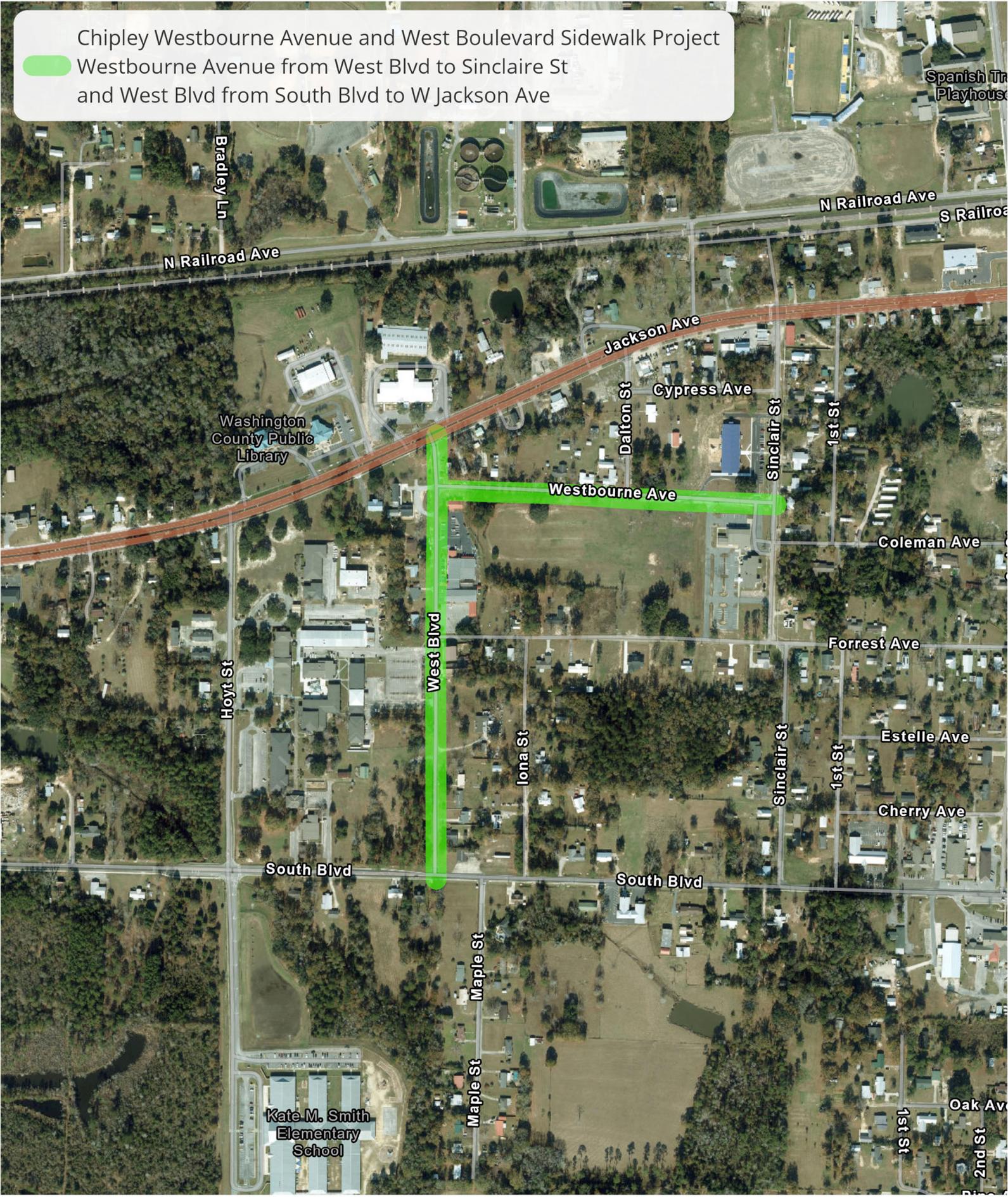


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Rural Area - TA Project Locations - City of Chipley

Chipley Westbourne Avenue and West Boulevard Sidewalk Project
Westbourne Avenue from West Blvd to Sinclair St
and West Blvd from South Blvd to W Jackson Ave



Rural Area - TA Project Locations - Holmes County

CR 181 Sidewalk Improvements
from Fern Arnold Park to CR 179A/Pine Street



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Rural Area - TA Project Locations - Walton County



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Action Item

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Agenda Item Number: 8

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution 2026-03 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities

BACKGROUND: Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) is the designated Regional Transportation Area to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties. ECRC receives applications for TRIP projects and prioritizes them for submission to the FDOT when funds are available. Only projects on the regional network for the seven counties qualify for these funds through the ECRC.

Two (2) TRIP applications were submitted. Projects are listed in alphabetical order by local jurisdiction:

- Bay County – Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway Phase III (ROW Phase)
The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following:

The proposed project commits funding toward the acquisition of necessary right-of-way for the subject project, for which the PD&E and Design phases are currently ongoing. With the PD&E Phase approximately 95% complete and the Design Phase approximately 25% complete, corridor alignment alternatives and stormwater requirements have been sufficiently defined to support early right-of-way acquisition. This allows right-of-way negotiations to be prioritized with adjacent property owners, with emphasis on parcels capable of accommodating anticipated stormwater treatment and retention needs. Acquisition at this stage is consistent with TRIP phasing and advances the project toward construction readiness while reducing schedule risk in later phases.

- Washington County – Hartford Boulevard Phase I
The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following:

Hartford Boulevard is roughly a 2-mile stretch of dirt road with some deteriorating asphalt roughly a half a mile long in the middle of the project. The County wishes to pave this segment of roadway that will consist of adding type B stabilization and OBG-6 (lime rock) to the road and pave 2 travel lanes 11' wide with 2" of SP 9.5. This project will also include paved ditches along portions of the roadway. Along with the reconstruction of this roadway, drainage improvements will be constructed as well as other safety measures. Proper signage and striping will be constructed as well. This project will be phased out in 2 phases. The County has received design modification

money in fiscal year 2025 for redesign of the entire roadway. This application is for the purpose to construct roughly half the project.

Final 2026 TRIP applications and project evaluation worksheets may be found under the Transportation Alternatives dropdown menu at:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/northwest_florida_regional_tpo/plans_and_documents.php#outer-708

ECRC Submittal: Following action by the ECRC, the final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 23, 2026. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking from the ECRC to FDOT.

Attached:

- Resolution ECRC 2026-03
- Project Evaluation Scores and Ranking
- Project Locations Maps

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to sign Resolution ECRC 2026-03, approving the ranking of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) applications for the FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-03
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL
COUNCIL APPROVING THE RANKING OF TRANSPORTATION
REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP) APPLICATIONS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 2028-2032 PROJECT PRIORITIES

WHEREAS; ECRC is the designated Regional Transportation Area to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties; and

WHEREAS; Section 339.2819, *Florida Statutes*, creates within the Department of Transportation a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) for the purpose of providing funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in regional transportation areas created pursuant to Section 339.155(5), *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS; the ECRC must contain a prioritized list of regionally significant projects; and

WHEREAS; the TRIP scoring criteria serves to assist in the review and selection of regionally significant projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Emerald Coast Regional Council that:

The Emerald Coast Regional Council approves the TRIP application ranking for the FY 2028-2032 Project Priorities and directs staff to provide the applications and priority ranking to the Florida Department of Transportation.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 18th day of February 2026.

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer ECRC





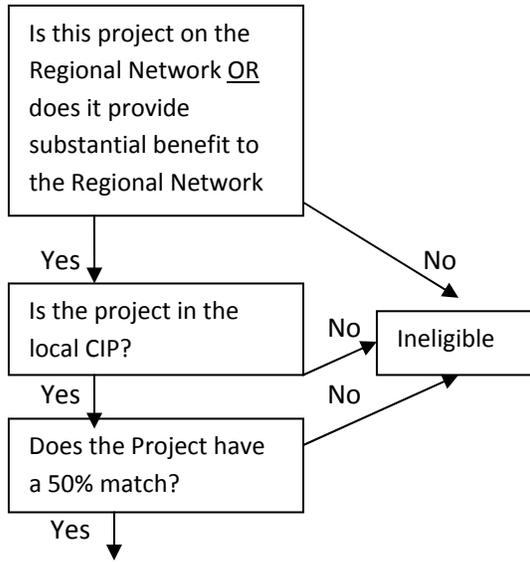
**FY 2028-2032 Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)
Priority List DRAFT**

Jurisdiction (Alphabetical)	Project	Requested \$	Criteria Score
Bay County	Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway Phase III (ROW Phase)	Right of Way \$2,500,000	6
Washington County	Hartford Boulevard Phase I	Construction \$1,900,000	8

Ranked TRIP Projects to Submit to FDOT	
Washington County - Hartford Boulevard Phase I	1
Bay County - Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway Phase III (ROW Phase)	2

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

A.



Project Name: Hartford Boulevard Phase I

Date: January 16, 2026

Total Points: 8

F.-STRAHNET or STRACNET Designation?

1 pt Yes

0 pt No

G. Project Cost Sharing Beyond 50% Local Match Requirement

6 pts 80% or more of application cost is included in local government CIP

5 pts 70% to 79% of application cost is included in local government CIP

4 pts 60% to 69% of application cost is included in local government CIP

3 pts 51% to 59% of application cost is included in local government CIP

1 pt 50% or less of application cost is included in local government CIP

B. SIS relativity

3 pts SIS Road or connector

2 pts Connects to SIS

1 pt Compliments SIS

0 pts No relativity

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

1 pt Yes

0 pt No

D. Subject to local Ordinance for Corridor Management

2 pts Specific Ordinance Attached

1 pt General Ordinance Attached

0 pt Ordinance Not Attained

E. Status of Project (Phases Needed)

4 pts Construction-ready

3 pts ROW needed

2pts Design needed

1pt PD&E need

0pt All phases needed

H. Trip Project Is Part of an Evacuation Route

Critical roadway segments and intersections identified in the 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study for the West Florida Region.

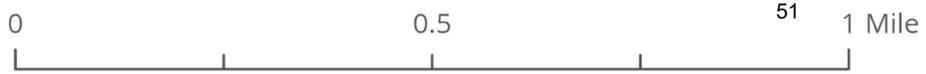
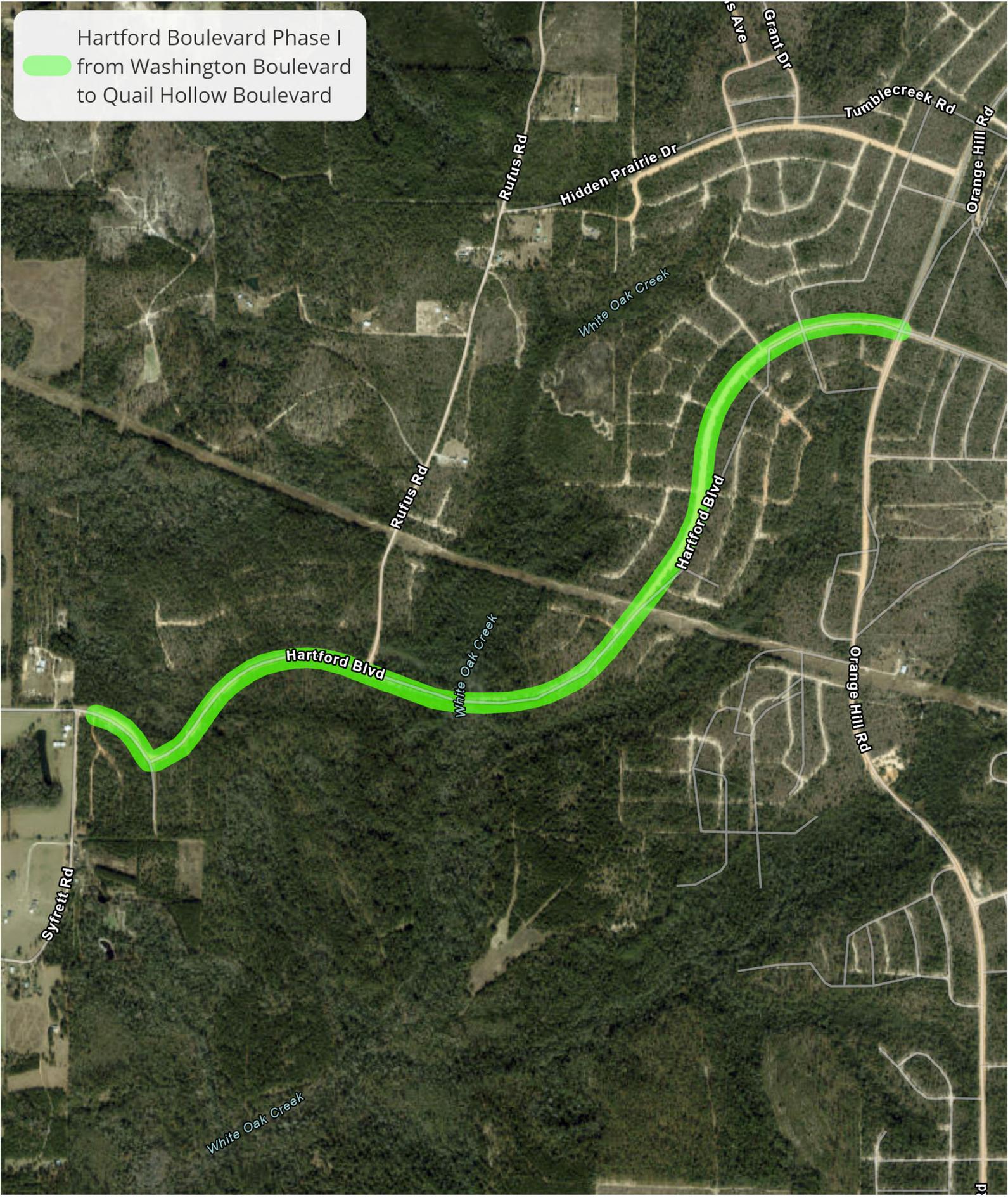
1 pt Yes 0 pt No

Adopted January 2021



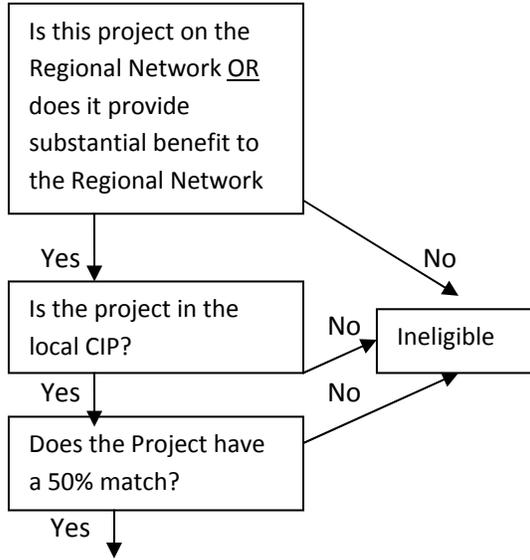
TRIP Application - Washington County

Hartford Boulevard Phase I
from Washington Boulevard
to Quail Hollow Boulevard



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

A.



Project Name: Philip Griffitts Sr Pkwy - Phase III

Date: January 16, 2026

Total Points: 6

F.-STRAHNET or STRACNET Designation?

1 pt Yes

0 pt No

G. Project Cost Sharing Beyond 50% Local Match Requirement

6 pts 80% or more of application cost is included in local government CIP

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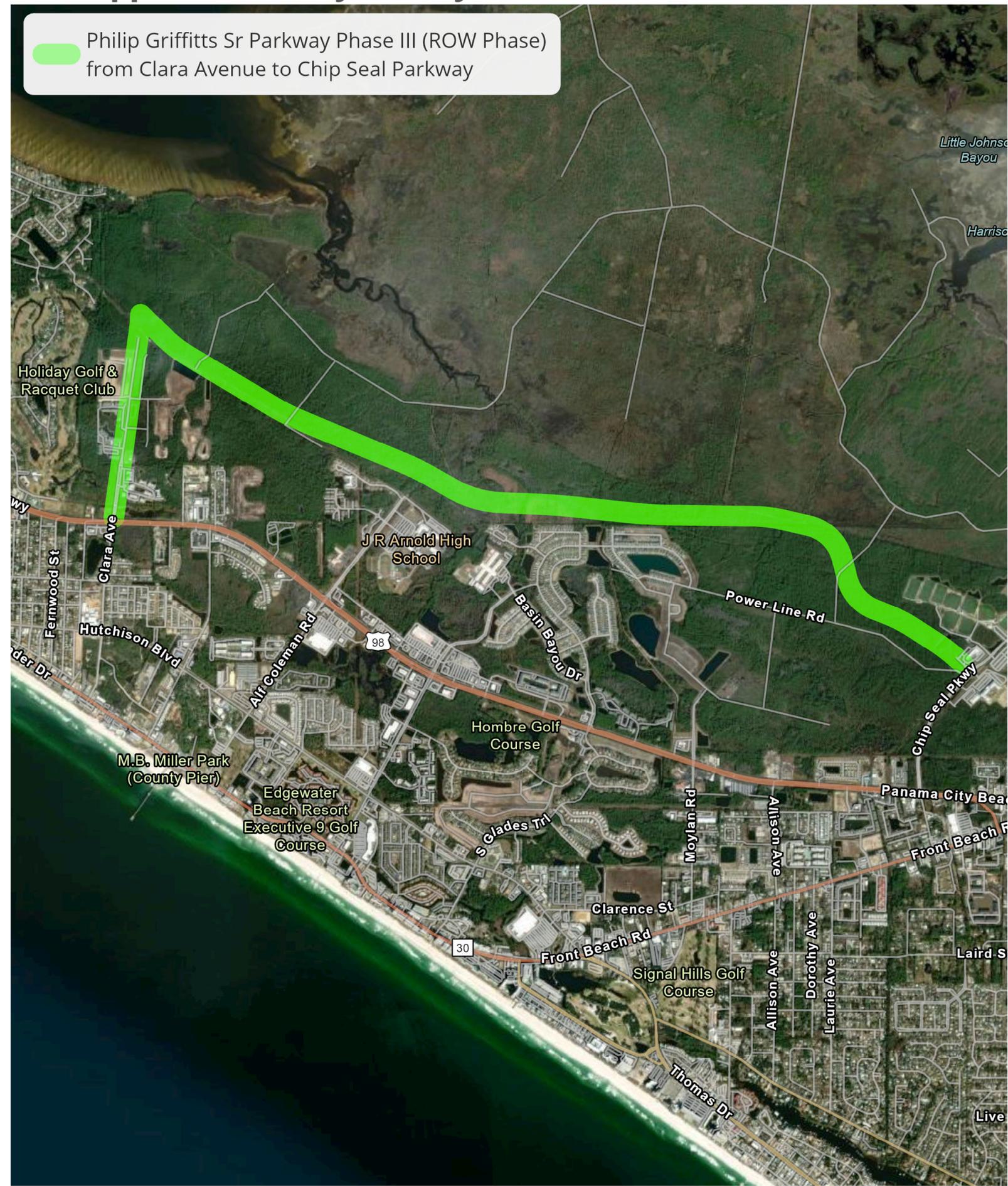
1 pt Yes 0 pt No

Adopted January 2021



TRIP Application - Bay County

Philip Griffitts Sr Parkway Phase III (ROW Phase)
from Clara Avenue to Chip Seal Parkway



Action Item

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SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2026-04, Approving the Recommendation of the Selection Committee and Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for Professional Services for Design of Fiber Optic Cable for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Deployment

BACKGROUND: For several years, construction of a regional Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS) facility and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) deployment has been a top priority of the Florida-Alabama TPO. Such facilities consist of advanced communication technologies integrated into transportation infrastructure such as traffic control systems, monitoring/detection subsystems, and motorist information systems designed to maximize the use of existing transportation networks.

The Florida-Alabama TPO serves as lead agency of the project on behalf of the local governments within the Florida portions of their area, and has been allocated \$537,000, towards design of the Fiber Optic Cable/ITS technology in portions of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. A Local Agency Participation (LAP) certification is required to take delivery of the funds, and a requirement for LAP certification is the direct hiring of staff. Because the Florida-Alabama TPO is staffed by the ECRC, it does not qualify for LAP certification.

On May 14, 2025, the Florida-Alabama TPO approved two resolutions accepting the funds into the Transportation Improvement Program and requested that ECRC, as the direct hiring agency, accept the award to become the LAP organization for delivery of the Fiber Optic Cable design on their behalf.

On May 21, 2025, ECRC approved Resolution ECRC 2025-05 authorizing the CEO to negotiate and execute a Local Agency Program agreement and authorizing staff to issue an RFQ for professional services for design of fiber optic cable for ITS deployment. In coordination with FDOT, RFP 03-2025 was issued on October 8, 2025. Six firms submitted Letters of Interest. The Selection Committee reviewed the proposals, shortlisted the responsive firms, and conducted oral interviews. The top three firms – in ranking order – were HDR, Moffat Nichol, and Kimley – Horn.

ATTACHED:

- Resolution ECRC 2026-04
- Resolution FL- AL 2025-14
- Resolution FL-AL 2025-15
- Resolution ECRC 2025-05

- Evaluation Summary

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to sign Resolution 2026-04, accepting the recommendation of the Selection Committee and authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to negotiate and execute a contract for professional services for the design of fiber optic cable for intelligent transportation system (ITS) deployment. For more information, please contact Kandase Lee at (850) 393-9715 or kandase.lee@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-04
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ACCEPTING
THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZING
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) DEPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) is the organization designated by the governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the states of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Florida-Alabama TPO Planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) provides staffing services for the FL-AL TPO: and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, the FL-AL TPO approved two resolutions designating \$537,000 for ECRC to conduct the design of Fiber Optic Cable/Intelligent Transportation System Deployment across Escambia and Santa Rosa counties; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2025, the ECRC Board approved a resolution authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a Local Agency Program agreement and authorized staff to issue an RFQ for professional services for design of fiber optic cable for intelligent transportation system (ITS) deployment; and

WHEREAS, ECRC staff negotiated and executed the Local Agency Program agreement, issued an RFQ for professional services, and established a Selection Committee to select a qualified design firm; and

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee reviewed the proposals, shortlisted the responsive firms, and conducted oral interviews;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT:

I. The ECRC Board of Directors accepts the ranking recommendation of the Selection Committee as follows:

1. HDR
2. Moffat Nichol
3. Kimley - Horn

II. The Chief Executive Officer, or their designee, is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute, on behalf of ECRC, a contract with the highest-ranked proposer, and, in the event that negotiations with the top-ranked firm are unsuccessful, staff are authorized to initiate negotiations with the second-ranked firm.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 18th day of February 2026.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, ECRC Chief Executive Officer



RESOLUTION FL-AL 25-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 – FISCAL YEAR
2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the states of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Florida-Alabama TPO planning area; and

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

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida and Alabama Departments of Transportation Work Programs; 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 Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) believes that the amendment listed below will support the performance targets established by the states and supported by the TPO;

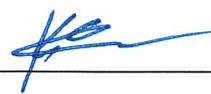
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO amends the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program to add the preliminary engineering cost in FY 2025/2026 for Project ID 4515242 for Florida-Alabama TPO Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Fiber Deployment Project in Escambia County at a total cost of \$179,333.

Passed and duly adopted by the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization on this 14th day of May 2025.

**FLORIDA- ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 
Steven Barry, Chair

ATTEST: 

RESOLUTION FL-AL 25-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 – FISCAL YEAR
2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the states of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Florida-Alabama TPO planning area; and

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

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida and Alabama Departments of Transportation Work Programs; 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 Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) believes that the amendment listed below will support the performance targets established by the States and supported by the TPO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO amends the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2029 Transportation Improvement Program to add the preliminary engineering cost in FY 2025/2026 for Project ID 4515243 for Florida-Alabama TPO Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Fiber Deployment Project in Santa Rosa County at a total cost of \$357,667.

Passed and duly adopted by the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization on this 14th day of May 2025.

**FLORIDA- ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: 
Steven Barry, Chair

ATTEST: 

RESOLUTION ECRC 2025-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A LOCAL AGENCY
PROGRAM AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ISSUE AN RFQ
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR DESIGN OF FIBER OPTIC CABLE FOR
INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) DEPLOYMENT

WHEREAS, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) is the organization designated by the governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the states of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Florida-Alabama TPO Planning area; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2018, the FL-AL TPO approved Resolution FL-AL 18-31 identifying the FL-AL TPO as the lead agency in delivery of the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS); and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2022, the FL-AL TPO approved Resolution FL-AL 2022-09 awarding/designating the project and LAP certification to the ECRC; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2022, the ECRC Board approved Resolution ECRC 2022-06 accepting the award/designation of the design component of the RTMC and agreed to enter into a Local Agency Program (LAP) agreement with FDOT for delivery of the RTMC design on behalf of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2022, the ECRC Board approved Resolution 2022-10 authorizing staff to issue an RFP/RFQ for design of the FL-AL TPO Regional Traffic Management Center and to utilize the FL-AL TPO Working Group/Technical Committee as the respondents and to make recommendations to the ECRC Board for final approval; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025 the FL-AL TPO approved entering into an agreement with Escambia County to begin the construction phase of the RTMC, as design plans are 100% complete; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2025, the FL-AL TPO approved a resolution designating \$537,000 for ECRC to conduct the design of Fiber Optic Cable/Intelligent Transportation System Deployment across Escambia and Santa Rosa counties; and

WHEREAS, the design work outlined will need the services of a professional engineering firm, of which a formal RFQ will need to be issued, a selection committee identified, and proposals ranked and evaluated, and a recommendation made to the ECRC board for consideration at the August meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT:

I. The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to negotiate and execute a LAP agreement between ECRC and the FDOT for the design phase of Fiber Optic Cable Deployment.

II. The ECRC Board of Directors authorizes staff to open an RFQ and establish a selection committee for the selection of an engineering/design firm, and to make recommendations to the ECRC board at the next scheduled ECRC meeting.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 21st day of May 2025.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: 

Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: 

Kandase Lee, ECRC Chief Executive Officer



RFP-403-2025 - Engineering Design Services, Design of the Florida-Alabama TPO Fiber Optic/ITS Connection							
Evaluation Criteria	Points	Evaluator Initials	Raw Score by VENDOR			#DIV/0!	
			HDR	Kimley-Horn	Moffat Nichol		
Project Approach / Unique Concepts	40		EC	38.00	30.00	37.00	
			DC	39.00	36.00	38.00	
			TM	34.00	31.00	36.00	
			Average Score	37.00	32.33	37.00	#DIV/0!
Understanding of Requested Services	20		EC	19.00	18.00	20.00	
			DC	20.00	20.00	20.00	
			TM	19.00	18.00	15.00	
			Average Score	19.33	18.67	18.33	#DIV/0!
Firms Technical Strength & Staff's Experience	20		EC	18.00	16.00	20.00	
			DC	20.00	19.00	20.00	
			TM	19.00	14.00	18.00	
			Average Score	19.00	16.33	19.33	#DIV/0!
Quality Control Methods	10		EC	9.00	10.00	8.00	
			DC	9.00	7.00	8.00	
			TM	9.00	8.00	7.00	
			Average Score	9.00	8.33	7.67	#DIV/0!
Oral Presentation	10		EC	9.00	6.00	10.00	
			DC	9.00	7.00	8.00	
			TM	7.00	9.00	9.00	
			Average Score	8.33	7.33	9.00	#DIV/0!
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES			93	83	91	#DIV/0!	

Action Item

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Agenda Item Number: 10

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2026-05, Authorizing Staff to Issue an RFQ for the Design and Construction Components of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Demonstration Grant, Establish a Selection Committee, Approve the Baseline Analysis Scope of Work and Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to Issue a Notice to Proceed to General Planning Consultant (GPC), Kimley-Horn

BACKGROUND: In 2024, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) applied for and received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). ECRC was awarded \$10 Million for planning and demonstration activities identified in the SS4A Safety Action Plan, to help address roadway safety problems. The grant agreement is currently being routed at FHWA for execution.

The grant agreement outlines three (3) components: 1) Pre- and post-implementation data analysis and reporting; 2) Design of the demonstration activities; and 3) Construction of the demonstration activities. ECRC anticipates, subject to Board approval, issuing a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to Kimley-Horn to undertake data analysis, to include baseline development and ongoing analysis. Contemporaneously with the data analysis, ECRC desires to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from a design-build firm for components 2 & 3. The latter will allow the project to proceed in a timely manner, and within the timeframe outlined in the grant agreement. Kimley-Horn produced the SS4A Safety Action Plan and is currently under contract with ECRC as a General Planning Consultant. These actions will occur upon receipt of the FHWA executed grant agreement.

ATTACHED:

- Resolution ECRC 2026-05
- Kimley-Horn Data Analysis Scope of Work

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of Resolution 2026-05, allowing staff to issue an RFQ, establish a Selection Committee, accept the Scope of Work from Kimley-Horn, and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP) to general planning consultant (GPC), Kimley-Horn. Please contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO at (850) 332-7976 ext. 201, or kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO ISSUE AN RFQ FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COMPONENTS OF THE SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A) DEMONSTRATION GRANT, ESTABLISH A SELECTION COMMITTEE, APPROVE THE BASELINE ANALYSIS SCOPE OF WORK AND AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ISSUE A NOTICE TO PROCEED TO GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT (GPC), KIMLEY-HORN

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) applied for and received a grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), and was awarded \$10 Million for planning and demonstration activities identified in the SS4A Safety Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the grant agreement outlines three (3) components: 1) Pre- and post-implementation data analysis and reporting; 2) Design of the demonstration activities; and 3) Construction of the demonstration activities; and

WHEREAS, the planning and demonstration activities outlined will need the services of a professional engineering firm, for which a formal RFQ will need to be issued, a selection committee identified, proposals ranked and evaluated, and a recommendation made to the ECRC board for consideration at the May meeting; and

WHEREAS, certain baseline data must be established prior to the demonstration activities being undertaken and Kimley-Horn has submitted an acceptable Scope of Work, in the amount of \$300,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT:

- I. The ECRC Board of Directors authorizes staff to open an RFQ and establish a selection committee for the selection of an engineering/design firm, and to make recommendations to the ECRC board at the next scheduled ECRC meeting.
- II. The ECRC Board of Directors approves the Scope of Work submitted by Kimley-Horn and authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Notice to Proceed to Kimley-Horn.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 18th day of February 2026.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer ECRC



**EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)
Planning Support for SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award
Scope of Services
February 2026**

Project Name:	Emerald Coast Regional County – Planning Support for SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award
Purpose:	To conduct planning support for the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award. This award will be used by ECRC to deploy technological improvements and Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and evaluate the safety impact of these improvements on two of Pensacola’s high injury network segments. The safety benefits of these improvements will be monitored to determine if the ITS infrastructure could be applied to other urban areas within Pensacola and the ECRC region, more broadly to address safety concerns. This scope of services will include pre and post deployment analysis for the overall Award and design-build (or similar) procurement support. Design and construction of ITS improvements are not included under this scope of services.

Consultant Contract Manager:	Jared Schneider, Kimley-Horn
Consultant Team Task Manager:	Lindsay Slautterback
Consultant Staff:	Yue Liu Macy Falcon Vincent Spahr
ECRC Staff	Jill Nobles (Project Manager) Ada Clark Jessica Walton

Assistance From Others: TPO and ECRC member governments

Proposed Fee: \$299,820.22

Proposed Schedule: The **CONSULTANT** has 30 months from the Notice to Proceed Date to complete all services outlined in this Scope of Services as part of the SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award Planning Support.

Planning Support for ECRC SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award

Scope of Services

Task 1: Base Phase

The Base Phase includes three core tasks: data collection and mapping, traffic and safety analysis, and a recommendations report. This phase establishes a data-driven foundation for the upcoming technology procurement process by defining key safety concerns, traffic issues, and project needs.

Task 1.1: Data Collection and Mapping

The **CONSULTANT** will obtain and map the corridors and surrounding areas using readily available and agreed-upon data sources. Where data is unavailable, the **CONSULTANT** will rely on information furnished by ECRC staff. The following datasets and their potential sources include:

- Property boundaries and ownership (*Escambia County Property Appraiser*)
- Land use and zoning (*Escambia County Planning and Zoning*)
- Jurisdictional boundaries (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, ECRC*)
- Roads, both public and private (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, FDOT*)
- Existing multimodal facilities (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, ECRC, FDOT*):
 - o Sidewalks
 - o Multi-use Trails
 - o Bicycle Lanes
 - o Sharrows/Shared Lane Markings
- Programmed Improvements (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, ECRC, FDOT*)
- Available Existing Traffic data – Peak Hour, Daily, Posted Speed Limit (*FDOT*)
- Intersections, and signal locations (*Escambia County, FDOT*)
- Lighting at key intersections (*ECRC*)
- Transit facilities (*ECRC*)
- Parallel facilities and connectivity (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, ECRC, FDOT*)
- Connections to other existing, programmed, or planned ITS infrastructure (*Escambia County, ECRC*)
- Right-of-way (based on property boundaries identified in property appraiser's data, or FDOT if available). Survey can be conducted as part of additional services
- Historic and cultural resources (*Florida Geographic Data Library (FGDL)*)
- Structures including bridges and culverts (*FGDL, FDOT*)
- Environmental features (*FGDL, Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI), FDEP, FWC*)
- Schools and Education (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, FGDL*)

- Parks and Conservation Lands (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, FNAI, FDEP, FWC*)
- Businesses and Employment (*Escambia County Property Appraiser*)
- Utility or other easements within the study corridors which may include sanitary sewers, gas, stormwater drainage, power, and telephone, as well as overhead transmission lines and towers, and bridge attachments as available. (*City of Pensacola, Escambia County, FGDL*)
- Railroads (*FDOT*)

This data will be mapped and summarized in a Baseline Summary Memorandum.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on the draft memorandum. Submit final report.

Deliverables: *Baseline Summary Memorandum (One draft and one final)*

Task 1.2: Traffic and Safety Analysis

The **CONSULTANT** will review existing traffic and crash data to conduct analysis for this project and account for current traffic conditions as well as those anticipated in the future. This analysis will include review of the latest certified crash data, a safety analysis for all roadway users, and collection of traffic counts at major signalized intersections agreed upon with ECRC along the corridor where data is not currently available.

The **CONSULTANT** will undertake the following:

- Obtain traffic counts at major intersections
- Coordinate with Escambia County and Miovision Technology to determine availability of local crash data, near miss data, and signal timing information
- Obtain and review latest five-year historical crash data from Signal Four
- Review existing and obtained traffic data
- Conduct up to two (2) site visits along each of the two study corridors (total of up to four (4) site visits)
- Develop a Traffic and Safety Analysis Report detailing findings of the traffic and safety analysis

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on the draft report. Submit final report.

Deliverables: *Traffic and Safety Analysis Report (One draft, one final)*

Task 1.3: Recommendations Report

The **CONSULTANT** will compile findings from tasks 1.1 and 1.2 into a summary report. In this report, the **CONSULTANT** will refine the problem statement from the grant agreement for use as part of task 2, work with ECRC to determine high-level recommendations for technology and software, and outline a general schedule for the remainder of the project based on findings.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on this draft report. Submit final report.

***Deliverables:** Recommendations Report (one draft, one final), Refined Problem Statement*

Task 2: Procurement Process Support

Task 2.1: Request for Proposal (RFP) Development

The **CONSULTANT** will support ECRC in preparing the RFP package on a design-build or similar procurement process for the design and deployment of the SS4A demonstration project. This includes supporting ECRC in defining technical requirements for the desired ITS hardware, software, and data integration capabilities; outlining system compatibility requirements with existing platforms; and specifying performance expectations for safety-related outcomes. The **CONSULTANT** will adapt applicable FDOT design-build (or similar) scope boilerplate and incorporate SS4A demonstration requirements indicated in the grant application approved by the FHWA, including the refined problem statements under task 1, ITS infrastructure installation and deployment requirements, interoperability expectations, and provisions that allow vendors to propose innovative or alternative ITS solutions while meeting the goal of the grant award. Deliverables will include draft and final RFP sections detailing project limits, technical specifications, proposal submittal and evaluation criteria, and construction/installation requirements for ECRC to competitively procure a contractor to implement the demonstration-ready ITS improvements.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to two (2) rounds of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on the RFP draft. Submit final report.

***Deliverables:** RFP sections (two drafts, one final)*

Task 2.2: Post-Procurement Support

During the design and deployment of the demonstration project, the **CONSULTANT** will support ECRC in reviewing and providing comments to the contractor's deliverables in adherence with the technical requirements set forth in the contract between ECRC and the

contractor, and the SS4A demonstration requirements indicated in the grant application approved by the FHWA. The **CONSULTANT** is not responsible for any deliverables to be provided by the contractor.

Deliverables: *Maximum of 150 hours of staff time (See Consultant staff hours on the attached Fee Sheet)*

Task 3: Post-Deployment Monitoring and Reporting

Task 3.1 – Monitoring and Reporting Framework

The **CONSULTANT** will work with ECRC to develop a monitoring and reporting framework consistent with the SS4A program requirements following the deployment phase. This framework will use the “Performance Measurement Information” table in Attachment A of the SS4A grant agreement as a baseline and refine the performance tracking methods, evaluation criteria, data sources, and documentation procedures to evaluate if the demonstration activities improved safety outcomes. The framework will identify required SS4A reporting elements and outline how each metric will be measured, reviewed, and documented for grant compliance.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on this framework. Submit final framework.

Deliverables: *Monitoring and Reporting Framework (one draft, one final)*

Task 3.2 – Post-Deployment Data Collection and Evaluation

The **CONSULTANT** will collect and review post-deployment data as outlined in the framework developed in task 3.1 to evaluate whether the project produced measurable safety and transportation benefits. This includes obtaining the most recent data to compare to the base phase analysis completed in task 1 prior to deployment. To supplement these datasets, the **CONSULTANT**, when authorized by ECRC, will acquire proactive safety data from a vendor for up to five (5) locations per corridor identified in coordination with ECRC staff as part of this reporting (up to 10 locations, total). The **CONSULTANT** will analyze available data to evaluate if the demonstration activities resulted in improved safety outcomes as determined by prior tasks and will compile data into a safety outcomes summary.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on this summary. Submit final report.

Deliverables: *Safety Outcomes Summary (one draft, one final)*

Task 3.3 – Post-Project Reporting

The **CONSULTANT** will prepare a final report to support the SS4A grant closeout process led by ECRC. This report will compile project cost information, safety outcomes identified in task 3.2 (e.g., infrastructure installed, improvements implemented), qualitative benefits, and a summary of lessons learned as required by FHWA. The **CONSULTANT** will prepare the SS4A Post Project Report in the format required by FHWA and work with ECRC to meet reporting requirements of the SS4A Notice of Funding Opportunity and the grant agreement.

The **CONSULTANT** will complete up to one (1) round of edits based on ECRC consolidated and conformed comments on this report. Submit final report.

Deliverables: *Post-Project Report to support ECRC grant closeout (one draft, one final)*

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Additional services the **CONSULTANT** can provide for an additional fee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Creating GIS shapefiles for data that is not currently available
- Serving as Subject Matter Expert (SME) during the procurement process
- Public engagement
- Contracting with vendors for data collection or analysis not specifically stated in this scope
- Update Safety Action Plan utilizing post-deployment data and reporting

Task 4 – Meetings and Coordination Services

The **CONSULTANT** will prepare for and attend meetings or conference calls (in Pensacola or virtually) with ECRC, boards and committees, project team, jurisdictional agencies, and/or other regulatory agencies at ECRC's request. This may include project updates to ECRC regarding the project status via email or virtual calls up to twice per month.

The extent of project coordination under this task will be to provide the requested, but limited, exchange of information to ECRC and other project consultants to as it relates to the **CONSULTANT'S** responsibilities for this project.

Deliverables: *Maximum of 250 hours of staff time (See Consultant staff hours on attached Fee Sheet)*

SCHEDULE

The **CONSULTANT** will provide services as agreed upon by ECRC and Kimley-Horn staff with the goal of finalizing all tasks by the end date listed in the approved SS4A grant agreement.

FEE AND EXPENSES

The **CONSULTANT** will perform the services in this scope for the lump sum fee of \$299,820.22 inclusive of direct expenses. Lump sum fees will be invoiced monthly based upon the overall percentage of services performed. Payment will be due within 25 days of your receipt of the invoice and should include the invoice number and consultant project number.

Task Order

Emerald Coast Regional Council SS4A Planning and Demonstration Award - Planning Support

Staff Hours and Fee Estimate



Staff Classification & Hourly Rates:	Chief Planner	Senior Engineer 1	Senior Planner	Engineer 1	Land Planner	Secretary/ Clerical	KH Labor Total	Total Lump Sum Task Fee
Task Description	\$302.23	\$275.19	\$217.16	\$181.35	\$157.46	\$109.70		
Task 1: Base Phase								
1.1 Data Collection and Mapping	10	20	10	20	20			
1.2 Traffic and Safety Analysis	10	60	40	60	40			
1.3 Recommendations Report	10	20	20	40	40	6		
Total Hours for Task 1 by Class	30	100	70	120	100	6	426	
Total Cost for Task 1	\$9,066.90	\$27,519.00	\$15,201.20	\$21,762.00	\$15,746.00	\$658.20	\$89,953.30	\$89,953.30
Task 2: Procurement Process								
2.1 Request for Proposal (RFP) Development	20	40	20	10				
2.2: Post-Procurement Support	20	20	20					
Total Hours for Task 2 by Class	40	60	40	10	0	0	150	
Total Cost for Task 2	\$12,089.20	\$16,511.40	\$8,686.40	\$1,813.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39,100.50	\$39,100.50
Task 3: Post-Deployment Monitoring and Reporting								
3.1 Monitoring and Reporting Framework	10	10	10	6	6			
3.2 Post-Deployment Data collection and Evaluation	40	80	80	100	100			
3.3 Post-Project Reporting	10	10	20	16	16			
Total Hours for Task 3 by Class	60	100	110	122	122	0	514	
Total Cost for Task 3	\$18,133.80	\$27,519.00	\$23,887.60	\$22,124.70	\$19,210.12	\$0.00	\$110,875.22	\$110,875.22
Task 4: Meetings and Coordination								
	60	60	80	20	20	10		
Total Hours for Task 4 by Class	60	60	80	20	20	10		250
Total Cost for Task 4	\$18,133.80	\$16,511.40	\$17,372.80	\$3,627.00	\$3,149.20	\$1,097.00	\$59,891.20	\$59,891.20
Total Cost per Staff Classification								
	\$57,423.70	\$88,060.80	\$65,148.00	\$49,327.20	\$38,105.32	\$1,755.20	\$299,820.22	
Total Hours:	190.0	320.0	300.0	272.0	242.0	16.0	Total Lump Sum Project Budget:	\$299,820.22

Action Item

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Agenda Item Number: 11

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2026-06, Approval to Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Information Technology (IT) Managed Services and Establish a Selection Committee to Present the Three (3) Top Ranked Proposals For Board Consideration at the Next ECRC Meeting

BACKGROUND: ECRC's current Information Technology (IT) Managed Service provider is changing their business model to move all clients to an annual contract. A Request for Proposals (RFP) is to be issued to provide an open and transparent process for qualified vendors to submit proposals for consideration.

The Selection Committee will consist of:

Kandase Lee, CEO ECRC
Dawn Schwartz, CFO ECR
Renee Quick, HR Dir. ECRC
Jared Cobb, City Manager, City of Mary Esther

FUNDING PERIOD: Initial contract term proposed to be July 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027, with two 1-year renewal options.

ATTACHMENT:

- Resolution ECRC 2026-06

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to execute Resolution ECRC 2026-06, approving the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Information Technology (IT) Managed Services and establishing a Selection Committee tasked with presenting the three (3) highest ranked-ranked proposals for Board consideration at the next ECRC meeting. For more information, please contact Kandase Lee at (850) 332-7976 or kandase.lee@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2026-06
A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) MANAGED SERVICES AND
ESTABLISHING A SELECTION COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THE THREE (3) TOP
RANKED PROPOSALS AT THE NEXT ECRC BOARD MEETING

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) recognizes the need to procure Information Technology (IT) Managed Services that support the Council's operations, strategic objectives, and service delivery; and

WHEREAS, the current scope and demand for IT Managed Services require a competitive procurement process to ensure the Council receives high-quality, reliable, and cost-effective services; and

WHEREAS, issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for IT Managed Services will provide an open and transparent process for qualified vendors to submit proposals for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Selection Committee is necessary to ensure that all proposals are evaluated in a fair, consistent, and objective manner in accordance with applicable procurement standards and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Selection Committee will be responsible for reviewing all submitted proposals and ranking them based on the criteria outlined in the RFP; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the Selection Committee bring forward the three (3) top-ranked proposals to the Board for review and approval at the next ECRC board meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL THAT:

The Emerald Coast Regional Council hereby authorizes the issuance of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Information Technology (IT) Managed Services and establishes a Selection Committee to evaluate all proposals and present the three (3) top-ranked proposals for Board consideration at next ECRC board meeting.

**Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this
18th day of February 2026.**

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY: _____
Kurvin Qualls, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Kandase Lee, Chief Executive Officer ECRC

