

**BAY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)**  
**Bay County Transit Office**  
**1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, FL 32401**  
**June 26, 2024**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

James Pretlow, Vice Chair  
Marty Kirkland  
Robert Waddell  
Robert Wood  
Paul Bohac  
Walter R. Akins  
Larry Messinger  
Stanley Parron

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ali C. Frohlic, Chair  
Wilda Hodge  
Brandy Mankin  
Thomas Robinson, MD  
Jo Ann M. Stone  
Patty J. Strohmenger  
Guy York

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Donna Green	FDOT
Kaylor Collins	FDOT
Lamar Hobbs	BayWay
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Harrisson Neilly	Transdev
Trey Kolmetz	BayWay
Tabatha Martin	BayWay
Gene Keen	BayWay
Ashley Stukey	Bay County
Lindsay Slautterback	Kimley-Horn
<u>Virtual Attendance:</u>	
Terry Shaw	P.E., Kimley-Horn

**EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:**

Mary Beth Washnock  
Gary Kramer

## BAY COUNTY CAC Meeting Minutes

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Leandra Meridith

Angela Bradley

Virtual Attendance:

Austin Mount

Gabrielle McVoy

Katie Fults

Howard Vanselow

Jill Nobles

Rae Emary

### **CALL TO ORDER / INVOCATION / PLEDGE – Chair Pamn Henderson**

Vice Chair James Pretlow chaired the meeting in Chair Ali Frohlich's absence and called the meeting to order

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA TPO Only**

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

Paul Bohac commended Leandra Meredith and Angela Bradley, ECRC staff, for the presentation they gave at the Callaway Planning Board meeting in early June and stated that John Hagan, the president of the Callaway Planning Board, wrote a letter regarding an extension of the four laning of Highway 22 beyond Star Avenue. As a result of that letter, Angela Bradley and Leandra Meredith appeared before the planning board and provided an overview of what the TPO is doing and how important it is that the considerations regarding road construction and expansion consider the impact of decisions made by planning boards. Paul Bohac relayed that John Hagan stated that the presentation really enlightened the planning board members.

#### **FDOT UPDATE: FDOT Update - *Bryant Paulk, AICP Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons***

Bryant Paulk stated that the DuPont Bridge replacement project was let in May of this year. This was a \$350 million design/build contract awarded to Scott Bridge Co. Bryant Paulk stated that once contract time and other details are finalized FDOT will update the TPO.

Bryant Paulk reported that the US 231 at Star Ave/Titus Rd realignment project is scheduled for a February 2025 letting. The current construction estimate for this project is \$21million. The increase in the project estimate has generated the need for an LRTP amendment and FDOT will be sending a request to the TPO for this update.

Bryant Paulk reported there would be a public meeting for the SR20 from SR79 to US231 PD&E study on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Sand Hills Assembly of God Church. The church is located at 14032 Hwy 77 Southport, FL. The meeting is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

**PLANNING AND TRANSIT CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **ALL COMMITTEES - Approval of April Meeting Minutes**
2. **ENCLOSURE A – TPO ONLY - Consideration of the Membership Certification for Bay County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards – *Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff***

**Marty Kirkland moved to approve the April 2024 Bay CAC Meeting Minutes. Walter Akins seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**PLANNING ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **ENCLOSURE B– ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE – PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED Consideration of Resolution BAY 24-15 Adopting the Bay County TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the Bay County TPO FY 2025-2029 TIP. Leandra Meredith presented the comments received and the public involvement element for the TIP.

**Robert Waddell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution BAY 24-15 adopting the FY2025-2029 TIP. The motion was seconded by Robert Wood and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution BAY 24-14 Adopting the Bay FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the Bay County TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities. Leandra Meredith presented the public involvement section of the project and presented survey results.

**Paul Bohac moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution Bay 24-14 adopting the FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities. The motion was seconded by Robert Wood and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. **ENCLOSURE D- ALL COMMITTEES – Election of TPO and Advisory Committee Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)**

It was recommended that the chair and vice chair stay the same.

**Paul Bohac moved to elect Ali Frohlich as CAC Chair and James Pretlow as CAC Vice Chair for FY 2025. The motion was seconded by Robert Wood and was**

**passed unanimously.**

**PLANNING PRESENTATIONS ITEMS:**

**1. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES - Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update – *Lindsay Slautterback, Kimley-Horn***

Lindsay Slautterback gave an update on the Emerald Coast Safety Action plan for the Safe Streets for All Grant. Lindsay Slautterback informed the board that as a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC will produce a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

Vice Chair Pretlow asked about discussions regarding a road diet for West Beach Drive and stated he thought that would be counterproductive. Lindsay Slautterback stated that the idea of a road diet is to narrow the lanes which creates a feeling of friction so drivers will be more aware, because they feel like they're in a smaller space.

**2. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES – Introductory Presentation for the Smart Regions Master Plan- *Terry Shaw, P.E., Kimley-Horn (virtual)***

Terry Shaw gave an update on the Smart Regions Mater Plan, stating that the vision of the plan was to leverage smart technologies to enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors.

**ENCLOSURE G - PLANNING INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):**

1. TCC and CAC January 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Bay TPO Actions Report – April 2024
3. Letter to FDOT RE: Signage on Thomas Drive Bridge
4. Letter to FDOT RE: Request for Access Management Study on MLK Jr. Blvd.
5. Letter to TPO from Florida Department of Commerce RE: Submittal of TIP
6. Meeting Notice for Transportation Alternative Workshop (February 2024)
7. Letter to FDOT RE: TIP Amendment
8. MPO Joint Certification Statement
9. 2024 Bay County TPO Meeting Schedule

**TRANSIT AGENDA**

- 1. TRANSIT ACTION ITEMS: ENCLOSURE H – TPO ONLY – Nomination of Transit Sub-Committee Member – *Mary Beth Washnock, ECRC Staff***
- 2. ENCLOSURE I – TPO ONLY - Consideration of Resolution Bay 24-16 Approving Draft Bill Language for Proceeding with the Necessary Legislative Process for**

**Creation of a New Independent Transit Authority – *Ashley Stukey, Bay County BOCC***

**TRANSIT UPDATE**

**LEGAL UPDATE** – Burke, Blue, Hutchison, Walters & Smith, P.A.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – The next Bay TPO meeting will be held on August 7th, at 3:30 p.m. The TCC will meet at 11:00 a.m. and the CAC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Bayway Public Transit System, Administration and Meeting Facility, 1010 Cone Ave, Panama City, Florida 32401. For more information, contact Mary Beth Washnock, TPO Coordinator at [marybeth.washnock@ecrc.org](mailto:marybeth.washnock@ecrc.org) or 850-332-7976 x 228.

**ADJOURNMENT**