INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION;
OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION;
BAY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION;
WASHINGTON COUNTY, FLORIDA; HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA;
AND THE

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL f/k/a
WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and among the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization, Bay County Transportation Planning Organization, all of which are public agencies/metropolitan planning organizations created pursuant to Chapter 339.175 and 163.01, Florida Statutes (herein referred to as "TPO's"); The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Florida, The Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, and the Emerald Coast Regional Council f/k/a West Florida Regional Planning Council, a public agency/regional planning council created pursuant to Chapter 186 and 163.01 Florida Statutes, authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida, FEI/EIN 59-0500582, with a principal address of 4801 E. Olive Road, Suite A, Pensacola, Florida 32514 (hereinafter referred to as the "ECRC"). Each of the foregoing entities is referred to separately as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, section 163.01, Florida Statutes, permits governmental units to make efficient use of their powers by enabling them to enter into Interlocal Agreements to cooperate with other local governmental units on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 339.175, Florida Statutes, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization and the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization, are each established as a "metropolitan planning organization" by the State of Florida and by the Local Governments which are a constituent of such Transportation Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, presently and previous to the existence of this Interlocal Agreement, the ECRC provides staffing and management to the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization and the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization; and

- WHEREAS, Washington and Holmes Counties are considered rural counties not part of a MPO/TPO designated boundary, in relation to section 399.175, Florida Statutes;
- WHEREAS, section 339.2819, Florida Statutes, creates within the Florida Department of Transportation a Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) that provides funds to improve regionally significant transportation facilities in Regional Transportation Areas created pursuant to Section 339.155, Florida Statutes; and
- WHEREAS, section 339.155(4)(c), Florida Statutes, allows regional transportation plans to be developed in regional transportation areas in accordance with an interlocal agreement entered into pursuant to section 163.01, Florida Statutes, by two or more contiguous metropolitan planning organizations and/or two or more counties not members of a metropolitan planning organization; and
- WHEREAS, this Interlocal Agreement is intended to be the agreement contemplated by section 339.155(4)(c), *Florida Statutes*, to designate the ECRC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization within the boundaries of: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington and Bay Counties, Florida.
- NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties enter into this Interlocal Agreement.
- 1. In accordance with section 339.155(4), Florida Statutes, the parties identify Emerald Coast Regional Council, formerly known as West Florida Regional Planning Council ("ECRC") as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, for the purposes outlined in section 339.155(4), Florida Statutes.
- 2. The boundaries of the Regional Transportation Area are: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Washington, Holmes, and Bay Counties, Florida, in their entirety.
- 3. The duration of this agreement shall be effective upon full execution of all Parties, and will continue until all Parties agree to terminate this Interlocal Agreement.
- 4. This Agreement may be terminated, modified or rescinded as follows:
 - (a)A County or TPO may propose modifications to this agreement at any time with written notice to the ECRC chief executive officer or ECRC board of directors, and
 - (b)Unanimous written agreement of the Parties that expressly terminates, modifies or rescinds this Agreement.

- 5. The process for creating and updating the regional transportation plan will:
 - (a) At a minimum, identify regionally significant transportation facilities located within a regional transportation area and contain a prioritized list of regionally significant projects. The projects shall be adopted into the capital improvements schedule of the local government comprehensive plan.
 - (b) ECRC shall prepare and adopt application cycles, criteria for evaluation, 7. and other necessary processes to develop the regional transportation plan.
- 6. This Interlocal Agreement shall be recorded in the Official Records of each of the following counties in Florida: Escambia; Santa Rosa; Okaloosa; Walton; Bay; Washington; and Holmes.
- 7. Each of the Parties represents and warrants that the undersigned representatives of the TPO's, the Counties, and of ECRC are authorized to sign this Agreement and thereby to obligate and bind that Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Interlocal Agreement on the respective dates under each signature below.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned parties have executed this Interlocal Agreement on behalf of the referenced legal entities and hereby establish the RPC.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
BY:AUSTIN Mount, CEO Emerald Coast Regional Council
DATE:05/20/2020
Tammy Neal, Executive Administrative Assistant

FLORIDA – ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BY: Daniburller
Commissioner Sam Parker, Chairman
DATE: 5 13 12020
ATTEST: JUMNU NOLAN
DATE: 5 13 2020

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BY: Austin Mount, CEO Emerald Coast Regional Council
DATE: 1-21-2021
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OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
ORGANIZATION
BY: Commissioner Nathan Boyles, Chairman
DATE: (2 30 - 2020
ATTEST: Mantha Eusinger
DATE: 12:30-2020

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EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY:	
Austin Mount, CEO ECRC	
DATE: 5/15/2020	
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Signed on this 7th day of February 2022.

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Tammy Neal, Executive Assistant

HOLMES COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Earl Stafford, Chairman

Sam Bailey, Clerk of the Orcuit Court

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EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

BY:

Austin Mount, CEO

DATE: 4-14-20

ATTEST: Date: 4-24-20

Tammy Neal, Executive Assistant

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Trey Hawkins, Chairman

ATTEST: OLG OF

DATE:

Lora C. Bell, Clerk of the Circuit Court

BCC APPROVED: 9-24.20

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EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Austin Mount, CEO Emerald Coast Regional Council

RESOLUTION ECRC 2020-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDAALABAMA TPO, THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TPO, THE BAY COUNTY TPO,
WASHINGTON AND HOLMES COUNTIES DESIGNATING THE EMERALD
COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL AS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
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WHEREAS; the Florida Alabama Transportation Planning Organization and Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization together created the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWFLRTPO) by virtue of interlocal agreement for the purposes outlined in section 339, *Florida Statute*; and

WHEREAS; the Bay County Transportation Planning Organization in conjunction with Holmes, Washington, and Gulf Counties together created the Bay Gulf Holmes Washington Partnership (BGHWP) by virtue of interlocal agreement for the purposes outlined in section 339, *Florida Statute*; and

WHEREAS; the ECRC serves as staff to both the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization and the Bay Gulf Holmes Washington Partnership; and

WHEREAS; the board meetings of both the NWFLRTPO and the BGHWP typically meet only once per year; and

WHEREAS; it has become increasingly difficult to obtain a quorum for both the NWFRTPO and BGHWP and conduct necessary businesses; and

WHEREAS; the ECRC fits the definitions and requirements as outlined and required by section 339, *Florida Statute*; and

WHEREAS; by identifying the ECRC as the Regional Transportation Planning Organization by virtue of an interlocal agreement the same services, products, and delivery can easily be provided with less administrative burden and by implementing a streamlined process; and

WHEREAS; the ECRC legal counsel has provided vital input and was consulted in the development of the interlocal agreement;

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

The ECRC by virtue of an interlocal agreement with the Florida-Alabama TPO, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, the Bay County TPO and Washington and Holmes counties, become the designed Regional Transportation Planning Organization and the Regional Transportation Area as outlined in section 399, *Florida Statute* in order to continue to conduct the business of the region.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this $23^{\rm rd}$ day of April 2020.

BY: Kasey Cuchens, Chairwoman

ATTEST: _______ Austin Mount, ECRC Chief Executive Officer

