

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

MEETING MINUTES

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)

Pensacola Bay Center

February 06, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Samantha Abell, CHAIR	City of Gulf Breeze
Drew Holmer, VICE CHAIR	Escambia County
Tyler Mitchell	Baldwin County
Tim Milstead	City of Milton
Hilary Halford	City of Pensacola
Roy Remington	City of Pensacola
Wendy Gavin	City of Pensacola
Don Christian	Escambia County

Virtual Attendance:

Zakkiyyah Osuigwe	Santa Rosa County
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Ann Simpson	Baldwin County
Griffin Powell	City of Orange Beach
Bill Kimball	City of Pensacola
Leslie Statler	City of Pensacola
Lynn Roan	City of Pensacola
Sarah C. Sislak	Eastern Shore MPO
Jacob Kearley	Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
Darlene Hart	Escambia County School District
Rodriques Kimbrough	Escambia County Area Transit
Max Rogers	Escambia County
Steve Opalenik	Pensacola Naval Air Station
Ted Young	Pensacola State College
Jud Crane	Santa Rosa County School District
Virginia Sutler	Santa Rosa County School District
Chip Chism	University of West Florida

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Vince Beebe	ALDOT
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Chris Phillips	Escambia County
Caitlin Cerame	City of Pensacola

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
Jill Nobles
Gary Kramer
Leandra Meredith
Tiffany Bates
Rae Emary

Virtual Attendance

Shawn Ward	Santa Rosa County
Beth Tate	Citizen
Thomas Lambert	Gulf Breeze
Macy Falcon	Kimley-Horn
Katie Fults	ECRC

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

Chair Abell called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC FORUM There were no speakers.

FDOT/ALDOT/ UPDATES:

1. FDOT Update - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Christy Johnson, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison*

Bryant Paulk reported that FDOT had two projects on I-10 in Escambia County to report on. The first project is a \$55 million replacement of the Nine Mile Road bridges, which is a 1400 day project to begin in late March. The second project is the final build-out of the I-10 at U.S. 29 interchange, a 2200 day project at a cost of \$235 million.

2. ALDOT Update - *Vincent Beebe, P.E., ALDOT*

Vince Beebe gave an update on the south end of the waterways bridge project and stated that construction is advancing and should be complete by 2026. ALDOT hopes to have the project completed by 2026. The north end of the project should be out for bid in April. Vince Beebe said the CR 180 at 161 intersection design improvements project is moving along and stated that ALDOT will host a public involvement meeting in early 2024. Another project on Canal Road will tie in where the bridge meets SR 180 to the Foley Express. Hoping to have that project complete in 2026 as well.

CONSENT:

1. **ALL COMMITTEES:** Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Don Christian noted that Chris Phillips was listed in the minutes as representing Santa Rosa County instead of Escambia County. Staff agreed to make the change. Wendy Gavin moved to approve the FL-AL TCC November 2023 meeting minutes as amended. Don Christian seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION:

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of FL-AL 24-07 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Construction Costs for SR 292 (Sorrento Road) from CR 293 (Bauer Road) to CR 292A (Gulf Beach Highway), Paved Shoulders Project for Financial Project Identification (FDIP) Number 4508142 in FY 2023/2024 at a Total Cost of \$3,632,000 – Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT**

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment to add construction of paved shoulders; the project is to begin in June 2024.

Don Christian moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-07 amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program. Tim Milstead seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2. **ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-08 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Costs for SR 8 (I-10) from Miller Bluff Road to the Okaloosa County Line, Resurfacing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4541791 in FY 2023/2024 at a Total Cost of \$3,251,600 – Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT**

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment to add design costs for this resurfacing project.

Tim Milstead moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-08 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Wendy Gavin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. **ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-01 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the 5-Year Regional Traffic Operations Program (RTOP) for Signal Management and Upgrades on all State Routes in the Southwest Region of Alabama for**

Comprehensive Project Management System (CPMS) Number 100071946 in FY 2023/2024 at a Total Cost of \$2,349,854- Vincent Beebe, P.E., ALDOT

Vince Beebe presented the TIP amendment to add funds to continue monitoring and making needed changes to the signal system.

Don Christian moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-01 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Tyler Mitchell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. **ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-03 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Re-segment the Design, Utility, Right-of-Way, and Construction Phases for SR 180 (Canal Road) from SR 59 to the Foley Beach Express into Two- Vincent Beebe, P.E., ALDOT**

Vince Beebe presented the TIP amendment to re-define the SR 180 project as two separate projects in order to complete the eastern-most portion to coordinate with other ongoing projects.

Tyler Mitchell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-03 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Wendy Gavin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-04 Approving Evaluation Criteria for Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Staff Ranking of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Projects – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff**

Jill Nobles stated that the criteria are being updated to match the available data. Level of Service is the criterion being updated due to a change in data collection. There were no questions from the TCC members.

Wendy Gavin moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-04 approving evaluation criteria for ECRC ranking of TSM projects. Don Christian seconded the motion. A member asked if school transportation data is included in the criteria for these projects. Jill Nobles said that they are not, and provided the other criteria considered. **The motion passed unanimously.**

6. **ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Smart Regions Master Plan - Jill Nobles,**

ECRC Staff

7. **ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES -- Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-09 Approving the Data Analytics Scope of – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***
8. **ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-10 Approving the Carbon Reduction Strategy Scope of Services – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Agenda items F, G, and H were addressed as one item.

Jill Nobles first introduced Austin Mount, ECRC CEO, to present a wide overview. Austin Mount noted that 2024 is a banner year for ECRC, its 60th year in existence, and a new logo was created (ECRC 2.0) to promote moving into a new era. Austin Mount explained that an event was held on February 2 to introduce elected officials from across the region to the digital age of transportation planning and implementation. There have been 8,000 roadway fatalities in the region over the past 60 years, and all three TPOs have adopted and are committed to the “Vision Zero” goal. Austin Mount explained the “7-layer cake”, a concept staff developed that integrates seven projects that will usher in the digital age. They include the Safe Street 4 All program, carbon reduction, data analytics, and smart region plans, as well as their implementation, broadband and fiber deployment, and the traffic management center.

Jill Nobles explained the Smart Regions Master Plan Scope of Services, which will build off the results of the Safe Streets 4 All plan results, identifying where fatalities and serious injuries are happening and to identify technological strategies that can be implemented in those locations.

Jill Nobles explained the Data Analytics Scope of Services. This two-phase project will then use the results of the above two plans to identify the initial software needs to connect the transportation management center with FDOT.

Jill Nobles said the Carbon Reduction Scope of Services will work with the Okaloosa-Walton TPO to identify greenhouse gas performance measures and mitigation strategies. The TPO’s ATMS/ITS projects are one of the main types of eligible projects for carbon reduction funds.

Roy Remington moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign the following: Resolution FL-AL 24-05, approving the Smart Regions Master Plan Scope of Services and authorizing the ECRC CEO to issue a Notice to Proceed to

Kimley-Horn, Resolution FL-AL 24-09 approving the Data Analytics Scope of Services, and Resolution FL-AL 24-10, approving the Carbon Reduction Strategy Scope of Services. Don Christian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

9. **ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES – Establishment of a Selection Review Committee for the Request for Qualification for Signalization Consultant Continuing Service – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Jill Nobles said the current contract with DRMP to provide signalization services expires in June, so a Selection Review Committee is needed to review the proposals staff receives in response to the RFQ. She asked for volunteers to serve.

There was discussion of possible volunteers to serve. Don Christian, Scott Davidson, and Tim Milstead agreed to serve.

Don Christian moved to appoint Don Christian, Scott Davidson, and Tim Milstead to the Selection Review Committee for the Request for Qualifications for Signalization Consultant Continuing Service. Wendy Gavin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

10. **ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES– Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-06 Approving ECRC Staff Coordination with Escambia County Staff to Finalize a Scope of Services and Enter a Contract with One of the TPO’s General Planning Consultants for the South Navy Boulevard Corridor Management Plan – *Chris Phillips, PE, CPM, Escambia County Staff***

Chris Phillips stated the project corridor, which leads to the main gate of Pensacola NAS, needs many aesthetic and safety improvements. Landscaping, lighting, message boards, a spot for freight trucks to turn around, re-striping, to better deal with traffic and incorporate bike lanes is also part of the project. The County will be working with ECRC and its consultant on this project.

Don Christian moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-06 approving ECRC staff coordination with Escambia County staff to finalize a scope of services and enter a contract with one of the TPO’s General Planning Consultants for the South Navy Boulevard Corridor Management Plan. Don Christian seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

11. ENCLOSURE K – TPO ONLY – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-02 Requesting AMTRAK Restore Stations and Passenger Service in Northwest Florida – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

PRESENTATIONS: (no action necessary)

1. ENCLOSURE L – ALL COMMITTEES – Schedule for Development of the Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer said a joint Project Priorities workshop will be held at the ECRC's new office on Gregory Street at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2024. He then reviewed future workshops that will be held in April and May. The Project Priorities will be considered at the June meetings.

2. ENCLOSURE M – ALL COMMITTEES – Draft Update to Evaluation Criteria for Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Staff Ranking of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Project – Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Jill Nobles presented the draft update to evaluation criteria for ECRC staff's ranking of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Projects, informing the board as per the UPWP, ECRC staff are reevaluating the adopted evaluation criteria used to rank candidate projects. Comments will be collected through January 19, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES - TPO ONLY - Tiffany Bates, ECRC Community Liaison

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary)

Mary Beth Washnock reminded the committee that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) meeting is coming up and encouraged everyone to attend.

1. TCC and CAC November 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. FL-AL TPO November 2023 Actions Report
3. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Application Review Workshop Agenda
4. FL-AL TPO Signed Florida Commerce Letter
5. ALDOT Self-Certification Form
6. Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letters
7. 2024 FL-AL TPO Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS

Austin Mount said submission for SUN Trail projects will be included in this year's Project Priorities and asked that the local governments submit their projects to both ECRC and through FDOT's GAP system, stating that it is worth the effort because the SUN Trail system has a good amount of funding to award. Austin Mount said ECRC was asked to present to the Greenways and Trails Council and will be doing so.

ADJOURNMENT