

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC)
MEETING MINUTES
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)
Gulf Breeze Community Center, 800 Shoreline Drive Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561
April 09, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeb Smith
Alan Isaacson
Jim Kauffman
Pat McClellan
Tim Pagel
Nicolas Wilson
Virtual Attendance
Vernon Compton

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Michael Broker
Rita Gunter
Bart Pullum
Jack Robie

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Chris Phillips	Escambia County
Nicholas Wilson	City of Gulf Breze
Justin Baldwin	DEP
Vince Beebe	ALDOT

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
Tiffany Bates
Rae Emary
Gary Kramer
Jill Nobles
Leandra Meredith
Jessica Walton
Virtual Attendance:
Tammy Neal
Katie Fults

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mary Beth Washnock stated that there was a request to add a letter for ECAT to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in support of a grant application.

Jim Kauffman moved to approve the FL-AL CAC agenda as amended. Alan Isaacson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT/ALDOT/ UPDATES:

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

Bryant Paulk informed the committee of a virtual project update for an off-system bridge replacement on Klondike Road in Escambia County and stated that plans, drawings, and maps would be made available on FDOT's website later in the day.

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

Vince Beebe gave the ALDOT update on the "Waterways" project south end and stated that ongoing work includes clearing and grubbing, pile driving, jetting, and forming and pouring footings, columns, and caps, and erosion control items. The anticipated completion date is set for some time in 2026. Vince Beebe stated that the north portion of the project has a current anticipated construction letting date of May 2024.

Vince Beebe gave an update on the SR-180 at SR 161 intersection improvement project. PE is ongoing and a public involvement meeting is to be scheduled sometime soon. Mary Beth Washnock gave an update on the four-laning of SR 180 from Beaver Creek Lane to FBE. The goal of this project is to have it completed through construction when the new Waterways Bridge opens in 2026.

CONSENT:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of February 7, 2024, Meeting Minutes

2. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-12 Adopting the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan Public Involvement Plan

3. **ENCLOSURE B – TPO ONLY - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-19 Amending the FY 2023-FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to De-Obligate PL Funds, SU Funds, and CM Funds**
4. **ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-14 Approving a Letter of Support for Designating SR 87N as a Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Facility and the Proposed SR 87 Connector as a Military Access Facility with Any Changes, Pending FDOT Review**
5. **ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-15 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
6. **ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-18 Issuing a Letter of Support for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application**

Alan Isaacson moved to approve the February meeting minutes and recommend the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda items. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION:

1. **ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-13 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Construction Costs for North Hayne Street from East Cervantes Street to East Blount Street, Multi-Use Path Project for Financial Identification (FPID) Number 4517242 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$575,500 – *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment.

Pat McClellan moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolutions FL-AL 24-13 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. **ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Approval to Issue a Request for Qualifications for the Signal Operations Contract – *Jill Nobles, TPO Staff***

Jill Nobles presented the draft RFQ and informed the committee that issuing this RFQ is recommended so the TPO can continue being the lead agency in the efforts for the full build out of the Regional ATMS and RTMC. The TPO board will be asked to approve the final consultant selection in June.

Jim Kauffman moved to recommend the TPO approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for signalization consultant continuing services. Alan Isaacson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE H – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-11 Adopting the Florida-Alabama TPO 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals and Objectives – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Cory Wilkinson with HDR presented the FL-AL TPO 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives, which will be used to establish the evaluation criteria to rank the adopted 2050 LRTP Needs Plan projects. Once this ranking is established, it will be used to create a draft 2050 LRTP Cost Feasible Plan.

Alan Isaacson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-11 adopting the FL-AL TPO 2050 LRTP Goals and Objectives. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-16 Adopting the 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented the 2024 TA set-aside ranked projects for FY 2026 and stated that the final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 26th. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking from the TPO to FDOT.

Jim Kauffman moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-16 adopting the 2024 TA Set-aside ranked projects. Pat McClellan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-20 Issuing a Letter of Support for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Intelligent Transportation System Demonstration Discretionary Grant Application – *Austin Mount, ECRC Staff*

Austin Mount presented a letter of support for the FHWA SS4A ITA Demonstration Discretionary Grant application and informed the CAC that the FL-AL TPO is now eligible to apply for and receive a potentially large federal grant to continue the advancement of ITS technology infrastructure for the US29/"W" Street corridor, which is one of the highest fatality corridors in the district.

Pat McClellan moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-20 issuing a letter of support for FHWA SS4A ITS

Demonstration Discretionary Grant application. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE K – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-17 Amending the Florida-Alabama TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws – *Austin Mount, ECRC Staff*

Austin Mount presented the recommended changes to the FL-AL TPO and advisory committees' bylaws. There was discussion on the CAC membership and the need to increase involvement and appointments from the TPO board.

Pat McClellan moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-17 amending the FL-AL TPO, TCC and CAC Bylaws. Alan Isaacson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ADD ON ITEM:

Mary Beth Washnock presented and asked the CAC to recommend the TPO approve a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in support of Escambia County Area Transit's (ECAT) application to the FY2024 Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program and the Low or No Emissions Bus Discretionary Grant program for their new facility and electric bus project.

Pat McClellan moved to recommend the TPO approve a letter to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in support of Escambia County Area Transit's (ECAT) application to the FY2024 Bus and Bus Facilities Discretionary Program and the Low or No Emissions Bus Discretionary Grant program for their new facility and electric bus project. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: (no action necessary)

1. ENCLOSURE L – ALL COMMITTEES – Introductory Presentation for the Smart Regions Master Plan – *Terry Shaw, P.E., Kimley-Horn*

Allison Pruitt presented the Smart Regions Master Plan.

2. ENCLOSURE M – ALL COMMITTEES – Introductory Presentation for the Carbon Reduction Strategy – *Kristina Whitfield, P.E., AICP, Kimley-Horn*

Allison Pruitt presented the Carbon Reduction Strategy.

3. ENCLOSURE N – ALL COMMITTEES – Florida Greenways and Trails (FGT) Presentation –*Jessica Walton, ECRC Staff*

Jessica Walton presented the FGT presentation and stated that the original prioritization of regional trails was completed by the Council and provided to the Department of Transportation in March 2016. At the time, only seven regional trails were identified within the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS). Currently, there are fourteen regional trails identified within the FGTS. Because of the additional statutory language, the Council will be developing a prioritized/reprioritized list of the current regional trails. Jessica Walton informed the CAC that ECRC presented two proposed trail projects to be ranked by the Florida Greenways and Trails Council on March 27, 2024. The Great Northwest Coast Connector and the US 90 Trail Corridor.

4. ENCLOSURE O – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of Draft FL-AL TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program –*Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the draft FL-AL TPO FY 25-29 TIP. Gary Kramer said that this item will be up for adoption in June.

5. ENCLOSURE P – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of Draft FL-AL TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities –*Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the draft FL-AL TPO FY 26-30 Project Priorities. This item will be up for adoption at the June TPO meeting. Leandra Meredith presented the public outreach portion of the Project Priorities process. Pat McClellan requested Sorrento Road be moved to number five.

Patt McClellan moved to request the TPO move the Sorrento Road project from number seven to number five. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary)

1. TCC and CAC February 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Joint TPO February 2, 2024 Workshop Summary
3. FL-AL TPO February 2024 Actions Report
4. TIP Amendment Letter to FDOT – I-10
5. TIP Amendment Letter to FDOT – Sorrento Road
6. TIP Amendment Letter to ALDOT – Regional Traffic Operations Program
7. TIP Amendment Letter to ALDOT – SR 180
8. TIP Amendment Letter to ALDOT – CR 99
9. 2024 FL-AL TPO Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS- The next FL-AL TPO meeting will be held on June 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. The TCC and CAC meetings will be held on June 11, 2024. The TCC will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the CAC will meet at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT