

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

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:

Samantha Abell, CHAIR	Gulf Breeze
Tim Milstead	Milton
Roy Remington	Pensacola
Zakkiyyah Osuigwe	Santa Rosa County
Wendy Gavin	Pensacola
Don Christian	Escambia County
<i><u>Virtual Attendance</u></i>	
Tyler Mitchell	Baldwin County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Drew Holmer, VICE-CHAIR	Escambia County
Ann Simpson	Baldwin County
Sarah C. Sislak	Eastern Shore MPO
Jacob Kearley	Emerald Coast Utilities Authority
Max Rogers	Escambia County
Rodriques A. Kimbrough	Escambia County Area Transit
Darlene Hart	Escambia County School District
Griffin Powell	Orange Beach
Victoria D'Angelo	Pensacola
Bill Kimball	Pensacola
Leslie Statler	Pensacola
Lynn Roan	Pensacola
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
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Vince Beebe	ALDOT
Chris Phillips	Escambia County
Caitlin Cerame	City of Pensacola

Virtual Attendance

Jared Schneider	Kimley Horn
Allison Fluitt	Kimely Horn
Thomas Lambert	City of Gulf Breeze
Shawn Ward	Santa Rosa County

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
Tiffany Bates
Rae Emary
Lisa Cunningham
Jessica Walton
Gary Kramer
Jill Nobles

Virtual Attendance:

Leandra Meredith
Tammy Neal
Gina Watson
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 from ECAT to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in support of a grant application.

Don Christian moved to approve the FL-AL TCC agenda as amended. Tim Milstead 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 TCC 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 the next day.

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

Vince Beebe gave an update on the “Waterways” project south end and stated that ongoing work includes clearing and grubbing, pile driving, jetting, and forming as well as 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 in 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 in the near future. Vince Beebe 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**

Don Christian moved to approve the TCC minutes and recommend that the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda items. Tim Milstead 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.

Roy Remington moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolutions FL-AL 24-13 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Tim Milstead 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.

Tim Milstead moved to recommend the TPO issue the Request for Qualifications for signalization consultant continuing services. Don Christian 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.

Zakkiyyah Osuigwe 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. Don Christian 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.

Wendy Gavin moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-16 adopting the 2024 TA Set-aside ranked projects. Don Christian 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 board 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.

Roy Remington 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. Don Christian 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.

Zakkiyyah Osuigwe 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. Tim Milstead seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ADD ON ITEM:

Austin Mount presented and asked the TCC to recommend to 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.

Don Christian 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. Roy Remington 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***

Jared Schneider 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 Fluitt 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 14 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 committee 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. Chair Abell asked about the unfunded portion in Gulf Breeze and asked why the Soundview trail portion is not included in the map. Chair Abell stated that they were not requesting funding but asking that the four-mile multi-use path way that's already there be reflected in the map. Justin Baldwin with FGT stated that it could be an administrative change and that a request would need to come from the city.

- 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 informed the committee where the public outreach efforts could be found online.

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