

**FLORIDA-ALABAMA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)**  
**Gulf Breeze Community Center – 800 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561**  
**June 11, 2024**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jeb Smith, Chair  
Vernon Compton, Vice Chair  
Alan R Isaacson  
Nick Wilson  
Jim Kauffman

**MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Michael Broker  
Rita Gunter  
Pat McClellan  
Tim Pagel  
Bart Pullum  
Jack Robie

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Vince Bebee	ALDOT
Cory Wilkson	HDR
Chris Phillips	Escambia County
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
William Van Horton	Citizen

**Virtual Attendance:**

Jared Schneider

**EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF**

Mary Beth Washnock  
Tiffany Bates  
Leandra Meredith  
Gary Kramer  
Rae Emery

**Virtual Attendance:**

Austin Mount  
Gabrielle McVoy  
Howard Vanselow  
Jill Nobles  
Gina Watson

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**FDOT/ALDOT/ UPDATES:**

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

Bryant Paulk informed the committee about an upcoming resurfacing project on SR 292 (Sorrento Road). This resurfacing project is scheduled from Bauer Road, eastward to Gulf Beach Highway. Legislative funds will help add paved shoulders to this corridor. Bryant Paulk stated that this project is under design and there will be a virtual project update on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. This project has a letting date of May 2025, and a construction estimate of \$8 million dollars.

Vernon Compton commended FDOT for the safety work with the sidewalks in the Milton area along Highway 90. Vernon Compton asked about the possibility for bicycle and pedestrian safety improvement opportunities on Pond Creek bridge. Bryant Paulk stated that a separate structure could be something to be considered in the future when that corridor is widened, noting that the funds would have to come out of the capacity budget.

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

Vince Beebe informed the committee that the Foley Beach Express and Baldwin Beach Express have recently been acquired by ALDOT and are now toll free. Maintenance is working to start removing those toll plazas starting June 16<sup>th</sup>. Vince Beebe reported that the Waterways Bridge is currently under construction and looking to be completed in 2026.

Chair Smith asked for an update on the bypass on the south side of the 161 and Canal intersection. Vince Beebe stated that ALDOT has been in communication with FHWA and the core of engineers to look at as many alternatives as they can.

**CONSENT:**

**1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Vernon Compton moved to approve the consent agenda. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**2. ENCLOSURE A – TPO ONLY – Consideration of Membership for the Escambia County and Santa Rosa County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards - *Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff***

**ACTION:**

- 1. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-23 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Cost for SR 10 (US 90) Davis Highway at SR 10A (US 90) Scenic Highway Intersection Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4509831 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$791,000 – *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk stated that this TIP amendment adds the design costs in FY 2024/2025 for Project ID 4509831 for SR 10 (US 90) Davis Highway at SR 10A (US 90) Scenic Highway intersection project at a total cost of \$791,000.

**Jim Kauffman moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-23 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Vernon Compton seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

- 2. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED- Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-22 Adopting the Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the TIP. There were no questions or comments.

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

- 3. ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES –ROLL CALL VOTE- Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-21 Adopting the FL-AL FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the Project Priorities. Leandra Meredith presented the marketing portion of the Project Priorities and comments received from the public and committees. Gary Kramer stated that the staff recommended changes were to Table 1 Non-SIS Priority #1A. Change the 2nd Fiber Optic Technology to Fiber Optic on Hwy 98 SRC "CARU-SU" and Table 1 Non-SIS Priority #27, change ID to 4515721, mileage to 0.031, and funding sought to Construction.

**Jim Kauffman moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-21 adopting the FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities with the presented changes. Alan Isaacson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**4. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 24-24 Approving the Selection of a Firm for Signal Operations Contract - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Jill Nobles stated that two RFQ packets were received by the May 17, 2024, deadline. The deadline was then extended to May 31, 2024, to gain additional submittals, but no additional RFQ packets were received. The selection review committee met on June 3, 2024, to rank all proposals. The two firms that supplied packets were DRMP, Inc. and SRF Consulting Group. The selection review committee recommended moving forward with DRMP Inc. and having ECRC and TPO enter into agreement.

**Vernon Compton moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-24 approving DRMP, Inc., the top ranked firm, for Signalization Consultant Continuing Services and authorizing the chair or ECRC CEO to execute the Joint Participation Agreement with Florida Department of Transportation and a memorandum of agreement between the Florida-Alabama TPO and DRMP, Inc. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**5. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025**

Alan Isaacson recommended the current chair and vice chair continue for FY 2025.

**Alan Isaacson moved to recommend the CAC elect Jeb Smith as chair and Vernon Compton as vice chair of the FL-AL CAC for FY 2025. Jim Kauffman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**PRESENTATIONS: (no action necessary)**

**1. ENCLOSURE G– ALL COMMITTEES – Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan for the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant Update – Jared Schneider, Kimley Horn**

Jared Schneider gave an update on the Emerald Coast Safety Action plan for the Safe Streets for All Grant and informed the committee 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.

**2. ENCLOSURE H - ALL COMMITTEES - Smart Regions Master Plan Update - *Terry Shaw, P.E., Kimley-Horn***

Jared Schneider gave an update on the Smart Regions Mater Plan. Jared Schneider stated that the vision of the plan is to leverage smart technologies to enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors.

**ENCLOSURE I - INFORMATION ITEMS - (no presentation necessary)**

1. TCC and CAC April 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. FL-AL TPO April 2024 Actions Report
3. Hurlburt Field Density Map
4. MPO Joint Certification Statement
5. Two Letters from Colonel Dierig, USAF, Hurlburt
6. Letter of Support to FTA on behalf of ECAT for Bus and Bus Grant Program
7. Letter of Support to FDOT for SR 87 North on the SIS as a Military Access Route
8. 2024 FL-AL TPO Schedule

**OTHER BUSINESS- The next FL-AL TPO meeting is currently to be determined.**

**ADJOURNMENT**