

FLORIDA-ALABAMA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)

Gulf Breeze Community Center – 800 Shoreline Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561

February 12, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Kauffman, Chair

Wayne Briske

Keith Bowe

Virtual Attendance

Alan Isaacson

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Tim Pagel

Jack Robie

Michael Broker

Bart Pullum

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryant Paulk FDOT

Christy Johnson FDOT

Vince Beebe ALDOT

Cory Wilkinson HDR

Vernon Compton Santa Rosa County

Shawn Ward Santa Rosa County

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Tiffany Bates

Rae Emary

Gary Kramer

Tammy Neal

Roshita Taylor

Annie Arguello

Virtual Attendance:

Kandase Lee

Gabrielle McVoy

Jill Nobles

Leandra Meredith

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

Jim Kauffman chaired the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT/ALDOT/ UPDATES:

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

Christy Johnson gave an update on the upcoming PD&E on Highway 98 Soundview Trail funded through the SunTrail program. The PD&E is anticipated to kick off this summer and design is programmed for FY 2028.

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

Vince Beebe stated that construction on the Roadway and Bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway is expected to be completed at the end of 2026. Vince Beebe stated that ALDOT is looking to widen SR 180 on Canal Road from Beaver Creek Lane to the Foley Beach Express. Vince Beebe stated that ALDOT is working through the NEPA process at the intersection of SR 190 and SR 161.

CONSENT:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Keith Bowe moved to approve the December 2024 CAC meeting minutes. Wayne Briske seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION:

1. ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 25-03 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Demonstration Project in FY 2024/2025 as a Local Project at a Total Cost of \$12,500,000 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT – Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

Christy Johnson stated that this TIP amendment adds the SS4A Demonstration Project in FY 2024/2025 as a local project at a total cost of \$12,500,000. ECRC was awarded a \$10,000,000 grant from USDOT as part of the National Roadway Safety Strategy to reduce traffic fatalities. Christy Johnson stated that as a recipient of an SS4A Planning and Demonstration grant, ECRC, in partnership with Escambia County, will deploy innovative technological improvements and evaluate the safety impact of ITS improvements on two of Pensacola's highest crash rate segments, Fairfield Drive and Pensacola Boulevard. These two corridors have been identified through the Emerald

Coast Safety Action Plan as having critical issues such as low lighting, bicycle and pedestrian incidents, and left turn crashes. The local share is \$2,500,000.

Keith Bowe moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 25-03 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Wayne Briske seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE B – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 25-01 Accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Terry Shaw presented the Smart Regions Master Plan and stated that ECRC, in partnership with the FL-AL TPO, developed the plan to further ECRC and the TPO's efforts in advancing technological infrastructure needed to achieve Vision Zero and develop a Smart Region based on existing infrastructure and opportunities to understand and/or solve problems using technology.

Keith Bowe moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 25-01 accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan. Wayne Briske seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 25-02 Adopting the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2027 – 2031 Tentative Work Program – *Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff*

Roshita Taylor stated that FDOT District 3 issued guidance on the 2025 TA Set-Aside cycle for the Fiscal Year 2027 – 2031 Tentative Work Program on November 1, 2024. The guidance specified that each TPO may submit up to three prioritized projects from each TPO area. Roshita Taylor informed the board that the FL-AL TPO sponsored a TA Education Workshop on Monday, December 16, 2024. This workshop reviewed the previously approved TPO criteria and submittal deadlines and received FDOT guidance on the application documents. Roshita Taylor presented the three projects submitted and stated that the top three ranked TA projects to be submitted to FDOT were (1) East Maxwell Sidewalk Project; (2) North J Street Sidewalk Project; and (3) Benny Russell Park Multi-Use Trail.

Wayne Briske moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FLAL 25-02 adopting the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. Keith Bowe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS: (no action necessary)

1. ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of Draft FL-AL TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Cory Wilkinson, HDR, presented the FL-AL TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Needs Plan. Gary Kramer stated that the 2050 LRTP needs to be adopted by October 14, 2025. Public outreach will occur in March 2025, followed by an additional Steering Committee review in April 2025. The Needs Plan will be up for adoption at the May TPO meetings.

2. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES - Schedule for Development of the Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the schedule for development of the FL-AL TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities and stated that the priorities schedule will be up for adoption in May.

INFORMATION ITEMS - (no presentation necessary)

1. TCC and CAC December 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. 2025 FL-AL TPO Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS- The next Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on May 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. TCC and CAC will meet on May 13, 2025. The TCC will meet at 10:00 a.m. and the CAC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Pensacola Bay Center.

ADJOURNMENT