

FLORIDA-ALABAMA TECHNICAL COORDINATING 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:

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| Samantha Abell, CHAIR | Gulf Breeze |
| Drew Holmer, VICE CHAIR | Escambia County |
| Don Christian | Escambia County |
| Ronald D. Rivera | Escambia County Sheriff's Office |

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Ann Simpson | Baldwin County |
| Tyler Mitchell | Baldwin County |
| Sarah C. Sislak | Eastern Shore MPO |
| Jacob Kearley | Emerald Coast Utilities Authority |
| Max Rogers | Escambia County |
| Thaddeus Davenport | Escambia County Area Transit |
| Darlene Hart | Escambia County School District |
| Tommi S. Lyter | Escambia County Sheriff's Office |
| Tim Milstead | Milton |
| Griffin Powell | Orange Beach |
| Victoria D'Angelo | Pensacola |
| Bill Kimball | Pensacola |
| Roy Remington | Pensacola |
| Leslie Statler | Pensacola |
| Wendy Gavin | Pensacola |
| Steve Opalenik | Pensacola Naval Air Station |
| Ted Young | Pensacola State College |
| Zakkiyyah Osuigwe | Santa Rosa County |
| Jud Crane | Santa Rosa County School District |
| Virginia Sutler | Santa Rosa County School District |
| Chip Chism | University of West Florida |

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Bryant Paulk | FDOT |
| Christy Johnson | FDOT |
| Vince Beebe | ALDOT |
| Cory Wilkinson | HDR |

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF

Tiffany Bates
Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith
Gary Kramer
Tammy Neal
Roshita Taylor
Annie Arguello
Virtual Attendance:
Kandase Lee
Gabrielle McVoy
Jill Nobles

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 gave an update on the upcoming PD&E on Highway 98 Soundview Trail funded through 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

Drew Holmer moved to approve the December 2024 TCC meeting minutes. Don Christian 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*

Bryant Paulk 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. Bryant Paulk 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.

Don Christian moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 25-03 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Drew Holmer 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. Scott Davidson discussed the traffic issues due to school buses, asking that as schools continue to expand, signalization is timed so that children can get to school on time. Bryant Paulk stated that when it is a school, FDOT brings in their safety officer to ensure that they are making the right improvements based on the traffic volumes and the increase there at the school.

Drew Holmer moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 25-01 accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan. Ronald Rivera 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.

Ronald Rivera 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. Drew Holmer 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