

OKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Okaloosa Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579

April 18, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Latilda Hughes-Neel -Vice Chair	Freeport
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Kristin Shell	Niceville
Chance Powell	Walton County
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle B. Dogget	Walton County School District
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office
Samnatha Graves	City of Freeport
Jack Kiger	Eglin Airforce Base
Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Bitterman - Chair	Okaloosa County
Beckie Williams	Florida Department of Children and Families
Chris Frasseti	Fort Walton Beach
Robert Herbstreith	Mary Esther
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Abra McGill	Okaloosa County
Tracy Stage	Okaloosa County Airports
Roger Rogers	Okaloosa County Airports
Bill Smith	Okaloosa County School District
Joel Paul	Tri-County Community Council
Joseph Preston	Walton County
Jim Hicks	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Christy Johns	FDOT
Anthony Vallee	DeFuniak Springs
Schoen	Walton County
Councilman Bill Schaetzle	City of Niceville
Commission Danny Glidewell	Walton County

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
Tiffany Bates
Leandra Meredith
Angela Bradley
Gary Kramer
Jill Nobles
Katie Fults
Tammy Neal
Virtual Attendance
Gabrielle McVoy
Jill Strickler

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Vice Chair Latilda Hughes-Neel called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES: *None*No update was provided.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of February 2024 Meeting Minutes**
2. **ENCLOSURE A – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-04 Adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 – FY 2026 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**
3. **ENCLOSURE B – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-06 Issuing a Letter of Support for Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application**

Tim Gibson moved to approve the February 2024 TCC meeting minutes and recommend the TPO approve the remaining consent agenda items. Chance Powell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-05 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Destin Cross-Town Connector in the Cost Feasible Plan, (2)**

West 98 Collector in the Needs Plan, (3) JW Hollington Connector Road in the Needs Plan, (4) Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road in the Needs Plan, (5) CR 3280 Extension in the Needs Plan, and (6) Freeport Waterfront Improvements in the Needs Plan – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented the recommended LRTP amendments.

Chris Wallace moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution FL-AL 24-05 amending the O-W 2045 LRTP. Jeff Cozadd seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 2. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-03 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.

Chance Powell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-03 adopting the 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program. Michelle Dogget seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 3. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Approval of Letter of Support for Fort Walton Beach “Around the Mound” Project – *Austin Mount, ECRC Staff***

Austin Mount presented a letter of support for the Fort Walton Beach “Around the Mound” project design and recommended a recommendation for the TPO chair to sign it. This action was recommended to communicate the TPO board’s endorsement of a local cost share/pledge towards the proposed project.

Tim Gibson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign a letter of support for the Fort Walton Beach “Around the Mound” project. Michelle Dogget seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- 4. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Approval of Letter of Support for Destin Crosstown Connector- *Austin Mount, ECRC Staff***

Austin Mount presented a letter of support for the City of Destin's Crosstown Connector and recommended a recommendation for the TPO chair to sign it. This action was recommended to communicate the TPO board's endorsement of a local cost share/pledge towards the proposed project.

Jeff Cozadd moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign a letter of support for the Destin Crosstown Connector. Chance Powell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE G – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-07 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws – Austin Mount, ECRC Staff

Austin Mount presented the recommended changes to the O-W TPO and advisory committees' bylaws. The most recent update was a change to the TPO's quorum requirement, and it occurred on January 13, 2021.

Chance Powell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign O-W 24-07 amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws. Tim Gibson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Jill Nobles presented the Smart Regions Master Plan.

2. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES – Florida Greenways and Trails (FGT) Presentation – *Angela Bradley, ECRC Staff*

Angela Bradley 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 Paul informed the board 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.

3. ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of Draft O-W TPO FY 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

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

4. ENCLOSURE K – ALL COMMITTEES – Review of Draft O-W TPO 2026 – 2030 Project Priorities – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Jill Nobles presented the draft O-W TPO FY 26-30 Project Priorities. This item will be up for adoption at the June TPO meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC February 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. Joint TPO February 2, 2024 Workshop Summary
3. O-W TPO February 2024 Actions Report
4. 2024 O-W TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: The next O-W TPO meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. The CAC will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the TCC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the **Okaloosa Admin Building**, 1250 N. Eglin Pkwy., Shalimar, FL 32579.

ADJOURNMENT:

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