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MEETING OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Thursday, April 18, 3:00 p.m.

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) – 9:30 a.m.
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) – 1:30 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE – *Chair Nathan Boyles*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Any new action items to be added to the agenda must be approved by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the TPO members present.

HURLBURT FIELD TRAFFIC UPDATE – *Col Kristen N Wood, USAF AF50C 1 SOMSG/CC*

PUBLIC FORUM:

Only in-person participants will be able to speak during the public forum portion of the meeting. Please obtain a speaker request form from ECRC staff. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. Community members participating via phone will be muted during the meeting and are only able to listen. Comments can be provided in the chat box, digital comment form, by email, or by phone.

FDOT UPDATE:

1. **FDOT Update** - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Christy Johnson, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons*

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)



Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council

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

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **ENCLOSURE H - ALL COMMITTEES** – Introductory Presentation for the Smart Regions Master Plan – *Terry Shaw, P.E., Kimley-Horn*
2. **ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES** – Florida Greenways and Trails (FGT) Presentation – *Angela Bradley, ECRC Staff*
3. **ENCLOSURE J – ALL COMMITTEES** – Review of Draft O-W TPO FY 2025 – 2029 Transportation Improvement Program – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
4. **ENCLOSURE K – ALL COMMITTEES** – Review of Draft O-W TPO 2026 – 2030 Project Priorities – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

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:

Stay up to date with TPO events and activities on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/EmeraldCoastRegionalCouncil or by subscribing to the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Interested Parties list : <http://eepurl.com/dqlsyH>

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HURLBURT FIELD TRAFFIC UPDATE



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC)
HURLBURT FIELD FLORIDA

8 April 2024

Colonel Patrick T. Dierig, USAF
Commander
1st Special Operations Wing
212 Lukasik Avenue Suite 315
Hurlburt Field FL 32544:

Mr. Patrick O'Brien
Director, Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation
2231 Crystal Drive Suite 520
Arlington VA 22202-3722

Dear Mr. O'Brien

Please accept this Commander endorsement of the Emerald Coast Regional Council, Florida application to the U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Community Infrastructure Program. This vital funding would greatly enhance the Emerald Coast Regional Council in partnership with the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to develop a comprehensive Smart Regions Master Plan and an implementation plan to further ECRC and the TPO's effort in advancing technological infrastructure needed to achieve Vision Zero (no fatalities) and develop Smart Region based on existing infrastructure and opportunities to understand or solve problems using technology. The Florida-Alabama TPO will develop a Data Analytics platform that will connect the technology infrastructure in the Smart Regions Master Plan to the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) and develop dashboards and or processes needed to collect, store, and analyze the data.

Hurlburt Field is home to the 1st Special Operations Wing (1 SOW), one of five Air Force active-duty special operations wings and falls under the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). The 1 SOW is a pivotal component of AFSOC's ability to provide airpower to conduct special operations missions worldwide. The primary mission of the 1 SOW is to rapidly deploy and execute specialized and contingency operations in support of national priorities. The wing's core missions include close air support, precision aerospace firepower, specialized aerospace mobility, intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) operations, and agile combat support. 1 SOW is aggressively pursuing all avenues to ensure that service members can meet these requirements. A key aspect is once an alert for deployment is issued, a servicemember can depart from their house and reach their base in a timely manner to meet mission.

Highway 98 is the main avenue for approach for many of all service members and Department of Defense civilians stationed at Hurlburt Field. Please see attached heat map of service-connected population of Hurlburt Field. 1 SOW is imploring all government officials local and federal to act to increase capacity, increase safety and fund all traffic improvement projects along the Highway 98 corridor from Okaloosa to Santa Rosa County. The Emerald

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Coast Regional Council in partnership with the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization efforts in advancing technology infrastructure in this region is greatly needed and will not only positively impact Hurlburt's mission, community relations, safety, but also greatly improve Hurlburt's servicemember's and community member's quality of life.

Should you or your staff members have questions, please contact Mr. Scott Davidson, scott.davidson.8@us.af.mil, 1 SOCES/CENP, (850)-884-3798.

Sincerely

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PATRICK T. DIERIG, Col, USAF
Commander

Attachment:
Hurlburt Field's Residence Population Heat Map



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC)
HURLBURT FIELD FLORIDA

8 April 2024

Colonel Patrick T. Dierig, USAF
Commander
1st Special Operations Wing
212 Lukasik Avenue Suite 315
Hurlburt Field FL 32544:

Austin Mount
CEO, Emerald Coast Regional Council
P.O Box 11399
Pensacola FL 32524

Please accept this Commander endorsement of the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) and the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (FL-AL TPO) 7-layer cake initiative to develop a comprehensive Smart Region to further ECRC and the TPO's effort in advancing technological infrastructure needed to achieve Vision Zero (zero fatalities).

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When an alert for deployment is issued, a service member needs to depart from their house and reach their base in a timely manner to meet their mission. Highway 98 is the primary route for many of the service members and Department of Defense civilians stationed at Hurlburt Field. As a result, 1 SOW is imploring all government officials local and federal to increase capacity, increase safety and fund all traffic improvement projects along the Highway 98 corridor from Okaloosa to Santa Rosa County. ECRC and the FL-AL TPO's efforts in advancing technology within the infrastructure of the region is greatly needed and will positively impact Hurlburt's mission, community relations, safety, and improve Hurlburt's servicemember's and community member's quality of life.

Should you or your staff members have questions, please contact Mr. Scott Davidson scott.davidson.8@us.af.mil, 1 SOCES/CENP, (850)-884-3798.

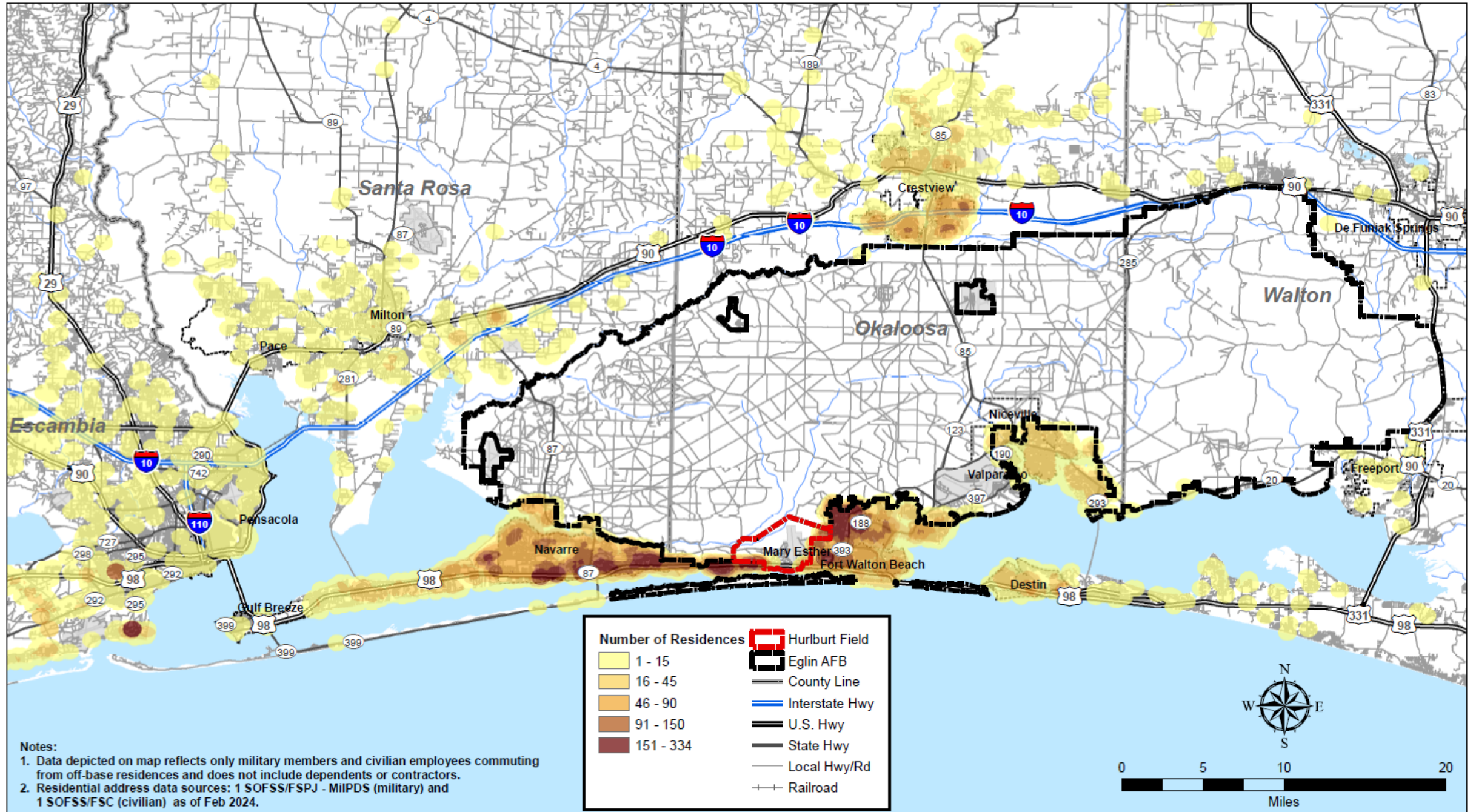
Sincerely

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PATRICK T. DIERIG, Col, USAF
Commander

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HURLBURT FIELD OFF-BASE COMMUTER LOCATIONS



CONSENT AGENDA

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
February 15, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nathan Boyles, CHAIR	Okaloosa County Commission
Anthony Vallee, VICE-CHAIR	City of DeFuniak Springs
Joe Blocker	City of Crestview
Andrew Rencich	City of Crestview
Bobby Wagner	City of Destin
Tracey Dickey	City of Freeport
Dick Rynearson	City of Fort Walton Beach
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission

Virtual Attendance

Bill Schaetzle	City of Niceville
Christine Wasdin	City of Valparaiso

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

J.B. Whitten	City of Crestview
Torey Geile	City of Destin
Travis Smith	City of Fort Walton Beach
Mel Ponder	Okaloosa County Commission
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission
William "Boots" McCormick	Walton County Commission
James T. Wood	Midbay Bridge Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Kristen Schell	City of Niceville
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Mark Brock	FDOT
Daniel Henkel	City of Niceville
Jack Kiger	Eglin Airforce Base
Jared Kirkland	FDOT
Gloria DeBerry	Fort Walton Beach
Allison Sullivan	Okaloosa County BOCC
Mike Martin	

Virtual Attendance

Carla Hodges

FDOT

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Austin Mount

Mary Beth Washnock

Tiffany Bates

Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith

Angela Bradley

Gary Kramer

Jill Nobles

Howard Vanselow

Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Katie Fults

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Boyles asked to add an item to the agenda to discuss future joint and non-regularly scheduled TPO meetings.

Councilman Rencich moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mayor Wagner seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk updated the board on three upcoming projects, stating that FDOT will hold a hybrid public alternative meeting Tuesday, Feb. 20 concerning the U.S. 98 "Around the Mound" Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The project limits cover State Road 30 (U.S. 98/Miracle Strip Parkway) from S.R. 189 (Beal Parkway) to the west end of the Brooks Bridge in Okaloosa County. Bryant Paulk stated that the hybrid meeting will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Citizens can attend virtually at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings. Those unable to participate online can attend in person, at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE. Preregistration is required for virtual attendance and in-person attendance is encouraged.

Bryant Paulk reported that there will be a virtual project update meeting on March 6, 2024, to discuss the intersection improvements on US 98 in Destin at Palm Street and Sandprint Drive.

Bryant Paulk stated that there will be a virtual project update on March 12, 2024, on the resurfacing project on US 98 from the Santa Rosa/Okaloosa County line, east to Josie Road. The project will improve turn lanes along the corridor and will construct a westbound turn lane at A21 Road.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of August 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Ryneearson moved to approve the November 2023 O-W TPO meeting minutes. Commissioner Wasdin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

ADD ON ITEM:

Chair Boyles stated that neither he nor the other TPO members were involved in the recent planning for the joint TPO meeting that occurred on February 2nd. Chair Boyles requested that either the TPO chair or the TPO board be involved in all future planning of any joint TPO meeting.

Commissioner Ketchel stated that based on the invitation and the hotel, she felt the optics were not good for a government event and she would support a motion for the TPO board to be involved in the planning process and scheduling of all future joint TPO meetings.

Councilman Rencich moved to direct staff to coordinate any planning efforts for future joint TPO meetings with the TPO chair prior to the event being scheduled. Mayor Wagner seconded the motion, and it was approved with Commissioner Ketchel opposed.

1. ENCLOSURE A - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-01 Requesting AMTRAK to Restore Stations and Passenger Service in Northwest Florida – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer presented and stated that both TCC and CAC recommended approval.

Commissioner Mixon moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-01 requesting AMTRAK restore stations and passenger service in Northwest Florida. Mayor Ryneearson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-02 Approving the Evaluation Criteria for Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Staff Ranking of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Projects - Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

Jill Nobles stated that as per the UPWP, ECRC staff is re-evaluating the adopted evaluation criteria used to rank candidate projects. Comments will be collected through January 19, 2024.

Councilman Vallee moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-02 approving the evaluation criteria for ECRC staff ranking of TSM projects. Mayor Wagner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES - Request to Proceed with 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 stated that this request was to proceed with amending the O-W 2045 LRTP. Jill Nobles presented the six projects.

Commissioner Ketchel moved to authorize the TPO staff to proceed with 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. Councilman Vallee seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – Schedule for Development of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented and stated that this item will be up for adoption in June.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES -TPO ONLY

Tiffany Bates gave a legislative update, stating that ECRC staff has been tracking Senate Bill 1226 and House Bill 1301, related to FDOT. Tiffany Bates discussed the transportation industry bills, Senate Bill 266, and House Bill 287, and Senate Bill 1032, and House Bill 7049, which impact MPOs and the MPOAC.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC November 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO November 2023 Actions Report
3. Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letter
4. U.S. 98 "Around the Mound" Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study
5. City of Destin Request for Inclusion of the "Cross-town Connector" Project in the Long-Range Transportation Plan Letter
6. Florida Commerce Signed Letter for OW TPO TIP for FY 2023/2024 – 2027/2028
7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Educational Workshop Agenda
8. 2024 OW TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: The next O-W TPO meeting will be held on April 18, 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.

ADD ON ITEM:

Councilman Schaetzle stated that he got recent training at a local MPOAC training event and would like to relinquish his position as alternate to attend the MPOAC Governing Board. Mary Beth Washnock asked if there was anyone who would like to take his place as the alternate.

Councilman Vallee moved to appoint Mayor JB Whitten to serve as the alternate on the MPOAC Governing Board. Mayor Rynearson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned.

ENCLOSURE A

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ALL COMMITTEES - CONSENT

SUBJECT: 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)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Required by Florida Statute

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The UPWP is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, timeframes for completing the work, the cost of the work and sources of funds. (23 C.F.R. 450.104).

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO UPWP defines the tasks, activities, responsible parties, and anticipated budget for planning activities to be undertaken in the MPA served by the TPO for FY 2025 – FY 2026.

TPO work elements were consolidated into fewer tasks to include, but are not limited to the following:

- Program Development
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- Data Development and Management
- Short Range Transportation Planning
- Plans and Studies
- Marketing Outreach and Engagement

Additional work elements related to short range planning and other efforts are included when applicable.

- The draft FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWP can be viewed by clicking the following link:
https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/index.php#outer-546

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-04

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chairman to sign Resolution O-W 24-04, adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program, pending comments from review agencies. This action is recommended to ensure the work is in place with a supporting budget. Please contact Austin Mount, ECRC CEO, at austin.mount@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 – FISCAL YEAR 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible, together with the State of Florida, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) shall be adopted by the TPO and submitted to the governor of the state of Florida and to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as provided in Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 450; Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the UPWP serves as the Scope of Services for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement, an agreement between the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the adopted UPWP shall provide the framework for the transportation policy of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) chief executive officer or his/her designee is authorized to sign the annual state certification statement and provide a copy to the TPO for review; and

WHEREAS, the TPO shall review and approve the Federal Certification Statement and the TPO chair and the ECRC chief executive officer and his/her designee are authorized to sign agreements for state funds and the federal Section 5305 funds and to approve and sign invoices of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWP draft was reviewed by the FHWA, FTA, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWP tasks are as follows:

- Program Development
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- Data Development and Management
- Short Range Transportation Planning
- Plans and Studies
- Marketing Outreach and Engagement

With additional work elements related to short-range planning and other efforts included when applicable;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:**

The Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2026 Unified Planning Work Program is hereby adopted,
pending comments from review agencies.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on
this 18th day of April 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Nathan Boyles, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE B

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ALL COMMITTEES - CONSENT

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-06 Issuing a Letter of Support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FHWA Grants.gov

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to award federal grant funding to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with a population over 200,000 to develop and implement a publicly accessible and transparent, prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans.

The Florida-Alabama TPO meets the eligibility requirements to be the lead applicant on behalf of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and the Bay County TPO, as staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC). Staff requests the Okaloosa-Walton TPO join the other TPOs in issuing letters of support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application, with any changes that may be presented.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-06
- Letter of Support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-06, and to sign the letter of support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application. Please contact Austin Mount, ECRC, at austin.mount@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ISSUING A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE FEDERAL
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)
PRIORITIZATION PROCESS PILOT PROGRAM (PPPP)
DISCRETIONARY GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible, together with the State of Florida, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) intends to award federal grant funding to Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) with a population over 200,000 to develop and implement a publicly accessible and transparent, prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, the FL-AL TPO meets the eligibility requirements to be the lead applicant on behalf of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and the Bay County TPO, as staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

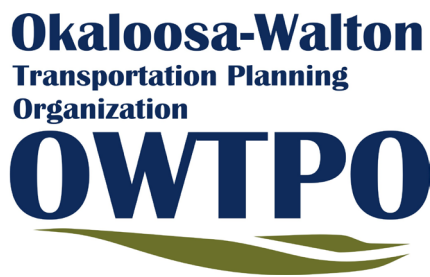
The O-W TPO issues a letter of support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 18th day of April 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Nathan Boyles, Chair

ATTEST: _____



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Chairman

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Mishel McCants
Agreement Specialist
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Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE. Washington, DC20590
PPPP@dot.gov

RE: Letter of Support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application [Funding Opportunity Number 693JJ324NF00010]

Dear Ms. McCants,

On April 18, 2024, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO) approved a motion to express support for the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Prioritization Process Pilot Program (PPPP) Discretionary Grant Application. The Florida-Alabama TPO will be the lead applicant on behalf of the Emerald Coast Regional Council and the three TPOs it staffs: FL-AL TPO, Okaloosa-Walton (O-W) TPO, and the Bay County TPO.

ECRC is eager to work in partnership with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 to develop and implement a data-driven, publicly accessible, and transparent prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans through this grant program.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Austin Mount, ECRC Chief Executive Officer, at austin.mount@ecrc.org.

Sincerely,

Nathan Boyles
O-W TPO Chair
Okaloosa County Commission

CC:

Bryant Paulk, Urban Liaison, FDOT District 3
Austin Mount, Chief Executive Officer, ECRC

FDOT UPDATES

ACTION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE C

ENCLOSURE C ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: 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 - **(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Okaloosa County, Walton County, and the City of Freeport

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: At its February 15, 2024 meeting, the TPO directed staff to begin the process to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Destin Cross-Town Connector, West 98 Collector, JW Hollington Connector Road, Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road, CR 3280 Extension, and Freeport Waterfront Improvements.

The Public Participation Plan (PPP) for Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments, adopted June 17, 2021, states the following:

Administrative modifications to the PPP, LRTP, TIP or UPWP are minor revisions and do not require public review but must be included in the public notice for the TPO board meeting when the modification is presented for review and adoption.

Amendments are revisions that may involve the addition or deletion of a major project, a major change in project cost, or a major change in design concept or design scope. Amendments require a formal public review and comment period. A 30-day formal comment period will be implemented for major LRTP amendments and the public participation procedures may vary based on the nature of the amendment. TPO staff, with TPO board consultation, will make this determination based on the project, the nature of the change, the number of counties affected, and the impact on the planning process. Because of the wide variability in what an amendment can include, the TPO reserves the right to determine what participation techniques are appropriate, recognizing that outreach measures should fit the amendment content. Always, the public, interested parties, policy makers, and partners can obtain full information about each project change. Review and adoption of amendments to core documents by the TPO board, will be noticed in the Florida Administrative Register.

Below are some of the steps utilized for amendments to major documents or plans:

- Provide a 30-day public review and comment period for the draft document or plan.
- Include in the public notice of the TPO board meeting when the draft document or plan is to be presented for review and adoption.
- Provide the public with an opportunity to comment during public forum when the draft document or plan is presented for review and adoption.
- Publish adopted document on website at www.ecrc.org. Print copies of amendments are available upon request.

Destin Cross-town Connector (See attached map for location)

The Destin Cross-town Connector will provide two lanes of enhanced capacity between US 98 and Main Street (Destin Harbor District). In late 2023, FDOT completed a PD&E study for the 6-laning of U.S. 98. While it was determined that more capacity is required, the project was cost-prohibitive due to the amount of land acquisition needed. This project will serve as an alternative to U.S. 98, giving people an option for east-west travel and thereby relieving the pressures on U.S. 98. This project will include bicycle lanes, sidewalks, and green space, as it also overlays with the Florida Sun Trail Network.

This project is currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan as a committed project. Due to increased costs, the project was never completed. This amendment adds the remaining unfunded portion of the construction phase to the Cost Feasible Plan. This amendment has been requested by the City of Destin.

<u>PD&E Study</u>	<u>PE/Design</u>	<u>ROW</u>	<u>Construction</u>
Complete	Complete	Complete	\$5,999,717 (local funds) \$3,632,811

West 98 Collector (See attached map for location)

The West 98 Collector will run parallel to SR 30/US 98 to support and alleviate traffic off US 98. The purpose is to provide residents with an option of travel by bicycle or car that does not involve turning onto and off US 98 while minimizing flooding between the corridors. The proposed overall study consists of construction of an approximate 3-mile roadway that runs parallel to US 98, west of Hurlburt Field and north of Florosa Elementary, and the Florosa Fire Station.

This project is not currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan or Cost Feasible Plan. This amendment adds the locally funded phases in the Cost Feasible Plan and the unfunded phases to the Needs Plan. This amendment has been requested by Okaloosa County.

JW Hollington Connector Road (See attached map for location)

This project is a new roadway connecting JW Hollington Road to US 331. It consists of a new two-lane road with Complete Streets elements such as paths and bicycle lanes.

This project is not currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan or Cost Feasible Plan. This amendment adds the costs to the Needs Plan only. This amendment has been requested by Walton County.

Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road (See attached map for location)

This project is a new roadway connecting Mack Bayou Road to Sandestin Lane. It consists of a new two-lane road with Complete Streets Elements such as paths or flex lanes.

This project is not currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan or Cost Feasible Plan. This amendment adds the costs to the Needs Plan only. This amendment has been requested by Walton County.

CR 3280 Extension (See attached map for location)

This project is a new roadway connecting Black Creek Boulevard to SR 20. It consists of a new two-lane road with Complete Streets Elements such as a path and bike lanes.

This project is not currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan or Cost Feasible

Plan. This amendment adds the costs to the Needs Plan only. This amendment has been requested by Walton County.

Freeport Waterfront Improvements (See attached map for locations)

- Four Mile Bridge Boat Ramp Refurbishment
 - Issue: The boat ramp is being undermined by barge/tugboat motor turbidity around the ramp.
 - Proposed Retrofit: a) Construct 80 SY AL Class 3 Riprap over D-2 filter fabric; b) Construct 65 linear feet steel sheet pile retaining wall around existing boat ramp and loading docks.
- Four Mile Creek Turn Basin Mooring Field
 - Issue: Alleviate vessel congestion for fueling and state of emergency-named storms for vessel mooring for evacuation from the coast.
 - Proposed Solution: Construction of seven (7) boat slips
- Marse Landing Off-Loading Bulkhead Extension
 - Issue: Circulation issues for truck pick-up of off-loaded materials. Port Authority has been deactivated and must be reinstated.
 - Proposed Retrofit: a) extend bulkhead 200' north of existing bulkhead and provide loading areas for off-loaded materials, and b) pursue reactivation of Port Authority

This project is not currently in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan or Cost Feasible Plan. This amendment adds the costs to the Needs Plan only. This amendment has been requested by the City of Freeport.

2045 LRTP Modifications

The following projects in the 2045 LRTP have been requested to be modified by Walton County to align with the Walton County Mobility Plan/LRTP. The TPO's 2045 LRTP can be accessed at <https://www.ecrc.org/OW2045LRTP>.

LRTP Map ID	Project Name	From	To	Improvement	Modification
A-002	Black Creek Road <u>CR 3280</u>	US 331 (SR 83)	SR 20	Provide 2 lanes new/improved capacity	Rename
A-043	US 331	US 90 (SR 10)	Alabama State Line <u>Paxton Bypass Road (Conceptual)</u>	Provide 4 lanes of capacity	Revise limits
A-054	Chat Holley Road Connector	Nellie Drive	US 98	Provide 2 lanes of new capacity	Remove due to duplicate project A-121 Nellie Road.
A-056	Walton County Improvements <u>Walton Road Improvements</u>	20 th Street	SR 83	Provide additional capacity	Rename
A-057	1st Street Alternate	SR 83 (US 331)	Bay Avenue	Construct new road	Remove

	<u>Option 4</u>				
A-061	Water Tower Road Connector Road <u>North Freeport Connector Road</u>	Business 331	US 331	Construct new road	Rename
A-062	Marquis Way East West Connector Road	Shipyard Road	Marquis Way	Construct new road	Rename. A-063 is Marquis Way East Connector Road.
A-075	Blue Ridge Parkway Extension	Lagrange Landing <u>SR 20</u>	<u>Marquis Way</u>	Road upgrades and construction of new road	Revise limits
A-104	CR 393	US Hwy 98	30A	Road Upgrades	Remove due to project being complete.
A-131	US 98	Mack Bayou Road	Sandestin Boulevard	Road Upgrades and Safety Enhancements	Remove due to project being underway/complete.
A-145	US 98	Sandestin Boulevard	Okaloosa County Line	Road Upgrades, Safety Improvements, and Complete Streets Elements	Remove due to project being complete.
B-08	CR 883 Madison Street <u>Business 331 (CR 883)</u>	SR 20	Freeport Village <u>US 331</u>	Sidewalks	Revise project name and limits.
B-39	20 th Street	US 331 <u>Walton Road</u>	US 90	Sidewalk Extension	Revise limits.
B-42	Baldwin Avenue	US 90 <u>West</u>	18th Street <u>11th Street</u>	Sidewalk Extension	Revise limits.
B-43	Baldwin Avenue	18th Street <u>11th Street</u>	1 st Street	Sidewalk Rehabilitation	Revise limits.
B-47	19 th Street	Hedger Street	<u>Bob Sikes Road</u>	Proposed Sidewalk Extension	Revise limits.

Amendment Schedule

- February 15, 2024 - Authorization by the TPO to proceed with amending the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan
- February 2024 - Post proposed Long Range Transportation Plan amendment online
- April 11, 2024 – Public workshop #1 at the Fort Walton Beach Public Library
- April 11, 2024 - Public workshop #2 at the Freeport Community Center
- April 18, 2024 - TCC and CAC review and recommend approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment
- April 18, 2024 - TPO approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan amendment

The draft report is accessible at the following link:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/amendments_and_modifications.php .

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-05
- Location Maps of Proposed Amendment Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-05 amending the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Cost Feasible and Needs Plan for the Destin Cross-Town Connector, West 98 Collector, JW Hollington Connector Road, Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road, CR 3280 Extension, and Freeport Waterfront Improvements. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, with any questions at 850-332-7976, extension 212 or via email at jill.nobles@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO AMEND THE 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN NEEDS AND COST FEASIBLE PLANS

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible, together with the State of Florida, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan is develop pursuant to Part 23 Section 450.322, Code of Federal Regulations and Section 339.175(6), Florida Statutes and is the transportation plan that contains needed and financially feasible projects for at least a 20-year planning horizon; and

WHEREAS, 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted on December 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan amendment includes the committed projects in the 2020 Existing Plus Committed Network, the capacity projects in the 2020-2024 and 2021-2025 Transportation Improvement Programs, and the needs Assessment and Cost Feasible Plan projects identified from 2026-2045; and

WHEREAS, outreach events were held in April 2024 for Destin Cross-Town Connector, West 98 Collector, JW Hollington Connector Road, Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road, CR 3280 Extension, and Freeport Waterfront Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO believes that the amendment listed below will support the performance targets established by the state and supported by the TPO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO amends the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include:

- Destin Cross-Town Connector (Construction phase only for Cost Feasible Plan Amendment)
- West 98 Collector (Project Development & Environment Study and Preliminary Engineering phases funded with local funds/state grant for Cost Feasible Plan Amendment)
- JW Hollington Connector Road (Needs Plan Amendment only)
- Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road (Needs Plan Amendment only)
- CR 3280 Extension (Needs Plan Amendment only)
- Freeport Waterfront Improvements (Needs Plan Amendment only)

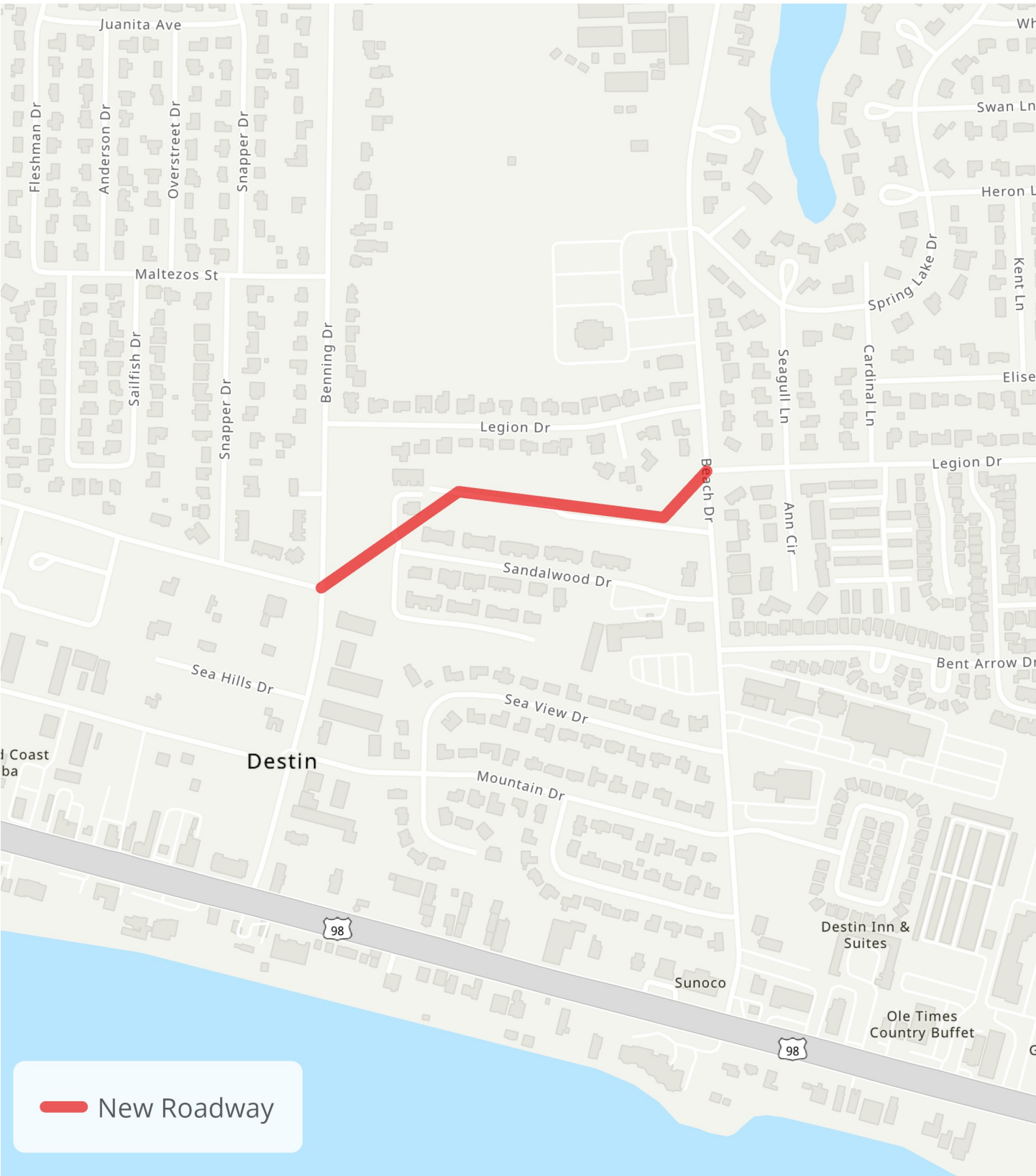
Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 18th day of April 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Nathan Boyles, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Proposed LRTP Amendment - Destin Cross-Town Connector

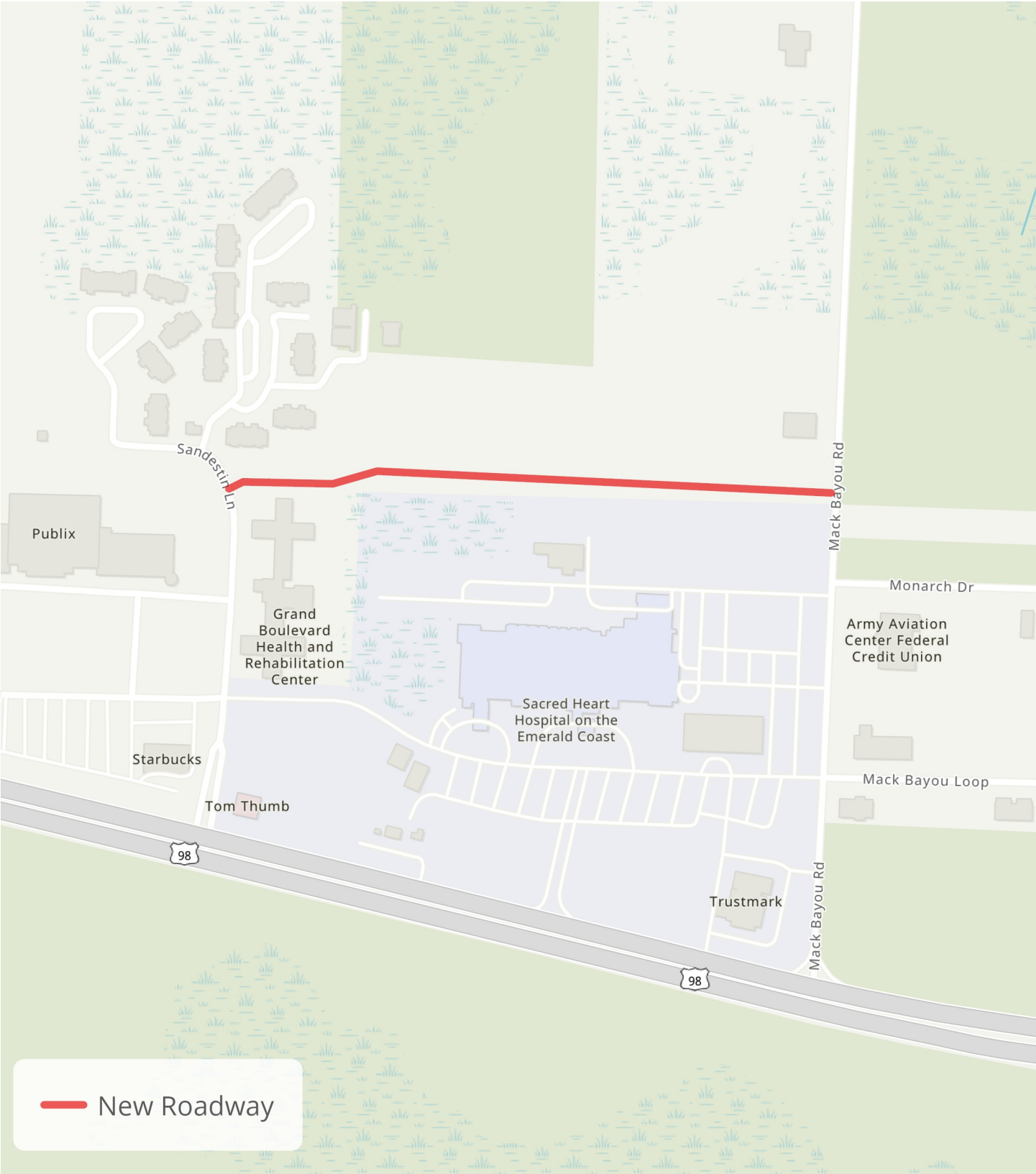


Proposed LRTP Amendment - West 98 Collector

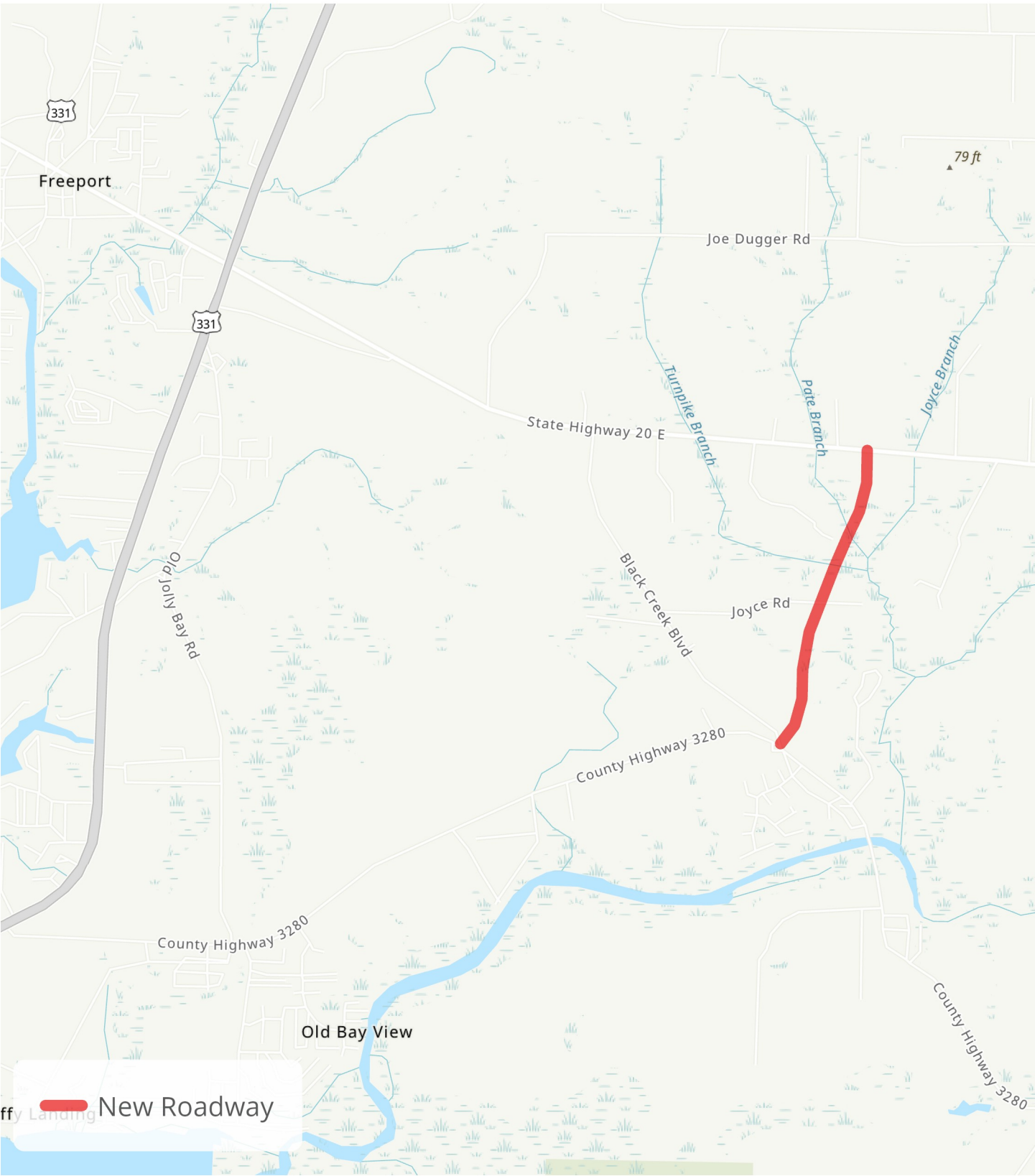


The map displays the Freeport area in Texas, highlighting a proposed new roadway in red. The roadway begins at US Highway 331 and extends eastward, passing through the Lafayette Creek Wildlife Management Area. Key geographical features include Lafayette Creek, Wolf Creek, and several smaller branches like Pate Branch, Joyce Branch, Walker Branch, and Mill Branch. Major roads shown include US Highway 331, State Highway 20 E, and County Highway 3280. Local landmarks such as the Windswept Dunes Golf Course and the Joe Dugger Rd are also marked. A legend in the bottom right corner identifies the red line as the 'New Roadway'.

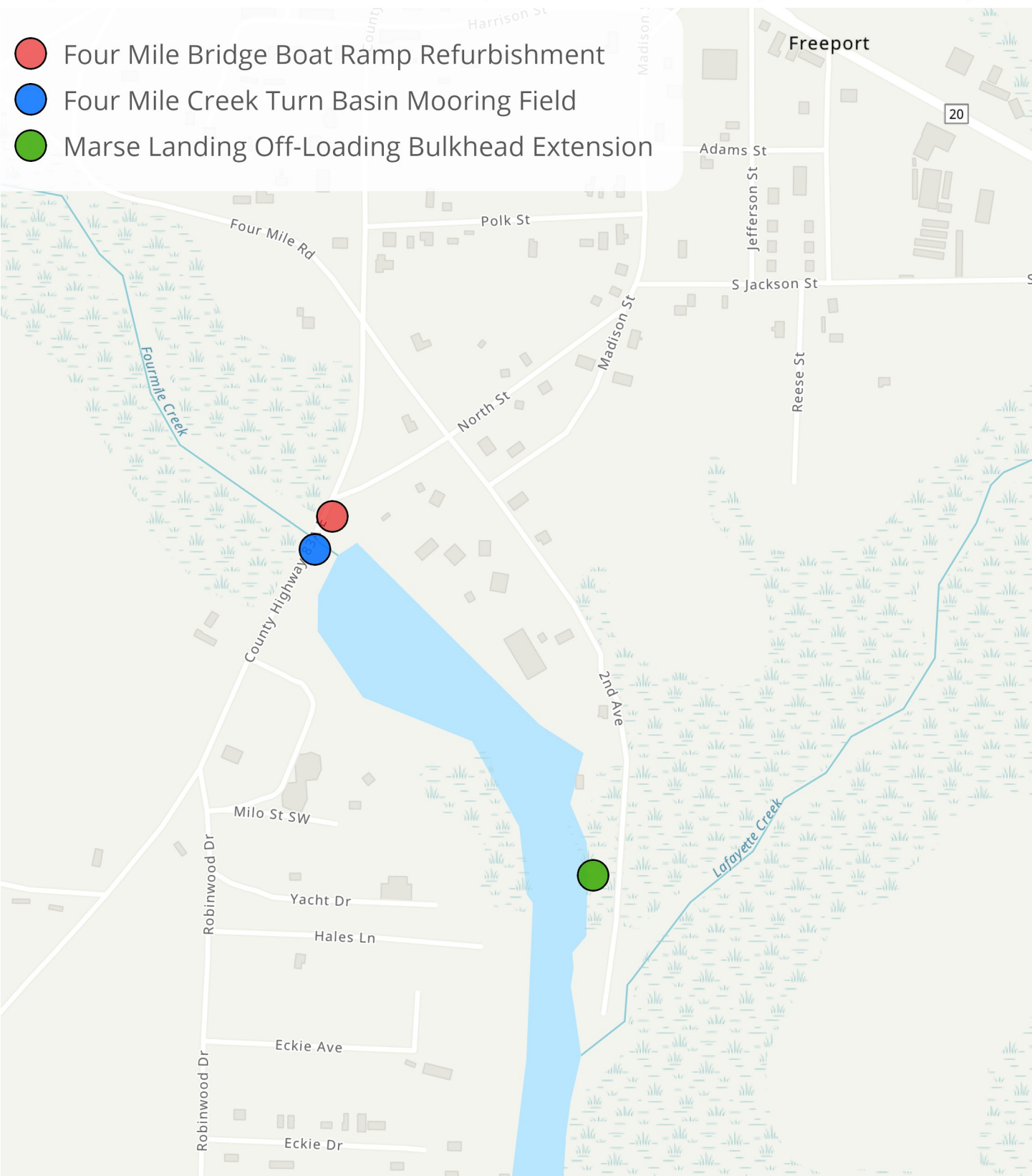
Proposed LRTP Amendment - Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road



Proposed LRTP Amendment - CR 3280 Extension



Proposed LRTP Amendment - Freeport Waterfront Improvement Projects



ENCLOSURE D

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: 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

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act § 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133(h); FDOT; and Task 5 Plans and Studies of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act under 23 U.S.C. 133(h). These set-aside funds include all projects and activities defined as TA: on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.

Education Workshop: The O-W TPO sponsored a TA Education Workshop on Thursday, December 7, 2023. The purpose of this workshop was to review the previously approved TPO criteria and submittal deadlines, and to receive FDOT guidance on the application documents.

FDOT Guidance: FDOT District 3 issued guidance on the 2024 TA Set-Aside cycle for the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program on November 1, 2023. The guidance specified each TPO may submit up to three (3) priorities projects from each TPO area. Rural areas outside of the TPO area may submit applications directly to FDOT.

The three projects submitted were:

- Okaloosa County – 4th Avenue Sidewalk (from 2nd Street to 12th Street)
- Okaloosa County – Valley Road Sidewalk (from US 90 to Stillwell Boulevard)
- Walton County – Poinciana Boulevard Roadway and Drainage Improvement Project (from US 98 to Scenic Gulf Drive)

ECRC Review and Workshop: Applications eligible for submittal to ECRC were due January 19, 2024. An application review workshop was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Final 2024 TA applications may be found under the Transportation Alternatives dropdown menu at: https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/index.php#outer-1379sub-1602

ECRC Submittal: Following action by the TPO, final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 26, 2024. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking from the TPO to FDOT.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-03
- Project Scores and Ranking

- Project Location Maps

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-03 adopting the 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. This action is recommended because all the requirements of the competitive process have been met. If additional information is needed, please contact Jill Nobles, TPO staff, at 1-850-332-7976, Extension 212 or jill.nobles@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE 2024 TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET ASIDE PROJECT RANKING FOR THE FY 2026 – FY 2030 FDOT TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the metropolitan planning organization designated by the governor of Florida as being responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton Metropolitan Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program is consistent with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act under 23 U.S.C. 133(h); and

WHEREAS, the TA Program provides funding for projects in the following areas: on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation and projects for planning, designing or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways; and

WHEREAS, according to 23 U.S.C. 213(c)(5), each TPO area is required to select TA Set-aside projects through a competitive process in consultation with the state; and

WHEREAS, the TPO has established accepted scoring criteria to rank projects in a competitive process; and

WHEREAS, each local jurisdiction with representation on the TPO board was limited to three projects submittals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The 2024 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside project ranking is hereby adopted.

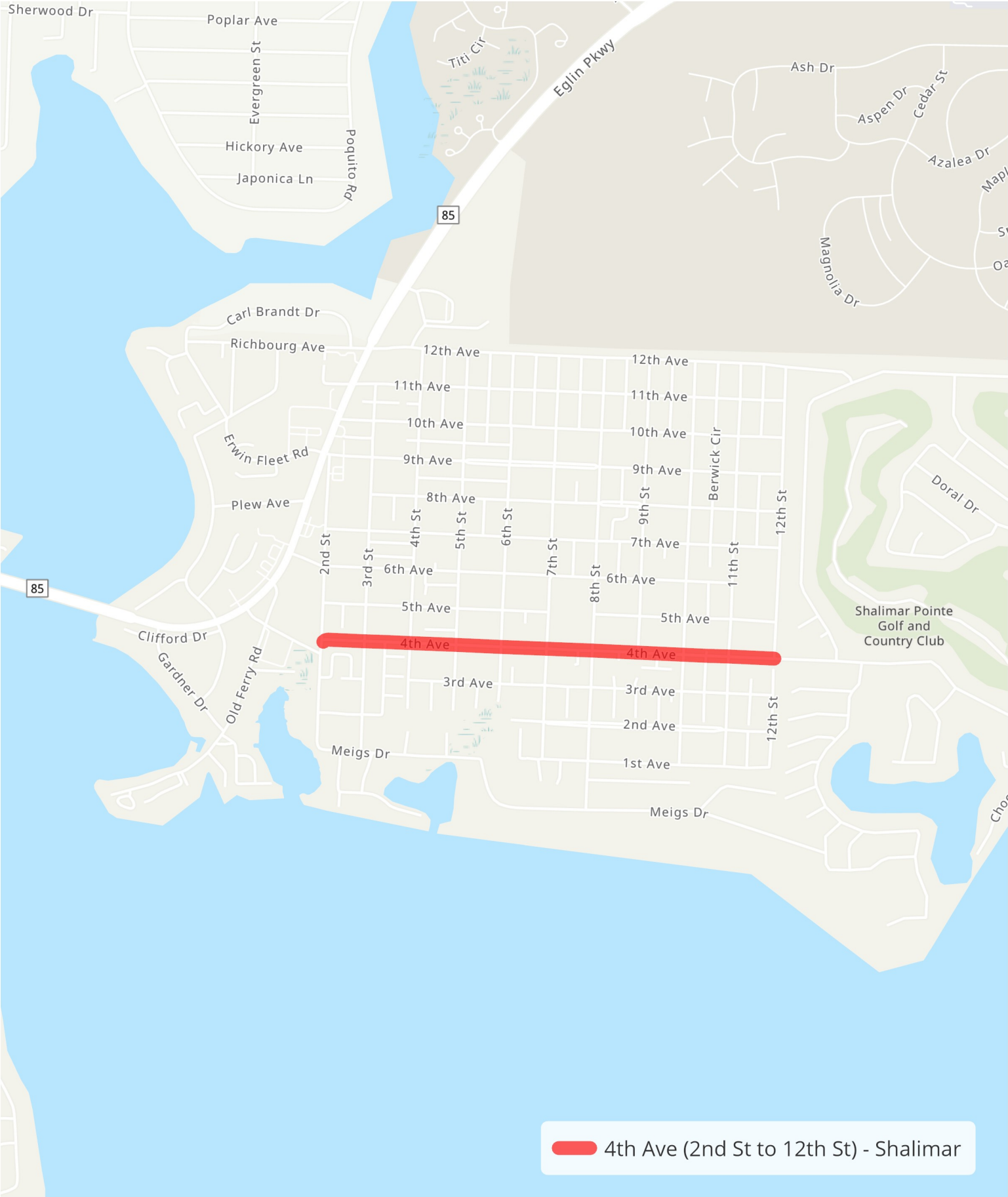
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**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
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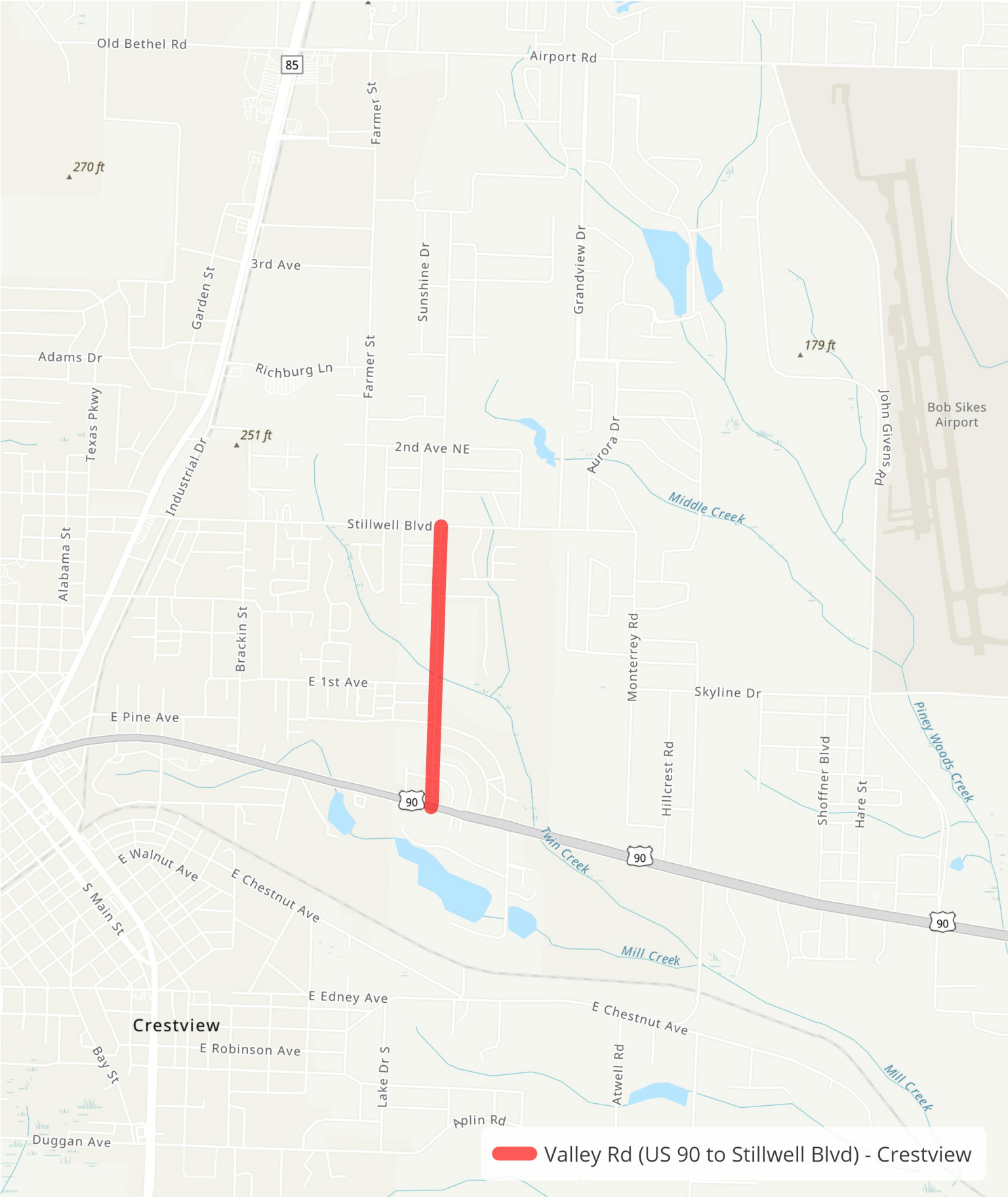
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Nathan Boyles, Chair

ATTEST: _____

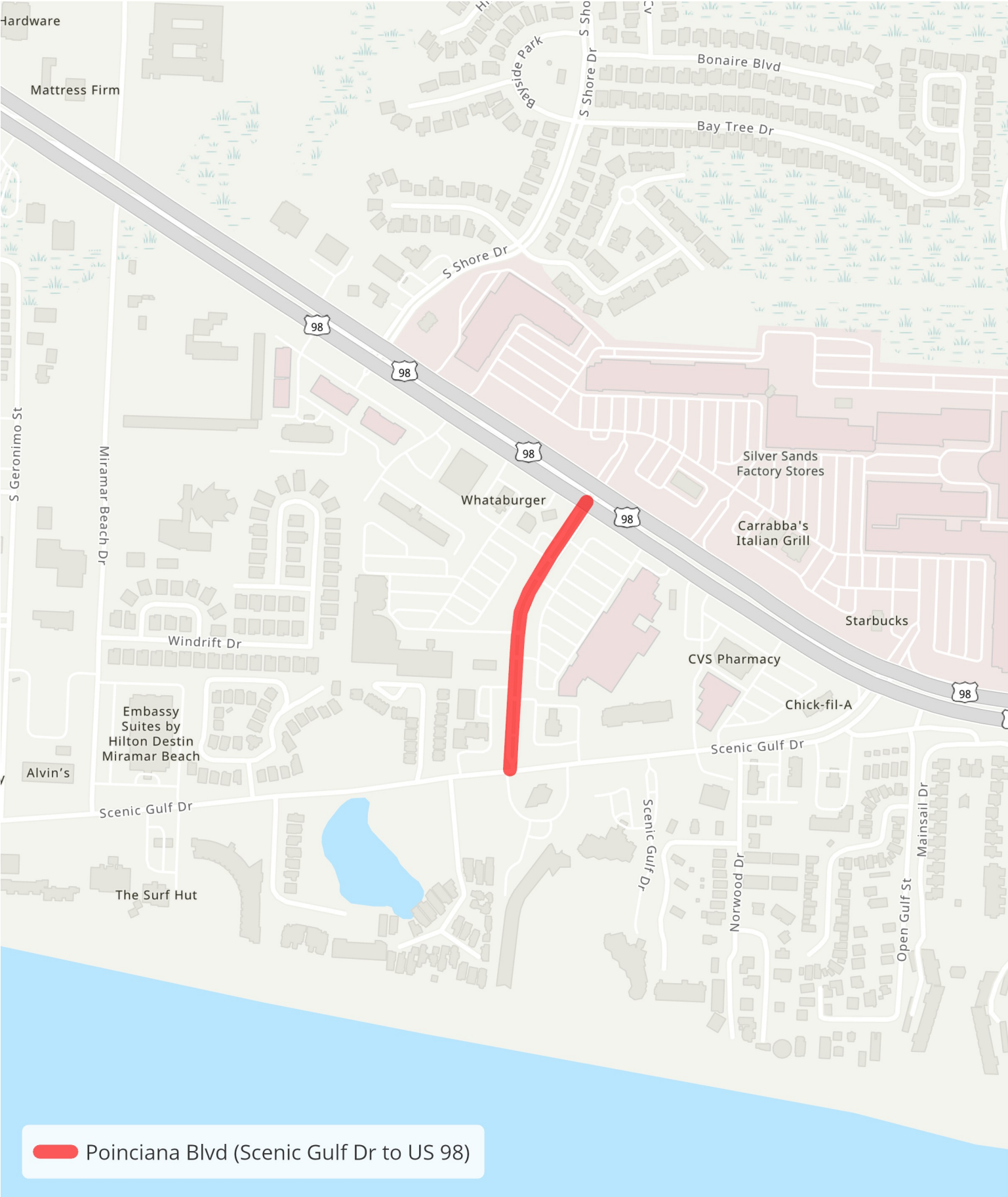
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Okaloosa-Walton TPO - TA Project Locations - Walton County



ENCLOSURE E

ENCLOSURE E ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of Letter in Support for Fort Walton Beach “Around the Mound” Project

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: City of Fort Walton Beach

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The City of Fort Walton Beach has pledged local funds for FDOT consideration to include in its Five-Year Work Program for the purpose of leveraging any state/urban dollars that may be available to advance the design phase of the project known as “Around the Mound”. Several years ago, the city pledged local funds to leverage the PD&E and was successful in helping FDOT D3 secure funding for the PD&E phase.

The city would like to continue the successful relationship in cost sharing with FDOT and is requesting the TPO draft a letter of support to be issued to FDOT D3.

Attached are the following:

- Letter from Mayor Rynearson, Fort Walton Beach
- Draft TPO Letter of Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign a letter in support of the Fort Walton Beach “Around the Mound” project design. This action is recommended to communicate the TPO board’s endorsement of a local cost share/pledge towards the proposed project. Please contact Austin Mount, ECRC Staff, at austin.mount@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.



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April 10, 2024

Chairman Nathan Boyles
Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization
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Dear Chairman Boyles:

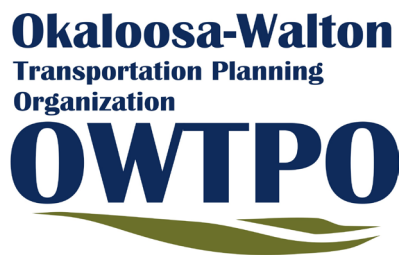
As you may know, the City of Fort Walton Beach has worked diligently on trying to improve traffic in Fort Walton Beach along the US98 corridor in southern Okaloosa County. In recent years, the city has made significant progress on advancing phases of a project known as Around the Mound on US98 in downtown Fort Walton Beach.

Around the Mound started as a concept locally as a way to reroute traffic around the downtown, a well-known bottleneck for traffic navigating the US98 corridor. Today, with the help of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (OWTPO) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), we now have a completed feasibility study and a nearly completed PD&E study which shows alternates and preferred implementation route of this project.

The city, along with many others in the community, is ready for this project to become a reality. That's why, during the past few years, the city has partnered with the OWTPO and the FDOT to provide local funds towards the PD&E. In continuation with this approach, the city has once again pledged an additional **\$100,000** towards the Design phase. With this local pledge, I humbly ask the OWTPO's willingness to provide a letter of support to FDOT/D3 for consideration of any state/urban funds that may be available to advance the Design of this necessary and beneficial project in the upcoming work program cycle.

Sincerely,


Richard A. Rynearson
Mayor



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April 18, 2024

Phillip Gainer, Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation District 3
1074 Highway 90 East
Chipley, Florida 32528

RE: Letter of Support for the “Around the Mound” Project Design

Dear Secretary Gainer,

On April 18, 2024, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO) approved a motion to express support for the “Around the Mound” project design and for the City of Fort Walton Beach’s commitment to contribute funds to the project.

In 2019, the City of Fort Walton Beach initiated financial support of this project by pledging local funds to leverage the PD&E Study and was successful in helping the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District 3 secure that funding. The city now wishes to do the same with the design phase of the project.

The O-W TPO is in full support of this pledged contribution of local funds as well as the continued success of the cost-sharing relationship between the City of Fort Walton Beach and FDOT.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Austin Mount, ECRC Chief Executive Officer, at austin.mount@ecrc.org.

Sincerely,

Nathan Boyles
O-W TPO Chair
Okaloosa County Commission

CC:

Bryant Paulk, Urban Liaison, FDOT District 3
Austin Mount, Chief Executive Officer, ECRC

ENCLOSURE F

ENCLOSURE F ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Approval of Letter in Support for Destin Crosstown Connector

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: City of Destin

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: For many years the Okaloosa-Walton (O-W) TPO included the project known as the Destin Crosstown Connector in the LRTP and Project Priorities, as a reliever route to U.S. 98 in Destin. Approximately two years ago the TPO removed the project from these lists due to it being fully funded through the construction phase. Unfortunately, due to inflation and higher construction costs, those pledged local funds were not enough to cover the increase in construction costs.

The City of Destin has a significant amount of local funds pledged for this project. The City has issued a request for the O-W TPO to approve its chair sign a letter of support for FDOT to consider the City's pledged funds in the upcoming FDOT work program to combine with any state/urban dollars that may be available to advance the construction phase of Destin Crosstown Connector to finish this project.

Attached are the following:

- Letter from Mayor Wagner, City of Destin
- Draft Letter of Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign a letter in support of City of Destin Crosstown Connector. This action is recommended to communicate the TPO board's endorsement of a local cost share/pledge towards the proposed project. Please contact Austin Mount, ECRC CEO, at austin.mount@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

Dear Chairman Boyles,

As you may be aware, the City of Destin has been working tirelessly to alleviate traffic on US HWY 98 in Destin. The city has made significant progress in developing the Crosstown Connector as a reliever route. The Crosstown Connector has been a high priority of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (OWTPO) for many years and was recently removed from the priorities list once it was fully funded for construction and completion.

Unfortunately, the city has hit a roadblock in delivering the construction of the Crosstown Connector due to inflation and the overall increase in construction costs for roadway projects. At the previous OWTPO meeting, the city requested the project be added back to the LRTP/Cost Feasible list to assist the city with the small gap of funding needed. The city is ready to bid on this project again if successful in securing an additional \$3 million.

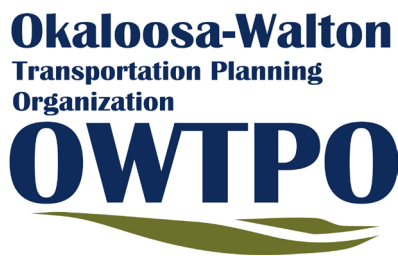
Considering the large portion of local funds the city has dedicated to this project, I ask the OWTPO for assistance in requesting any available funds from FDOT to complete this project. The city is also in a position to advance this project and ultimately be paid back in a later fiscal year if FDOT would entertain this idea.

Would the OWTPO be willing to issue a letter of support to FDOT/D3 requesting that any available state/urban funds be highly considered to close the gap and push this project to the finish line, as we once, had it?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bobby Wagner
Mayor, City of Destin



Nathan Boyles
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April 18, 2024

Phillip Gainer, Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation District 3
1074 Highway 90 East
Chipley, Florida 32528

RE: Letter of Support for the Destin Crosstown Connector

Dear Secretary Gainer,

On April 18, 2024, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO) approved a motion to express support for completion of the Crosstown Connector project and for the City of Destin's commitment to contribute funds to the project.

For several years, the O-W TPO included completion of this project in its Long Range Plan and Project Priorities. The project was removed from those documents when construction was fully funded. However, inflation and continued increases in construction costs halted the project before completion.

The City of Destin has pledged a substantial amount of its local funds to complete the Destin Crosstown Connector, recognizing its importance in alleviating east-west traffic congestion along U.S. 98. The O-W TPO is in full support of this pledged contribution of local funds as well as continued success of a cost-sharing relationship between the City of Destin and FDOT.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Austin Mount, ECRC Chief Executive Officer, at austin.mount@ecrc.org.

Sincerely,

Nathan Boyles
O-W TPO Chair
Okaloosa County Commission

CC:

Bryant Paulk, Urban Liaison, FDOT District 3
Austin Mount, Chief Executive Officer, ECRC

ENCLOSURE G

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-07 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization and Advisory Committee Bylaws

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: TPO/ECRC Staff

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Okaloosa-Walton TPO and advisory committee bylaws are routinely reviewed by staff and recommendations are made to the board. The last amendment to the bylaws was on April 21, 2022, removing the requirement for CAC members to submit a new application for membership annually.

Changes recommended during this staff review relate to:

- Overall verbiage
- Joint TPO meetings
- Nomination and election of board/committee officers
- Virtual attendance at TPO meetings

Attached are the following:

- Resolution FL-AL 24-17
- Recommended Bylaw Changes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-07 amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws. Please contact Austin Mount, ECRC staff at austin.mount@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 201 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION UPDATING THE BYLAWS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Census Defined Fort Walton Beach Urbanized Area and has been designated as the local agency responsible for carrying out the provisions of Part 23, Section 450.306, Code of Federal Regulations and Chapter 339.175 (2) and (3), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO sets forth the powers, privileges and authority of the TPO under Federal and State Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO prescribe the operating rules and procedures of the TPO in compliance with the Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO contains the requirements for TPO meeting agendas and voting requirements consistent with Section 339.175 Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the current Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO were amended on April 21, 2022 and have not been updated since that date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts the updated Bylaws, Policies and Procedures of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and advisory committees.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 18th day of April 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Nathan Boyles, Chair

ATTEST: _____

OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE BYLAWS, ~~POLICIES AND PROCEDURES~~

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OKALOOSA-WALTON TPO BYLAWS, ~~POLICIES AND PROCEDURES~~

1.01 TPO ~~BOARD~~ PREAMBLE

The Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is created in accordance with federal and state requirements to perform the area-wide transportation planning process in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Study Area. The TPO ~~Study a~~Area includes the Fort Walton Beach Urbanized Area and adjacent areas in Okaloosa and Walton -Counties. The powers, privileges, and authority of the TPO are contained in the Interlocal Agreement for Creation of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO. In compliance with the Interlocal Agreement, the following sets forth the operating rules and procedures of the TPO.

1.02 TPO ~~BOARD~~ PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

(1) The purposes of the TPO shall be the following:

(a) To carry out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO ~~Study a~~Area consistent with applicable federal, state, and local laws in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation;

(b) To develop transportation systems embracing various modes of transportation to maximize the mobility of people and goods within and through Okaloosa-Walton TPO ~~Study a~~Area and minimize, to the maximum extent feasible, transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution;

(c) To develop transportation plans and programs, in cooperation with the Florida Department of Transportation, which provide for the development of transportation facilities that will function as a multi-modal and intermodal transportation system for the TPO ~~a~~Study Area; and

(d) To assure the continued eligibility for the receipt of federal and state capital and operating assistance for transportation projects in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO ~~Study a~~Area.

(2) The ~~functions of the~~ TPO shall ~~include, but are not limited to the following~~:

(a) ~~Update, adoption, and maintenance of a~~Generate and maintain a Long-Range Transportation Plan;

(b) ~~Development and annual adoption of~~Generate and maintain a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);

(c) ~~Preparation and annual adoption~~Generate and maintain of a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);

- (d) ~~Development and annual adoption of~~Generate and maintain a Congestion Management ~~Process System~~(CMPS) Plan;
- (e) Assist the Florida Department of Transportation in mapping transportation planning boundaries required by federal and state law;
- (f) Ensure the compatibility of TPO plans and projects with state, and local county and city transportation plans and projects;
- (g) Ensure that all jurisdictional areas within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Study Area are included in the transportation planning process;
- (h) Ensure that all transportation modes are considered in the transportation planning process;
- (i) Ensure that the transportation needs of all persons, including the elderly and persons with disabilities~~handicapped~~, are considered in the transportation planning process;
- (j) Ensure meaningful citizens participation in the transportation planning process and establish/maintain a Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)~~to the TPO~~;
- (k) Ensure local technical review and coordination with state and local plans in the transportation planning process and establish/maintain a Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)~~to the TPO~~;
- (l) Ensure local technical review and coordination of bicycle/pedestrian projects to improve safety and encourage these modes by establishing/maintaining a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) to the TPO;
- (m) Ensure collaboration with neighboring TPO's by participation in regional transportation planning coordination events by the ECRC (the designated Regional Transportation Area). Events to coordinate the regions three (3) contiguous MPO's shall take place annually and the coordination of the events shall include the region's three (3) TPO chairs as well as ECRC chair;
- (n) The TPO may also have other standing or ad-hoc advisory committees as necessary or specified in state statues, such as the Local Coordinating Boards for the Transportation Disadvantaged Programs in Okaloosa and Walton Counties, corridor management teams; or freight advisory committees; and
- (o) Perform other duties delegated by federal and state laws or rules and regulations.

1.03 TPO BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The Voting Membership of the TPO is apportioned among the local governmental entities, which constitute the TPO. Local TPO governments within the TPO must appoint the allocated entities appoint the appropriate number of members to the TPO Board from elected eligible officials, based on the Governor approved TPO Apportionment Plan.
- (2) The TPO vVoting mMember's term of office shall be held for the duration of their elected office. The membership of a member who is a public official automatically terminates upon said official leaving the elective or appointive office for any reason or may be terminated by a majority vote of the total membership of the governmental entity represented by the member. A vacancy shall be filled by the original appointing entity.
- (3) The local government appointing body original appointing body shall appoint members to fill any TPO Board membership vacancies.
- (4) The local government original appointing body may shall appoint Alternate Voting Members from eligible officials to vote at TPO meetings in place of vVoting mMembers who cannot attend.
- (5) Alternate vVoting mMembers sit with the same rights and privileges as vVoting mMembers.
- (6) Non-vVoting aAdvisory mMembers may be appointed by the TPO as deemed necessary.
- (7) All Non-vVoting aAdvisory mMembers shall not have sit with the same rights and privileges as TPO Voting Members, except that Non-Voting Members shall not have the right to present resolutions, motions or second same, or to vote upon any motions or resolutions of the TPO.

1.04 TPO BOARD OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- (1) The officers of the TPO shall be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The officers shall be vVoting mMembers elected by the TPO membership.
- (2) The Chairman shall preside at TPO meetings and be responsible for the preparation of agendas and minutes (with staff assistance), and appoint subcommittees as needed.
- (3) In the absence or incapacity of the TPO Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties of the Chairman.
- (3) (4) Nominations and eElection of TPO officers shall be part of the regular TPO meeting in June (or in the event there is not a meeting in June, the election shall take place at the next TPO meeting). In the event of multiple nominations for an officer position, the staff will ask for a roll call vote, the majority winner shall be the new officer. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the next meeting following the election.
- (4) Officer positions~~They~~ shall serve a term of hold office for one year, or until their

successors are elected, and they shall be eligible for reelection. Officers may serve multiple terms.

- (5) ~~The TPO Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the regular TPO meeting in May (or in the event there is not a meeting in May, the appointment shall take place at the next TPO meeting). The Nominating Committee shall report their recommended candidates for officers at the next TPO meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.~~
- (6) Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the TPO Voting Members present.
- (7) In the event that either the Chair~~man~~ or Vice-Chair~~man~~ position becomes vacant, a replacement shall be elected at the next scheduled TPO meeting.
- (8) The TPO shall elect a Member and Alternate to the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC). The TPO shall annually at the end of each calendar year, elect a voting member and alternate to serve on the MPOAC. They shall be Voting Members of the TPO. They shall be elected annually prior to the January MPOAC meeting. They shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be eligible for reelection.
- (9) ~~The TPO shall also elect members to serve on the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization to represent Okaloosa and Walton Counties. They shall be Voting Members of the TPO.~~

1.05 TPO BOARD REGULAR MEETINGS

- (1) Regular meetings of the TPO shall be held as needed, at a time and place designated by the TPO Chair~~man~~; normally scheduled on the third Thursday of the month.
- (2) In the event that the TPO Chair~~man~~ wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a regular TPO meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable or at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.
- (3) At least seven (7) days prior to a regular TPO meeting, public notice and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the TPO and local media services.
- (4) ~~TPO Subcommittee meetings shall have the same meeting requirements as regular TPO meetings.~~

1.06 TPO BOARD SPECIAL MEETINGS

- (1) A special meeting of the TPO may be called by the TPO Chair~~man~~ or a majority of the ~~v~~Voting ~~y~~M~~e~~mbers at a regular TPO meeting. Each member of the TPO shall receive a notification of

such special meeting stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which such meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

- (2) In the event that the TPO Chair~~man~~ wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a special TPO meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable or at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.
- (3) At least seven (7) days prior to a special TPO meeting, public notice and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the TPO and local media services stating the date, hour and place of the special meeting including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.

1.07 TPO BOARD EMERGENCY MEETINGS

- (1) The TPO Chair~~man~~ may call an emergency meeting of the TPO when in his or her opinion an emergency exists which requires immediate action by the TPO. When such a meeting is called, each TPO member shall be notified, stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which it is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least a twenty-four (24) hour advance public notice of such emergency meeting shall be given to local media services before the time the meeting is held.
- (2) If after reasonable diligence, it becomes impossible to give notice to each TPO member, such failure shall not affect the legality of the emergency meeting if a quorum is present. The minutes of each emergency meeting shall show the manner and method by which notice of such meeting was given to each member of the TPO or shall show a waiver of notice.

1.08 TPO BOARD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- (1) A public hearing or workshop may be called by the TPO and may be scheduled before, during or after a regular meeting at the same meeting place or may be scheduled at another time and place.
- (2) Public notice shall be given to local media services and each TPO member stating the date, hour and place of a public hearing or workshop including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered at least seven (7) days (or as required by federal and state regulations) prior the event.
- (3) No formal business, for which notice has not been given, shall be transacted at a public hearing or workshop.

1.09 TPO BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- (1) There shall be an official agenda for every meeting of the TPO, which shall determine the order of business conducted at the meeting.

- (2) Requests for agenda changes to any TPO meeting must be received by the Chair~~man~~ (or TPO staff) at least one (1) working day prior to the meeting date.
- (3) The TPO shall not take action upon any matter, proposal or item of business not listed on the official agenda; however following call to order, the TPO Chair~~man~~ may authorize addition of new business to the agenda with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present.
- (4) No agenda item listed on the TPO agenda for public hearing or vote thereon may be deferred until a later time unless two-thirds (2/3) of the ~~vo~~Voting ~~m~~Members present shall vote in favor of such deferral.
- (5) ~~A TPO or advisory committee member, County Administrator, City Manager or the TPO staff may place an item on the TPO agenda. Any citizen may also place matters within the scope of jurisdiction of the TPO on the agenda.~~
- (6) ~~This rule is not applicable to special or emergency meetings.~~

Action on the following agenda items shall require a recorded roll call vote and approval by two-thirds (2/3) majority of voting members present constituting a quorum:

- (a) Long Range Transportation Plan,
- (b) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
- (c) Project Priorities, and
- (d) Each ~~A~~amendment to ~~S~~such ~~P~~plans and ~~P~~programs.

~~(76)~~ All ~~a~~Agenda item requests shall be reviewed by the TPO staff and ~~approved by the TPO Chair.~~

1.10 TPO BOARD OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- (1) All official actions of the TPO shall be by adoption of resolutions or motions as follows:
 - (a) Action by adoption of a resolution shall occur for all matters where adoption of a resolution is required by federal or state regulations and any other matters deemed by the TPO to be of sufficient importance to warrant adoption by a formal resolution.
 - (b) All other actions of the TPO shall be by adoption of a motion.
- (2) All official actions of the TPO shall be recorded in the TPO Actions Report and meeting minutes and kept in the TPO's permanent files. Verbatim minutes are not required but minutes shall include an accurate summary of discussions and actions taken.

1.11 TPO BOARD CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- (1) All TPO meetings shall be consistent with the Florida Sunshine Law and open to the public and press.
- (2) Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed at all TPO meetings.
- (3) The attendance of 8 TPO Voting Members shall constitute a quorum. Virtual attendees do not count towards a quorum but shall be allowed to vote if an in-person quorum is determined. No official action shall be taken without a quorum. ~~No resolution or motion shall be adopted by the TPO except upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.~~
- (4) The TPO Chair~~man~~ may adjourn the meeting if he or she determines that no quorum is in attendance fifteen (15) minutes after the hour appointed for the meeting. In that event, those members present may, by unanimous agreement, select another hour or day to meet. Those members present may also, by unanimous agreement, select to continue the meeting as a workshop to discuss items on the agenda as per paragraph 1.08. The names of the members present and their action at such meeting shall be recorded in summary minutes.
- (5) All meetings of the TPO shall be conducted in accordance with the following:
 - (a) ~~The Chairman shall preside at all TPO meetings at which he or she is present;~~
 - (b) ~~The Chairman shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and shall call the TPO to order immediately;~~
 - (c) ~~In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside;~~
 - (d) ~~The Chairman shall state every question coming before the TPO and announce the decision of the TPO on all matters;~~
 - (e) ~~A majority vote of the members present shall govern and conclusively determine all questions of order not otherwise covered;~~
 - (f) ~~In the absence of the TPO Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the TPO staff representative shall determine whether a quorum is present and, in that event, shall call for election of a temporary Chairman. Upon the arrival of the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, the temporary Chairman shall relinquish the Chair upon conclusion of the business immediately before the TPO;~~
 - (g) ~~Any TPO member who intends to be absent from any TPO meeting shall notify the TPO staff of the intended absence as soon as he or she conveniently can;~~
 - (h) ~~In the event that a TPO member will be absent from any TPO meeting, an officially designated Alternate member may attend the TPO meeting and exercise full membership powers in the absence of the TPO member;~~

- (i) When a conflict of interest exists, it shall be declared by the member(s) with a conflict upon opening of discussion of a matter by the TPO. Any member of the TPO who has a conflict of interest on a matter is required to fill out the necessary Conflict of Interest Form that will be attached to the minutes for the meeting and shall be deemed absent for the purpose of constituting a quorum, voting or for any other purpose for that particular matter only;
- (j) No member may abstain from voting on any matter unless a conflict of interest is declared.
- (k) The TPO vote upon any resolution or motion may be by a voice vote, unless the Chair~~man~~ or any member requests that a show of hands or a roll call vote be taken;
- (l) Upon every TPO roll call vote the TPO staff representative shall call the roll, tabulate the votes, and announce the results;
- (m) The minutes of prior TPO meetings shall be approved by a majority of the members present and upon approval shall become the official minutes;
- (n) Unless a reading of the minutes of a TPO meeting is requested by a majority of the TPO, the minutes shall not be read for approval provided the TPO staff delivers a copy thereof to each TPO member at least two (2) full working days prior to the meeting;
- (o) Each person, other than TPO staff members, who addresses the TPO shall give the following information for the minutes:
 - (1) name;
 - (2) address;
 - (3) party being representeding;
 - ~~(4) whether or not he or she is being compensated by the person or persons for whom he or she speaks; and~~
 - ~~(5) whether he or she or any member of his or her immediate family has a personal financial interest in the pending matter, other than that set forth in (4) above;~~
- (p) Unless further time is granted by the TPO, each person shall limit his or her address to three~~five~~ (35) minutes; and
- (q) All remarks shall be addressed to the TPO as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than TPO members, and the persons having the floor, shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member, without permission of the Chair~~man~~. No question shall be asked a governing board member except through the Chair~~man~~.

1.12 TPO BOARD PUBLICCITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

- (1) PublicCitizens' participation in the TPO transportation planning process is strongly encouraged and any citizen shall be entitled to be placed on the official agenda of a regular meeting of the TPO and be heard concerning any matter within the scope of the jurisdiction of the TPO.
- (2) The regular TPO meeting agenda shall include a "Public Forum" agenda item to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the TPO at each TPO meeting for any item including agenda action items. ~~In addition, the Chairman may recognize citizens to speak on agenda items immediately following discussion by the TPO and prior to a vote on the matter by the TPO.~~

1.13 TPO BOARD SUBCOMMITTEES

- (1) TPO Subcommittees may be designated by the TPO as necessary to investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the TPO.

1.14 TPO BOARD CORRESPONDENCE AND POSITIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (1) TPO stationery and stationery which resembles the official TPO stationery, is only to be used in correspondence by the TPO chairperson and the TPO staff. Any and all correspondence on TPO stationery or any stationery resembling TPO stationery shall never be used to present any position that contradicts the official policy or position of the Florida- Alabama TPO.
- (2) Any correspondence conducted by individual TPO Board (including TCC or CAC) members

concerning TPO matters shall be represented as individual comments and opinions. Only when a position has been adopted by the TPO as a whole shall it be represented as the opinion of the TPO.

1.14 TPO BOARD ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFPRC) doing business as Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Transportation staff shall serve as the planning staff of the TPO.
- (2) The ECRC Transportation staff is responsible for producing all notices and agendas for TPO meetings and recording the minutes of all meetings.
- (3) The ECRC staff shall furnish a recording secretary for all TPO meetings.
- (4) The ECRC staff shall prepare, duplicate, and distribute all materials necessary for TPO meetings.
- (5) All official actions of the TPO are to be recorded and kept in permanent minute files by the ECRC. These files shall be open for public inspection during regular office hours at the ECRC/TPO office.
- (6) The TPO is responsible for the supervision and review of all financial matters concerning it. In order to best execute this, the ECRC will keep, maintain, and manage all accounts, records, and documents, both of the technical and financial nature, for the TPO as specified in the Memorandum of Agreement between the TPO and the ECRC.

OKALOOSA-WALTON TPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(TCC) BYLAWS, ~~POLICIES AND PROCEDURES~~

2.01 TCC PREAMBLE

The TPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) has been created in accordance with federal and state requirements to provide technical assistance to the TPO in the performance of the transportation planning process in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO ~~Study~~ Area. The following sets forth the operating rules and procedures of the TCC.

2.02 TCC PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

- (1) The purposes of the TCC shall be the following:
 - (a) To ensure coordination and consistency with local, state, and regional plans, programs and projects; and
 - (b) To provide technical review of TPO plans, programs, and projects to determine the need, feasibility, and technical accuracy.
- (2) The TCC shall assist the TPO in carrying out the TPO's planning function through recommendations to the TPO on various transportation issues.
- (3) As an advisory committee to the TPO, all TCC recommendations shall be in the form of recommendations to the TPO Board and not to other governmental entities, Florida Department of Transportation, private organizations, or individuals.
- (4) The functions of the TCC shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - (a) Identify~~Nominate~~ studies and projects to be undertaken~~considered~~ by the TPO and/or the Florida Department of Transportation;
 - (b) Provide data to the TPO to assist the TPO with achieving coordination and consistency with local comprehensive plans, programs, and projects and TPO plans, programs, and projects. For example: accident data, parcel data, GIS files, local transportation revenue resources, capital improvement programs, existing and future land use, and other data;
 - (c) Identify projects with school safety concerns in the TPO's Long Range Plan and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and
 - (d) Conduct any other functions assigned to the TCC by the TPO.

2.03 TCC MEMBERSHIP

- (1) The TCC includes technically qualified persons representing the various local and state governmental entities, including local government representatives, local aviation, port, and public transit agency representatives, local utility and transportation authority representatives, school board representatives, and other appropriate representatives with some level of expertise in the area of transportation planning.
- (2) TCC Voting Memberships are attained through the appointment of members by the local governments represented on the TPO and other agencies to fill TPO approved standing TCC positions.
- (3) TCC Voting Members who fill the standing TCC positions serve at the pleasure of the appointing agency and the TPO.
- (4) In the event that the appointed member is unable to attend a TCC meeting, an alternate from their department or agency may serve as their representative at the meeting.
- (5) TCC Voting Members shall retain their membership so long as the local government or agency employs them in the position approved by the TPO.
- (6) If a Voting Member chooses to no longer serve on the TCC, or is removed from the committee, the local government or agency they represent shall appoint a replacement who holds a similar position in that organization.
- (7) There is no limit on number of Voting Members who may serve on the TCC.
- (8) ~~No county commissioner, city council member, or mayor shall serve on the TCC either as a member or alternate. The TCC shall have additional Non-Voting Advisory Members as necessary and desirable, however, they must be approved by the TPO.~~
- (9) ~~Non-Voting Members shall sit with the same rights and privileges as other members, except that Non-Voting Members shall not have the right to present motions or second same, or to vote upon any motions of the TCC.~~

2.04 TCC OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- (1) The officers of the TCC shall be the Chair~~man~~ and Vice-Chair~~man~~. The officers shall be Voting Members elected by the TCC membership.
- (2) The Chair~~man~~ shall preside at TCC meetings and be responsible for the preparation of agendas and minutes (with staff assistance), and appoint subcommittees as needed.
- (3) In the absence or incapacity of the TCC Chair~~man~~, the Vice-Chair~~man~~ shall assume the duties of the Chair~~man~~.

~~(4) (4) Nominations and e~~Election of officers shall be part of the regular monthly meeting in June (or in the event there is not a meeting in June, the election shall take place at the next TCC meeting). Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the next meeting following the election.

~~(5) Officers~~They shall hold office for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be eligible for reelection. Officers may serve multiple terms.

~~(5) The TCC Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the regular TCC meeting in May (or in the event there is not a meeting in May, the appointment shall take place at the next TCC meeting). The Nominating Committee shall report their recommended candidates for officers at the next TCC meeting.~~

~~Nominations may also be made from the floor.~~

~~(6) Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the TCC Voting Members present.~~

(7) In the event that ~~either the~~the Chairman of Vice-Chairman position becomes vacant, a replacement shall be elected at the next scheduled TCC meeting.

2.05 TCC REGULAR MEETINGS

(1) Regular meetings of the TCC shall be held as needed, at a time and place designated by the TCC Chair~~man~~; normally the same day as the TPO meeting is scheduled.

(2) In the event that the TCC Chair~~man~~ wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a regular TCC meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable or at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.

(3) At least seven (7) days prior to a regular TCC meeting, public notice and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the TCC and local media services.

~~(4) TCC Subcommittee meetings shall have the same meeting requirements as regular TCC meetings.~~

2.06 TCC SPECIAL MEETINGS

(1) A special meeting of the TCC may be called by the TCC Chair~~man~~ or a majority of the Voting Members at a regular TCC meeting. Each member of the TCC shall receive a notification of such special meeting stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which such meeting is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting.

(2) In the event that the TCC Chair~~man~~ wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a special TCC meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable or at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.

- (3) Seven (7) days before such special meeting, public notice shall be given of the date, hour and place of the special meeting including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered.

2.07 TCC EMERGENCY MEETINGS

- (1) The TCC Chair~~man~~ may call an emergency meeting of the TCC when in his or her opinion an emergency exists which requires immediate action by the TCC. When such a meeting is called, each TCC member shall be notified, stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which it is called, and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least a twenty-four (24) hour advance notice of such emergency meeting shall be given before the time the meeting is held.
- (2) If after reasonable diligence, it becomes impossible to give notice to each TCC member, such failure shall not affect the legality of the emergency meeting if the Chair~~man~~ deems a quorum is present. The minutes of each emergency meeting shall show the manner and method by which notice of such meeting was given to each member of the TCC or shall show a waiver of notice.

2.08 TCC WORKSHOPS

- (1) A workshop may be called by the TCC and may be scheduled before, during or after a regular meeting at the same meeting place or may be scheduled at another time and place.
- (2) Public notice shall be given to local media services and each TCC member stating the date, hour and place of the workshop including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered at least seven (7) days before the event.
- (3) Only agenda items that are included in advertisement shall be discussed at a workshop. No formal business, for which notice has not been given, shall be transacted at such workshops.

2.09 TCC MEETING AGENDA

- (1) There shall be an official agenda for every meeting of the TCC, which shall determine the order of business conducted at the meeting.
- (2) Requests for agenda changes to any TCC meeting must be received by the TPO Chair~~man~~ (or TPO staff) at least one (1) working day prior to the meeting date.
- (3) The TCC shall not take action upon any matter, proposal or item of business not listed on the official agenda; ~~however following call to order, the TCC Chairman may authorize addition of new business to the agenda with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present.~~

- (4) No agenda item listed on the TCC agenda for a vote thereon may be deferred until a later time unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present shall vote in favor of such deferral.
- (5) ~~A TCC member, the TPO or the TPO staff may place matters on the TCC agenda.~~
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2.10 TCC OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- (1) As an advisory committee to the TPO, all TCC ~~actions~~ recommendations shall be in the form of recommendations to the TPO and not to other governmental entities including FDOT, private organizations, or individuals. The TCC shall have the authority, however, to adopt motions to request information ~~and studies~~ to assist in formulating a recommendation to the TPO.
- (2) All official actions of the TCC shall be by adoption of motions as follows:
 - (a) Action by adoption of a motion to recommend the TPO Board approve, a resolution shall occur for all matters where adoption of a resolution is required by federal or state regulations and any other matters deemed by the TPO to be of sufficient importance to warrant adoption by a formal resolution
 - (b) All other actions of the TCC shall be by adoption of a motion.
- (3) All official actions of the TCC shall be recorded in the meeting minutes and kept in the TPO's permanent files. Verbatim minutes are not required but minutes shall include an accurate summary of discussions and actions taken.

2.11 TCC CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

- (1) All TCC meetings shall be consistent with the Florida Sunshine Law and open to the public and press.
- (2) Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed at all TCC meetings.
- (3) ~~The TCC is a very large committee and the~~ TCC Chair~~man~~ shall have the authority to determine when a representative number of members are present to declare a quorum and conduct committee business. Virtual attendees do not count towards a quorum but shall be allowed to vote if an in-person quorum is determined. No official action shall be taken unless the TCC Chair~~man~~ declares there is a quorum present. ~~No resolution or motion shall be adopted by the TCC except upon the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present.~~
- (4) The TCC Chair~~man~~ may adjourn the meeting if he or she determines that no quorum is in attendance fifteen (15) minutes after the hour appointed for the meeting. In that event, those members present may, by unanimous agreement, select another hour or day to meet. Those members present may, by unanimous agreement, select to continue the meeting as a workshop to discuss items on the agenda as per paragraph 2.08. The names of the members

present and their action at such meeting shall be recorded in summary minutes.

(5) All meetings of the TCC shall be conducted in accordance with the following:

- ~~(a) — The Chairman shall preside at all TCC meetings at which he or she is present;~~
- ~~(b) — The Chairman shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and shall call the TCC to order immediately;~~
- ~~(c) — In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall preside;~~
- ~~(d) — The Chairman shall state every question coming before the TCC and announce the decision of the TCC on all matters;~~
- ~~(e) — A majority vote of the members present shall govern and conclusively determine all questions of order not otherwise covered;~~
- ~~(f) — In the absence of the TCC Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the TCC staff representative shall determine whether a quorum is present and, in that event, shall call for election of a temporary Chairman. Upon the arrival of the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman, the temporary Chairman shall relinquish the Chair upon conclusion of the business immediately before the TCC;~~
- ~~(g) — Any TCC member who intends to be absent from any TCC meeting shall, send a representative to the meeting from their department or agency as their representative, or notify the TPO staff~~
~~— of the intended absence as soon as he or she conveniently can;~~ (h) When a conflict of interest exists, it shall be declared by the member(s) with a conflict upon opening of discussion of a matter by the TCC. Any member of the TCC who has a conflict of interest on a matter is required to fill out the necessary Conflict of Interest Form that will be attached to the minutes for the meeting and shall be deemed absent for the purpose of constituting a quorum, voting or for any other purpose for that particular matter only;
- (i) No member may abstain from voting on any matter unless a conflict of interest is declared.
- (j) The TCC vote upon any resolution or motion may be by a voice vote, unless the Chairman or any member requests that a show of hands or a roll call vote be taken;
- (k) Upon every TCC roll call vote the TPO staff representative shall call the roll, tabulate the votes, and announce the results;
- (l) The minutes of prior TCC meetings shall be approved by a majority of the members present and upon approval shall become the official minutes;

- (m) Unless a reading of the minutes of a TCC meeting is requested by a majority of the TCC members present, the minutes shall not be read for approval provided the TPO staff delivers a copy thereof to each TCC member at least two (2) full working days prior to the meeting;
- (n) Each person, other than TPO staff members, who addresses the TCC shall give the following information for the minutes;
 - (1) name;
 - (2) address;
 - (3) representing;
 - ~~(4) whether or not he or she is being compensated by the person or persons for whom he or she speaks; and~~
 - ~~(5) whether he or she or any member of his or her immediate family has a personal financial interest in the pending matter, other than that set forth in (4) above;~~
- (o) Unless further time is granted by the TCC Chair~~man~~, each person shall limit his or her address to ~~threefive~~ (35) minutes; and
- (p) All remarks shall be addressed to the TCC as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than TCC members, and the persons having the floor, shall be permitted to enter~~into~~ any discussion, either directly or through a member, without permission of the Chair~~man~~. No question shall be asked a TCC member except through the Chair~~man~~.

2.12 TCC SUBCOMMITTEES

TCC Subcommittees may be designated by the TCC as necessary to investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the TCC.

2.13 TCC ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Transportation staff shall serve as the planning staff of the TCC. (2) The ECRC Transportation staff is responsible for producing all notices and agendas for TCC meetings and recording the minutes of all meetings.
- (3) The ECRC staff shall furnish a recording secretary for all TCC meetings.
- (4) The ECRC staff shall prepare, duplicate, and distribute of all materials necessary for TCC meetings.
- (5) All official actions of the TCC are to be recorded and kept in permanent minute files by the ECRC. These files shall be open to public inspection during regular office hours at the ECRC/TPO office.

OKALOOSA-WALTON TPO CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) BYLAWS, ~~POLICIES AND PROCEDURES~~

3.01 CAC PREAMBLE

The TPO's Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) has been created in accordance with federal and state requirements to provide a forum for citizens' review and input to the TPO on the performance of the transportation planning process in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO ~~Study~~ Area. The following sets forth the operating rules and procedures of the CAC.

3.02 CAC PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

- (1) The purposes of the CAC shall be the following:
 - (a) To ~~seek public reaction to~~ provide citizen review of planning proposals and to provide comment to the TPO with respect to the concerns of various segments of the population in regard to their transportation needs; and
 - (b) To provide citizens' review of TPO plans, programs, and projects to determine the need, feasibility, and desirability from the citizens' perspective.
- (2) The CAC shall assist the TPO in carrying out the TPO's planning function through recommendations to the TPO on various transportation issues.
- (3) As an advisory committee to the TPO, all CAC recommendations shall be in the form of recommendations to the TPO and not to other governmental entities, private organizations, or individuals.
- (4) The functions of the CAC shall include, but not be limited to the following:
 - (a) ~~Assist in carrying out~~ the processes described in the TPO's adopted "~~TPO~~ Public Participation Plan ~~Involvement Procedures~~," which includes the establishment of a CAC.
 - (b) ~~Recommend~~ Assist in updating ~~updated~~ transportation goals and objectives for TPO approval, which guide the TPO's planning efforts, including the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan;
 - (c) ~~Evaluate~~ Assist in the evaluation of the effects of TPO transportation plans, programs, and projects on various segments/interest groups of the community and provide recommendations to the TPO based on this evaluation; and
 - (d) Assist in any other functions as deemed desirable by the TPO Board.

3.03 CAC MEMBERSHIP

(1) CAC Voting Members serve at the pleasure of the TPO Board. CAC members shall serve up to a concurrent term of the board member who nominates them. CAC members can be removed from the committee at any time by a majority vote of the TPO Board.

(2) CAC Membership will be obtained as follows:

- (a) Each member of the TPO Board elected body shall will nominate a member to the CAC who is representative of his/her respective jurisdiction for the purpose of representing citizens from their respective jurisdiction. The TPO Board appointment appointment elected body nominated membership will constitute 19 of the 25 CAC voting member seats. AllThe nominations are subject to ratification by a majority vote at a regular TPO board meeting at which a quorum is present. Members of CAC shall serve at the pleasure of the TPO members who nominate them. TPO staff will correspond with newly elected officials who have been selected to serve on the TPO board regarding this CAC membership recruitment process. The nomination of CAC members by TPO board members will represent the TPO Study Metropolitan Planning Area as follows:

Okaloosa County	4
Walton County	3
City of Crestview	3
City of Fort Walton Beach	2
City of Destin	2
City of Valparaiso	1
City of Niceville	1
City of Mary Esther	1
City of DeFuniak Springs	1
City of Freeport	1

The number of representatives for each area is based on apportionment urban population

- (b) Six (6) At-Large Members, representing each of the two counties within the TPO Study Metropolitan Planning Area, to serve terms as listed in section one (1) of CAC membership. TPO staff will research and correspond with local interest/advocacy groups or organizations to serve terms as listed in section one (1) of CAC membership that represent the various segments of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Study Metropolitan Planning Area population.

(2) A~~There is a~~ limit of twenty-five (25) Voting Members ~~who~~ may serve on the CAC.

(3) Voting Members shall not be elected officials or employees of public or private agencies directly involved in transportation or land-use planning.

~~(4) Non-Voting members represent the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) and Florida Department of Transportation District Three Planning Office.~~

~~(5) Non-Voting members shall not have the right to present or second motions, or to vote on~~

~~motions before the CAC. They are entitled to participate in all other functions to the same extent as other members.~~

~~(6)~~(4) Prospective new members whether nominated by TPO board member, TPO staff, or local interest/advocacy group, must complete and apply along with a resume or Background Form to the TPO staff for TPO consideration. Prospective new members must have read and understood all provisions in the application form. Prospective new members will be available for questions, if possible, from the appropriate committee and the TPO.

~~(7)~~(5) ~~Each CAC member is expected to demonstrate his or her interest in TPO planning activities by regular attendance of CAC meetings, except for unavoidable reasons. Any member who expects to be absent from a meeting shall inform the TPO staff as soon as practicable to receive an excused absence.~~ Three consecutive unexcused absences will invoke the membership removal process. A member who misses three (3) consecutive meetings will be notified by U.S. mail and/or email that his/her membership has been removed due to lack of participation. A vacancy shall be filled appropriately.

3.04 CAC OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS

- (1) The officers of the CAC shall be the Chair~~man~~ and Vice-Chair~~man~~. The officers shall be Voting Members elected by the CAC membership.
- (2) The Chair~~man~~ shall preside at CAC meetings and be prepared to cover the agenda (with staff assistance) at the CAC meeting.
- (3) In the absence or incapacity of the CAC Chair~~man~~, the Vice-Chair~~man~~ shall assume the duties of the Chair~~man~~. In the absence of the CAC chair~~man~~ and vice-chair~~man~~, the CAC staff representative shall determine whether a quorum is present, and in that event, shall call for election of a temporary chair~~man~~. Upon the arrival of the chair~~man~~ or vice-chair~~man~~, the temporary chair~~man~~ shall relinquish the chair upon conclusion of the business immediately before the CAC.

~~(4)~~ Nominations and election of officers shall be part of the regular monthly meeting in June (or in the event there is not a meeting in June, the election shall take place at the next CAC meeting). In the event of multiple nominations for an officer position, the staff will ask for a roll call vote, the majority winner shall be the new officer. Newly elected officers shall assume their duties at the next meeting following the election.

~~(4)~~(5) Officer positins~~They~~ shall hold office for one fiscal year, or until their successors are elected, and they shall be eligible for reelection.

~~(5)~~ ~~The CAC Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee at the regular CAC meeting in May (or in the event there is not a meeting in May, the appointment shall take place at the next CAC meeting). The Nominating Committee shall report their recommended candidates for officers at the next CAC meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor.~~

~~(6) Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of the CAC Voting Members present.~~

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(2) In the event that the CAC Chair~~man~~ wishes to cancel or change the meeting time of a regular CAC meeting, advance notice of such cancellation or change shall be made as soon as practicable or at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to when such meeting was to have taken place.

(3) Seven (7) days prior to a regular CAC meeting, public notice and tentative agendas shall be sent to the members of the CAC and local media services.

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(1) An emergency meeting of the CAC may be called by the Chair~~man~~ when in his or her opinion, an emergency exists which requires immediate action by the CAC. When such a meeting is called, each CAC member shall be notified, stating the date, hour and place of the meeting and the purpose for which it is called, and no other business shall be transacted

at that meeting. At least a twenty-four (24) hour advance notice of such emergency meeting shall be given before the time the meeting is held.

- (2) If after reasonable diligence, it becomes impossible to give notice to each CAC member, such failure shall not affect the legality of the emergency meeting if the Chair~~man~~ deems a quorum is present. The minutes of each emergency meeting shall show the manner and method by which notice of such meeting was given to each member of the CAC or shall show a waiver of notice.

3.08 CAC WORKSHOPS

- (1) A workshop may be called by the CAC and may be scheduled before, during or after a regular meeting at the same meeting place or may be scheduled at another time and place.
- (2) Public notice shall be given to each CAC member stating the date, hour and place of the workshop including a statement of the general subject matter to be considered as per the public participation plan.
- (3) No formal business, for which notice has not been given, shall be transacted at such workshops.

3.09 CAC MEETING AGENDA

- (1) There shall be an official agenda set by the TPO staff and approved by the TPO Board Chair for every meeting of the CAC, which shall determine the order of business conducted at the meeting.
- (2) Requests for agenda changes to any CAC meeting must be received by TPO staff and approved by the TPO Board Chair ~~the Chairman (or TPO staff)~~ at least one (1) working day prior to the meeting date. The CAC shall not take action upon any matter, proposal or item of business not listed on the official agenda; however following call to order, the CAC Chairman may authorize addition of new business to the agenda with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present.
- (3) No agenda item listed on the CAC agenda for vote thereon may be deferred until a later time unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Voting Members present shall vote in favor of such deferral.
- ~~(4) A CAC member, the TPO or the TPO staff may place matters on the CAC agenda.~~
- ~~(5) This rule is not applicable to special or emergency meetings.~~

3.10 CAC OFFICIAL ACTIONS

- (1) As an advisory committee to the TPO, all CAC recommendations shall be in the form of

recommendations to the TPO Board and not to other governmental entities, including FDOT, private organizations, or individuals. The CAC shall have the authority, however, to adopt motions to request information ~~and studies~~ to assist in formulating a recommendation to the TPO.

- (2) All official actions of the CAC shall be by adoption of motions as follows:
 - (a) Action by adoption of a motion to recommend the TPO Board approve a resolution shall occur for all matters where adoption of a resolution is required by federal or state regulations and any other matters deemed by the TPO to be of sufficient importance to warrant adoption by a formal resolution; and
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- (5) All meetings of the CAC shall be conducted in accordance with the following:
 - (a) ~~The Chairman shall preside at all CAC meetings at which he or she is present;~~

~~(b)~~ The Chairman shall take the chair at the hour appointed for the meeting, and shall call the CAC to order immediately;

~~(c)~~ In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall preside;

~~(d)~~ The Chairman shall state every question coming before the CAC and announce the decision of the CAC on all matters;

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~~(f)~~(a) When a conflict of interest exists, it shall be declared by the member(s) with a conflict upon opening of discussion of a matter by the CAC. Any member of the CAC who has a conflict of interest on a matter is required to fill out the necessary Conflict of Interest Form that will be attached to the minutes for the meeting and shall be deemed absent for the purpose of constituting a quorum, voting or for any other purpose for that particular matter only;

~~(g)~~(b) No member may abstain from voting on any matter unless a conflict of interest is declared.

~~(h)~~(c) The CAC vote upon any resolution or motion may be by a voice vote, unless the Chair~~man~~ or any member requests that a show of hands or a roll call vote be taken;

~~(i)~~(d) Upon every CAC roll call vote the TPO staff representative shall call the roll, tabulate the votes, and announce the results;

~~(j)~~(e) The minutes of prior CAC meetings shall be approved by a majority of the members present and upon approval shall become the official minutes;

~~(k)~~(f) Unless a reading of the minutes of a CAC meeting is requested by a majority of the CAC members present, the minutes shall not be read for approval provided the TPO staff delivers a copy thereof to each CAC member at least two (2) full working days prior to the meeting;

~~(l)~~(g) Each person, other than TPO staff members, who addresses the CAC shall give the following information for the minutes;

- (1) name;
- (2) address;
- (3) representing;

~~(m)~~(h) Unless further time is granted by the CAC Chair~~man~~, each person shall limit his or her address to three (3) minutes; and

~~(n)~~(i) All remarks shall be addressed to the CAC as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than CAC members, and the persons having the floor, shall be

permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member, without permission of the Chair~~man~~. No question shall be asked a CAC member except through the Chair~~man~~.

3.12 CAC ~~CITIZENS'~~ PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- (1) ~~Citizens' involvement~~Public participation in the TPO transportation planning process is encouraged and any member of the public~~citizen~~ shall be entitled to ~~be placed on the official agenda of~~speak during public forum of a regular meeting of the CAC ~~on agenda items and be heard concerning any matter within the scope of the jurisdiction of the TPO.~~
- (2) The regular CAC meeting agenda shall include a "Public Forum" agenda item to provide an opportunity for citizens to address the CAC at each CAC meeting for any item including agenda action items. ~~In addition, the CAC Chairman may recognize citizens to speak on agenda items immediately following discussion by the CAC and prior to a vote on the matter by the CAC.~~

3.13 CAC~~TPO~~ CORRESPONDENCE AND POSITIONS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- 4 TPO stationery and stationery which resembles the official TPO stationery, is only to be used in correspondence by the TPO chair and the TPO staff. Any and all correspondence on TPO stationery or any stationery resembling TPO stationery shall never be used to present any position that contradicts the official policy or position of the ~~Florida~~ AlabamaOkaloosa-Walton TPO.
- 5 Any correspondence conducted by individual ~~TPO (TCC or CAC)~~ members concerning TPO matters shall be represented as individual comments and opinions. Only when a position has been adopted by the TPO Board as a whole shall it be represented as the opinion of the TPO Board.

CAC SUBCOMMITTEES

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~~CAC Subcommittees may be designated by the CAC as necessary to investigate and report on specific subject areas of interest to the CAC.~~

3.135.11 CAC ADMINISTRATION

- (1) The Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Transportation staff shall serve as the planning staff of the CAC.
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- (3) The ECRC staff shall furnish a recording secretary for all CAC meetings.
- (4) The ECRC staff shall prepare, duplicate, and distribute of all materials necessary for CAC meetings.
- (5) All official actions of the CAC are to be recorded and kept in permanent minute files by the ECRC. These files shall be open to public inspection during regular office hours at the ECRC/TPO office.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE H

ENCLOSURE H ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Introductory Presentation for the Smart Regions Master Plan

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 5: Plans and Studies

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Florida-Alabama TPO approved the Smart Regions Master Plan Scope of Services and authorized the ECRC CEO to issue a Notice to Proceed to Kimley-Horn at the February 2024 TPO meeting. The Florida-Alabama TPO, in partnership with ECRC, will develop an implementation plan to further ECRC and the three TPOs in the region's efforts in advancing technological infrastructure needed to achieve Vision Zero and develop a Smart Regions Master Plan based on existing infrastructure and opportunities to understand and/or solve problems using technology.

Kimley-Horn will provide an introductory presentation at the April TPO meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for information only. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at (850) 332-7976, Ext. 212 or jill.nobles@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

ENCLOSURE I

ENCLOSURE I ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Florida Greenways and Trails (FGT) Presentation

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Florida Greenways and Trails Council

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: With the passing of SB 106 in 2023, Chapter 260.0142(4)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), was amended to include the following language:

Recommend priorities for regionally significant trails within the Florida Greenways and Trails System for inclusion by the Department of Transportation in the Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network as defined by s. 339.81. For purposes of this section, the term “regionally significant trails” means trails that cross multiple counties, attract national and international visitors, and serve as an opportunity for economic and ecotourism development; showcase the natural value of this state’s wildlife areas, ecology, and natural resources; and serve as main corridors for critical links and trail connectedness across this state.

Reprioritization of Regional Trails

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.

Emerald Coast Regional Council 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.

Staff will present a shortened version of their complete presentation at the April TPO meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for presentation only. For more information, please contact Angela Bradley, angela.bradley@ecrc.org ECRC staff.

ENCLOSURE J

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Review of the Draft O-W TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.3236, Chapter 339.175 (8) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Short Range Planning Task

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: Provide regionally significant projects that have dedicated local funds between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2029.

BACKGROUND: The TPO updates and adopts the TIP each year for submittal to FDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects within the urbanized area must appear in the TIP to receive state and federal funding.

The FY 2025-2029 TIP process began in August 2023, when Project Priorities were adopted by the TPO and then submitted to FDOT. The Project Priorities are used to develop the FDOT FY 2025-2029 Tentative Five-Year Work Program, which is the primary source of information for the TIP. The FDOT Work Program and the TIP are consistent with the TPO's adopted priorities to the extent feasible. Projects are based on FDOT maintenance requirements, the TPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Systems Management (TSM) studies, Transportation Alternatives Project (TAP) Priorities, and aviation and transit master plans. Projects listed in the TIP are subject to amendment as necessary by the TPO at any time during the year. The TIP has been developed through coordination with FDOT and local governments.

The draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 TIP will be posted online prior to the April 2024 TPO and advisory committee meetings and a link will be e-mailed to the TPO and advisory committee members. The draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program will be accessible by clicking on the following link:

https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/index.php#outer-305

The following is the Public Involvement Plan elements for the Transportation Improvement Program.

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used.
- Provide adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decisions, such as but not limited to the approval of the TIP.
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during plan development process.
- Make the TIP drafts and final documents available on the TPO website at www.ecrc.org, a print copy of the current plan is available upon request.
- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations.
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to, low-income and minority households.

- Coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under 23 C.F.R. Subpart B, as described in the FDOT MPO Program Handbook.
- Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan.
- When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft TIP as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final documents.
- If the final TIP differs significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, an additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.
- When the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) includes Indian Tribal Lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal Government(s).
- When the MPA includes federal public lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the federal government.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for review this month and adoption in June. Please review and provide comments to Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at gary.kramer@ecrc.org at (850) 332-7976 Ext. 219 by May 10, 2024.

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(j), Chapter 339.175 (8)(b) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 4: Short Range Transportation Planning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO reviews and adopts transportation project priorities each August for submittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) by October 1st. This document is part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process. Its purpose is to ensure that transportation projects programmed by FDOT in the Five-Year Work Program are consistent with local needs and plans for the TPO planning area.

As stated in the TPO Public Participation Process Plan dated April 2021, the Project Priorities result from the Long-Range Transportation Plan's Cost Feasible Plan and are reviewed with the public and the TPO board and advisory committees annually. Once adopted by the TPO board, the Project Priorities are given to FDOT to develop the Five-Year Work Program, from which the TPO develops the TIP which contains all transportation programs and projects scheduled during the next five years. The TIP is revised annually and is available, in interactive format, on the TPO's website.

The Project Priorities and TIP must be developed by the TPO in consultation with all interested parties and, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for the following, as outlined by the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 450.316) and the MPO Handbook:

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used.
- Provide adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decisions, such as but not limited to the approval of the TIP/Project Priorities
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during plan development process.
- Make the TIP and Project Priorities drafts and final documents available on the TPO website at www.ecrc.org, a print copy of the current plan is available upon request.
- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations.
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to, low-income and minority households.
- Coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under 23 C.F.R. Subpart B, as described in the FDOT MPO Program Management Handbook.
- Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan.
- When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft TIP or Project Priorities as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final documents.
- If the final Project Priorities/TIP differ significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, an additional opportunity for public comment must be made available.

- When the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) includes Indian Tribal Lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the Indian Tribal Government(s).
- When the MPA includes federal public lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the federal government.

General techniques proven effective include:

- Provide a 30-day public review and comment period for the draft Project Priorities documents.
- Promote development of the Project Priorities and TIP through news releases and social media, and eblast to TPO board and advisory committees, partners, stakeholders, community groups, and interested parties. (subscribe online at www.ecrc.org)
- Hold public workshop(s) and implement additional project-specific outreach, as needed, to special populations during the Project Priorities process.
- Coordinate public outreach to community groups (with emphasis on the underserved).
- Include public input collected at workshops in the draft Project Priorities and TIP.
- Include in the public notice of the TPO board meeting when the draft Project Priorities and TIP are to be presented for review and adoption.
- Provide the public with an opportunity to comment during public forum when the draft Project Priorities and TIP are presented for review and adoption to the TPO board and advisory committee meetings.
- Publish adopted Project Priorities and TIP interactive site (provided by FDOT) on website at www.ecrc.org, a print copy of the current plan is available upon request.

TPO responsibilities require that all modes of transportation be addressed in the Project Priorities. The following categories of projects are included in the Priorities:

1. Long-Range Transportation Plan Capacity Projects
2. Transportation Systems Management Projects
3. Transportation Alternative Projects
4. Public Transportation Projects
5. Aviation Projects

The draft Project Priorities for FY 2026-2030 project schedule is listed below:

- March 21, 2024 – TPO/TCC/CAC Committee Workshop #1 1:00 p.m. **(Virtual only)**
- April 18, 2024 – TCC, CAC, and TPO meetings to present draft FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities
- Public Outreach
- June 18, 2024 – Hybrid Public Workshop followed by a Hybrid TPO/TCC/CAC Committee Workshop #2
- June 28, 2024 – TCC and CAC meetings to recommend approval of FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities
- June 20, 2024 – TPO meeting approving the FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities

The draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities document will be presented at the April 2024 TPO and advisory committee meetings and is accessible at the following link: <https://www.ecrc.org/OWPriorities>.

The interactive map in the following link shows the location and the street view by category for the projects identified in the draft FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities: www.ecrc.org/TPOPrioritiesMaps

Attached are the following:

- Draft Project Priorities (Tables only)
- Comments Received Through March 21, 2024

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for review this month and adoption in June. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, if additional information is needed at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 212.

FY 2026 - FY 2030 Okaloosa-Walton TPO Project Priorities

Prepared for

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Draft: March 26, 2024

Webpage: www.ecrc.org/OWPriorities
Interactive Map: www.ecrc.org/TPOPrioritiesMaps



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Non-SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought	
1	Area wide Traffic Signal System O & M Okaloosa County Walton County	409797-3 409797-2	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Operations and Maintenance	Okaloosa and Walton	\$400,000 \$200,000	
				\$800,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000				
				\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000				
2	Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) & Advanced Traffic Management System Transportation Management Center (TMC) Interim Upgrades (e.g. Closed circuit television, detection system, software upgrades)	409797-4	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Plan and implement a regional ITS system including construction of a Traffic Management Center & Upgrades	Okaloosa	TMC (\$1.875 M) Upgrades (\$700,000) *Only \$950K and \$500K identified in CFP	
			CST	\$2,000,000								
3	Transportation Planning Studies ¹ SR 85 (Airport Rd/Old Bethel Rd to Aplin Rd) CMP TPO Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails Study Racetrack Road (Beal Pkwy to SR 85) CMP	439322-5	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Development of plans	Okaloosa	Set aside funds identified in LRTP Cost Feasible Plan ¹	
				\$120,000								
		439322-5		\$200,000								O-W TPO
												Okaloosa
4	Transportation Planning Study Implementation ² SR 85 Sidewalks (Garden St to CR 188/Airport Rd) Destin Cross-Town Connector		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Design and construction of sidewalks 2 lanes of enhanced capacity	Okaloosa	Set aside funds identified in LRTP Cost Feasible Plan ²	
												Okaloosa
5	Marquis Way West Connector Road (Shipyard Road to Marquis Way & Shipyard Road from SR 83A East to Marquis Way West Extension)	450932-1	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct New Road	Walton	Remaining CST funds after state appropriations	
6	SR 85 at Mirage Avenue Intersection Improvements		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Intersection Improvements	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$150K) ⁴	
7	US 98 Widening (Brooks Bridge to Gulf Islands National Seashore)	451086-1	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 6 lanes of capacity	Okaloosa	PE (\$1.5M)	
			PD&E ⁵	\$2,250,000								
8	Crestview Bypass Northwest (US 90 to SR 85N)	438139-1	Phase	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Provide 4 lanes of Capacity	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$2M) ³	

Non-SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought	
9	SR 85 at Redstone Avenue Intersection Intersection Improvements		Phase	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Intersection Improvements	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$150K) ⁴	
10A	SR 20 at US 331 Intersection Improvement	220635-8	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 4 lanes of capacity	Walton	ROW (\$70.2M)	
10B			SR 20 (King Road to Black Creek)									
11	US 90 Widening (Fairchild Road to SR 285/Mossy Head)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 4 lanes of capacity	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$2.4 M) ⁴	
12	Park Alternate - Option 3 (SR 83/US 331 to US 90)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct New Road	Walton	PD&E (\$545K) ⁴	
13	PJ Adams Pkwy/Antioch Rd at Crab Apple Ave Intersection realignment with signal		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Intersection Improvements	Okaloosa	PE/Design (\$300K) ⁴	
14	US 90 Complete Streets (US 331 to East end of DeFuniak Springs City Limits)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Road Diet and Complete Streets Improvements	Walton	Lane Reduction Study (\$125K) ⁴	
15	US 90 at SR 85 Intersection		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Intersection Improvements	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$150K) ⁴	
16	SR 293/Spence Parkway (Range Road Interchange to SR 85 N)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 4 lanes of Capacity	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$5.9M) ⁴	
17	Baldwin Avenue Pedestrian Bridge & Trail (11th Street to 16th Street over US 331)	452969-2	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Install Elevated Pedestrian Xing for Schools	Walton	ROW (\$200K) ³	
			PE		\$5,001,000							
18	Elevated Pedestrian Bridge (SR 85 at Commerce Drive)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Install Elevated Pedestrian Bridge for Schools	Okaloosa	PE/Design (\$200K) ⁴	

Non-SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
19	Hollywood Boulevard Extension (US 98 to Hill Avenue)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 2 lanes of Capacity	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$593K) ⁴
20	Multi-Modal Facility (Scenic Gulf Drive to MC Davis Boulevard)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Multi-Use Trail	Walton	PD&E (\$356K) ³
21	Bruce Avenue Extension (US 331 to 25th Street)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct New Road	Walton	PD&E (\$724K) ³
22	North Freeport Connector (Business 331 to US 331)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct New Road	Walton	PD&E (\$560K) ³
23	Express Transit Service (Crestview/Niceville/Destin)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Express Transit	Okaloosa	\$91,653
24	West Bay Parkway (US 98 to Bay County Line)	453941-1	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	New 4 Lane Roadway	Walton	ROW (\$490K)
			PE	\$ 5,000,000							
25	US 98 Adaptive Signal Control System (Stahlman Avenue to Tequesta Drive)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Install Adaptive Signal Control Systems	Okaloosa Walton	\$750,000 ³ \$800,000 ³
26	(S. Holiday Road to US 331)										

ABBREVIATIONS:

PD&E - Project Development and Environment Study
PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)
ROW - Right-of-Way
CST - Construction
SIS - Strategic Intermodal System (FDOT roadway designation)

¹ \$1,000,000 set aside for every 5 years for Transportation Planning Studies

² \$10,000,000 set aside for Transportation Planning Study Implementation Projects

³ Local Agency Estimate

⁴ FDOT Long Range Estimate (LRE)

⁵ FDOT Project #451086-1: PD&E is for Marler Bridge and US 98 Widening

* Fully Funded Projects are retained on the list above until such funding is within the first three (3) years of the TIP.

Non-SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding	Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
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FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS (NOT YET CONSTRUCTED):

Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
Crestview Bypass-PJ Adams/Antioch Rd. (Crab Apple Ave to Wild Horse Dr)	Local Funds	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Provide 4 lanes of capacity	Okaloosa	FULLY FUNDED
			\$25,984,000							
(Bypass from I-10 to US 90 & East-West Connector from Bypass to SR 85)	Local Funds									
SR 85 at PJ Adams Parkway Add right turn lanes	429675 Local Funds	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Add Right Turn Lanes	Okaloosa	FULLY FUNDED
		CST	\$796,112							
			\$1.2M							

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SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
			Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029			
1	US 98/SR 30 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange)	220196-3							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW (\$38M) ¹
2	SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy)	220171-5							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW (\$23M) ¹
3	SR 85 (PJ Adams Pkwy to Mirage Ave)	220171-6							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW (14M) ¹
4	US 98 - FWB Around the Mound (Beal Parkway to Brooks Bridge)	220260-3							Realign US 98	Okaloosa	PE/Design (\$2.75M) ¹
5	US 98/SR 30 (Calhoun Ave to Airport Rd)	414132-7							Complete Street/TSM	Okaloosa	PE (\$4.75M) ¹
6	US 98/SR 30 (CR 30A to W of Phillips Inlet Bridge)	437179-1							Widen to 6 lanes & Intersection Improvement at CR 30A	Walton	ROW (\$10M) ¹
7	US 98/SR 30 at SR 293/Danny Wuerffel Wav Intersection improvement	414132-5							Intersection Improvement	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$1.0M) ¹
8	SR 85 (SR 123 to McWhorter Ave)	220171-4							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW (\$50K) ¹
9	I-10/SR 8 (Interchange East of Crestview)								Interchange	Okaloosa	PD&E (\$6.0M) Not yet identified in SIS Plan
10	I-10/SR 8 (W of CR 189 to E of SR 85)	441038-1							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW & CST (Not funded in Cost Feasible Plan)
11	(Santa Rosa County Line to W of CR 189)	413062-5									
12	US 98/SR 30 (E of Cody Ln Interchange to Mary Esther Blvd)	220196-4							Widen to 6 lanes	Okaloosa	ROW (\$50M) ¹

SIS Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

¹ FDOT Long Range Estimate (LRE)

ABBREVIATIONS:

PD&E - Project Development and Environment Study

PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)

ROW - Right-of-Way

CST - Construction

SIS - Strategic Intermodal System (FDOT roadway designation)

FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS (NOT YET CONSTRUCTED):

Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
I-10/SR 8 (Interchange at Antioch Rd)	407918	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	New Interchange	Okaloosa	FULLY FUNDED
		Repayment	\$190,000	\$20,503,933	\$28,390,000	\$22,450,000	\$8,980,000			

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Transportation System Management (TSM) Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	FDOT #	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy	County	Funding Sought
1	SR 10 (US 90) at Clint Mason Road		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct EBLT lane	Okaloosa	TBD
2	SR 85 at College Boulevard		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct NBRT lane	Okaloosa	TBD
3	SR 83 (US 331) at Bay Grove North		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct SBRT and WBRT lanes	Walton	TBD
4	SR 83 (US 331N) at Oakwood Lakes Blvd		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct NBLT lane	Walton	TBD
5	SR 30 (US 98) at Moll Drive/Church Street		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct traffic signal and turn lanes	Walton	TBD
5	SR 83 at Walton Road		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct Traffic Signal and SBLT lane	Walton	TBD
5	SR 83 (US 331) at Rock Hill Road		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct traffic signal	Walton	TBD
8	SR 189 (Lewis Turner/Beal) at SR 85 (Eglin Pkwy/Iohn Sims)		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct Dual EBLT lane extension	Okaloosa	TBD
8	SR 189 at Poquito		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct Traffic Signal and Extend WBLT and EBRT lanes	Okaloosa	TBD
8	SR 83 (US 331) at Coy Burgess Loop		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct SBRT lane	Walton	
8	SR 10 (US 90) at Girl Scout Road		Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	Construct EBLT and WBRT lane	Walton	TBD

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ROW - Right-of-Way

CST - Construction

Transportation System Management (TSM) Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS (NOT YET CONSTRUCTED):

US 98 at Sandprint Drive/Palms Street	450982-1	Phase	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	1- Construct Traffic Signal		FULLY FUNDED
		ROW	\$238,300					2- Construct EBRT, Restripe		
		CST			\$2,077,385			3- Realign EB/WB Left Turns to		
								provide zero offset		

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SUN Trail Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority	Project	Limits	Description	Phases
1	Cross Town Connector	Benning Drive to Legion Drive	The project spans eight acres and extends one-third of a mile, serving as an integral component of Destin's long-term mobility plan. Its primary objective is to facilitate safer, more direct connections to local and regional destinations while simultaneously providing green space and wildlife habitats. One of the project's critical aspects is its ability to bridge a mobility gap between two community redevelopment areas in Destin, specifically the Town Center and Harbor CRA. Both areas are currently undergoing extensive redevelopment consistent with their individual CRA master plans, which prioritize workforce housing, enhanced mobility, pedestrian safety, green space preservation, and economic development. The project's significance lies in its ability to enhance connectivity and mobility between the two districts, enabling them to realize their full potential as thriving economic and cultural centers.	CST
2	Town Center CRA	Palms Boulevard to Airport Road and Commons Drive	The proposed trail spans one mile and is designed to extend across almost the entire length of the Town Center Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). This project is a crucial element of Destin's comprehensive plan and aims to provide a direct and convenient link between single-family neighborhoods, medium-density residential housing, recreational facilities, and essential business establishments like grocery stores, medical facilities, post offices, theme parks, and hotels. The proposed trail is designed to be under the FP&L power easement and has minimal connection to any vehicular road. The project's primary objective is to provide a safer and more efficient route for pedestrians and commuters, as it will connect the future mix-use "Destin City Center" redevelopment on the West end and the Morgan's Sports Center, dog park, pickleball facility, and city hall on the East end. The trail's connectivity to these critical business establishments is expected to promote walkability, access to nature, and economic growth while at the same time accommodating the transportation needs of the J1 and low-income workforce in Destin.	CST
3	Marler Bridge Underpass	Harbor Boulevard to Harbor Boulevard	The project spans eight acres and extends one-third of a mile, serving as an integral component of Destin's long-term mobility plan. Its primary objective is to facilitate safer, more direct connections to local and regional destinations while simultaneously providing green space and wildlife habitats. One of the project's critical aspects is its ability to bridge a mobility gap between two community redevelopment areas in Destin, specifically the Town Center and Harbor CRA. Both areas are currently undergoing extensive redevelopment consistent with their individual CRA master plans, which prioritize workforce housing, enhanced mobility, pedestrian safety, green space preservation, and economic development. The project's significance lies in its ability to enhance connectivity and mobility between the two districts, enabling them to realize their full potential as thriving economic and cultural centers.	PE

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PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)

ROW - Right-of-Way

CST - Construction

CEI - Construction Engineering and Inspection

SUN Trail Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

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Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Priority	Project	Limits	Funding Sought	Phases
1	Poinciana Boulevard Roadway and Drainage Improvement Project	US 98 to CR 2378/Scenic Gulf Drive	\$573,000	CST and CEI
2	Valley Road Sidewalk	US 90 to Stillwell Boulevard	\$928,800	Design, CST, and CEI
3	4th Avenue Sidewalk Addition	2nd Street to 12th Street	\$1,200,700	Design, CST, and CEI

PD&E - Project Development and Environment Study

PE - Preliminary Engineering (Design)

ROW - Right-of-Way

CST - Construction

CEI - Construction Engineering and Inspection

FULLY FUNDED PROJECTS (NOT YET CONSTRUCTED):

South Avenue Sidewalks	North side of Pocahontas Ave / South Avenue from James Lee Rd to SR 85/Eglin Pkwy.	FY 25: \$937,464	CST
Woodham Avenue Sidewalks	East or west side of Woodham venue from South Avenue to Newcastle Drive.	FY 25: \$361,123	CST
Lewis Street Sidewalk	SR 189 (Beal Parkway NE) to Mayflower Avenue	FY 25: \$40,000 PE FY 27: \$424,001 CST	Design, CST, and CEI

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

Navy Street Sidewalk	Navy Street from Mayflower Avenue to Bob Sikes Blvd and Bob Sikes Blvd from Navy Street to Denton Blvd	FY24: \$45,400 PE FY 26: \$522,105 CST	Design, CST, and CEI
6th Avenue Sidewalk Addition	North side of 6th Avenue from Eglin Parkway (SR 85) To 11th Street	FY 24: \$111,000 PE FY 26: \$1,226,331 CST	Design, CST, and CEI

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Aviation Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

2025

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total
VPS	1	446648-1	Replace HVAC Equipment	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
VPS	2	454111-1	Fuel Farm Expansion	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
DFS	1	4466391	Design and Construct Hangar Development	\$0	\$900,000	\$0	\$900,000

2026

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total
VPS	1	448581-1	Design/Construct RON Apron at VPS	\$2,302,811	\$2,302,811	\$0	\$4,605,622
DTS	1	448582-1	Construct Rehab of South Apron at DTS	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$2,500,000
DFS	1	4499071	Design T-Hangar Development	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$300,000

2027

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total
VPS	1	449903-1	Concourse C Modifications	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
	2	449904-1	Maintain Passenger Boarding Bridges	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$0	\$500,000
	3	449908-1	Covered Walkway Expansions & Rehab	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0	\$1,000,000

2028

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total
VPS	1		Replace Terminal Roof	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
	2		Terminal Carpet Refresh	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$600,000

Aviation Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

2029

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total

2030

Airport	Priority	FM Item	Description	Local	FDOT	FAA	Total

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Public Transportation Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

%	Project Description & Funding Sources	FDOT #						County
90% 10%	Provide non sponsored trips and/or capital equipment to the trans disadv TD – Okaloosa Trip & Equip Local Funds		Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$696,845	\$696,845	\$696,845	\$696,845	\$696,845	
			\$77,427	\$77,427	\$77,427	\$77,427	\$77,427	
100%	Planning agency duties for trans disadv planning related services TD – Okaloosa Planning		Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$25,661	\$25,661	\$25,661	\$25,661	\$25,661	
90% 10%	Provide non sponsored trips and/or capital equipment to the trans disadv TD – Walton Trip & Equip Local Funds		Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Walton
			\$455,869	\$455,869	\$455,869	\$455,869	\$455,869	
			\$50,652	\$50,652	\$50,652	\$50,652	\$50,652	
100%	Planning agency duties for trans disadv planning related services TD – Walton Planning		Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Walton
			\$22,670	\$22,670	\$22,670	\$22,670	\$22,670	
80% 20%	Okaloosa-Walton TPO Planning grant funds FTA 5305 Toll Revenue Credit	421718-2	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa & Walton
			\$85,226	\$85,226	\$85,226	\$85,226	\$85,226	
			\$21,307	\$21,307	\$21,307	\$21,307	\$21,307	
80% 20%	Capital – prev. maint., replacement vehicles, expansion, vehicles, signage, shelters, transit centers, misc. equip, security and training FTA 5307 Toll Revenue Credit	422255-2	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$891,250	\$891,250	\$891,250	\$891,250	\$891,250	
			\$222,813	\$222,813	\$222,813	\$222,813	\$222,813	

Public Transportation Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

%	Project Description & Funding Sources	FDOT #						County
50%	Operating Assistance (Operating costs for equipment and facilities & JARC Projects) FTA 5307	422255-3	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	
			\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	
80%	Capital - bus and bus related facilities FTA 5339	415617-9	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$937,500	\$937,500	\$937,500	\$937,500	\$937,500	
			\$234,375	\$234,375	\$234,375	\$234,375	\$234,375	
80%	Capital - Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities FTA 5310	433684-1	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	
			\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
10%	State		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
10%	Local Funds		\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
50%	Operating - Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities FTA 5310	433684-1	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	
			\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	
50%	Operating Assistance - Block Grant FDOT Block Grant	422253-1	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$1,201,820	\$1,237,878	\$1,275,014	\$1,312,468	\$1,312,468	
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Public Transportation Project Priorities

Fiscal Year 2026 - Fiscal Year 2030

%	Project Description & Funding Sources	FDOT #						County
50% 50%	Commuter Assistance - North Okaloosa County to Fort Walton Area FDOT Local Funds	420315-2	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	
			\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	
50% 50%	Operating - Rural Assistance FDOT 5311 Local Funds	421365-3	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$540,000	\$571,886	\$620,000	\$668,000	\$668,000	
			\$540,000	\$571,886	\$620,000	\$668,000	\$668,000	
100%	Urban Corridor FDOT	422256-1	Proposed FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Proposed FY 2028	Proposed FY 2029	Proposed FY 2030	Okaloosa
			\$258,000	\$258,000	\$258,000	\$258,000	\$258,000	

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**Okaloosa-Walton TPO Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-2030 Project Priorities Public Comments
(through March 21, 2024)**

TPO/TCC/CAC Workshop on March 21, 2024

1. Non-SIS Priority #7 US 98 Widening (Brooks Bridge to Gulf Islands National Seashore): Does this project include the bridge in Destin (Marler Bridge)?

The project listed, which comes from the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), extends from the east end of Brooks Bridge to the west end of Gulf National Seashore Drive on Okaloosa Island. The PD&E Study that is funded in FY 2024 and 2025 extends from the east end of Brooks Bridge to the east end of East Pass Bridge (Marler Bridge).

2. Non-SIS Priorities #10a SR 20 at US 331 Intersection Improvement and #10b SR 20 (King Road to Black Creek): Has the PD&E Study been complete?

Yes, that PD&E Study is complete.

3. Non-SIS Priority #11 US 90 Widening (Fairchild Road to SR 285/Mossy Head): We need to collectively look at as a TPO due to shared challenges.

Comment noted.

4. Non-SIS Priorities #17 Baldwin Avenue Pedestrian Bridge & Trail (11th Street to 16th Street over US 331): For a project this far down on the list that has funding (PE funded in FY 2026), is that something we need to be concerned about moving up? Was this project funded with a legislative allocation?

The ranking does make it unlikely to receive FDOT district capacity funds for subsequent phases in the upcoming Work Program cycle. Project has been funded through the SUN Trail Program.

5. West 98 Collector Road: Will this project be added to the Priorities?

This project is currently going through the LRTP amendment process. Even if approved, it will not be on the TPO's Project Priorities because the PD&E and PE/Design phases are locally and/or state grant funded. No other phases are being incorporated into the LRTP Cost Feasible plan. Okaloosa County expressed that this does not mean it's not a county priority, they are just seeking other funding options at this time.

6. SIS Priority #6 US 98/SR 30 (CR 30A to W of Phillips Inlet Bridge): Is that the west end of CR 30A? Will appropriate segmentation of this project be needed/helpful?

Yes, the western limit of this project is the western end of CR 30A. The Project Priorities are also available via Interactive Map at www.ecrc.org/TPOPrioritiesMaps.

The PD&E Study limits cover 19.4 miles. The project will likely be broken into 4 segments for the design, right-of-way, and construction phases.

7. SIS Priority #9 I-10/SR 8 (Interchange East of Crestview): What does the note "Not yet identified in SIS Plan" mean and what needs to happen for FDOT's SIS plan to

**align with the TPO's plans? Is an Interchange Justification Report (IJR) needed?
How can we get FDOT to start that process?**

A Feasibility Study was completed on a potential interchange east of Crestview. That study demonstrated the need to identify facilities both north and south of the interstate that would be required to justify the proposed interchange. The study also identified the need to coordinate with Eglin Air Force Base, as there are potential impacts to their right-of-way. Without a commitment by the locals on a proposed eastern bypass alignment concept, FDOT would be unable to complete an IJR. FDOT has no plans for a roadway network on the state highway system that would warrant an interchange as described.

8. TSM Priorities (Fully Funded List): No projects are listed.

TPO staff added the one fully funded TSM project to the Draft Project Priorities document dated March 26, 2024. US 98 at Sandprint Drive/Palms Street is scheduled for ROW funding of \$238,300 in FY 2025 and Construction funding of \$2,077,385 in FY 2027. This project will be constructing a traffic signal, constructing an eastbound right turn lane, restriping Palm Street, and realigning eastbound and westbound left turn lanes to provide zero offset.

9. SUN Trail Priority #3 Marler Bridge Underpass: The project limits and description does not match the project

TPO staff replaced the project limits and description in the Draft Project Priorities document dated March 26, 2024.

10. Aviation Priorities: Are any of these funds used to create more hangars and create more capacity?

The airports work directly with FDOT's Aviation Office to develop their respective project priorities.

INFORMATION ITEMS

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
February 15, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Bitterman, CHAIR	Okaloosa County
Chris Wallace	City of DeFuniak Springs
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Kristen Shell	City of Niceville
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle Dogget	Walton County School District

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Latilda Hughes-Neel, VICE CHAIR	City of Freeport
Jayne Vanderford	City of Crestview
Kyle Lusk	City of Crestview
Jeff Cozadd	City of Destin
Chris Frasseti	City of Fort Walton Beach
Tim Gibson	City of Fort Walton Beach
Robert Herbsteith	City of Mary Esther
Johnathan Laird	City of Niceville
Joel Paul	Tri-County Community Council
Beckie Williams	FL Dept. of Children and Families
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Bill Smith	Okaloosa County School District
Abra McGill	Okaloosa County
Tracy Stage	Okaloosa County Airports
Roger C. Rogers	Okaloosa County Airports
Dennis "DJ" Fields	Okaloosa County
Joseph Preston	Walton County
Chance Powell	Walton County
Jim Hicks	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR Engineering

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
Tiffany Bates
Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith
Angela Bradley
Gary Kramer
Jill Nobles
Howard Vanselow
Tammy Neal
Virtual Attendance
Katie Fults

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Bitterman called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chris Wallace moved to approve the agenda as amended. Kristen Shell seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk updated the board on three upcoming projects, stating that FDOT will hold a hybrid public alternative meeting Tuesday, Feb. 20 concerning the U.S. 98 "Around the Mound" Project Development and Environment (PD&E) Study. The project limits cover State Road 30 (U.S. 98/Miracle Strip Parkway) from S.R. 189 (Beal Parkway) to the west end of the Brooks Bridge in Okaloosa County. Bryant Paulk stated that the hybrid meeting will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Citizens can attend virtually at www.nwflroads.com/virtualmeetings. Those unable to participate online can attend in person, at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE. Preregistration is required for virtual attendance and in-person attendance is encouraged.

Bryant Paulk reported that there will be a virtual project update meeting on March 6, 2024, to discuss the intersection improvements on US 98 in Destin at Palm Street and Sandprint Drive.

Bryant Paulk stated that there will be a virtual project update on March 12, 2024, on the resurfacing project on US 98 from the Santa Rosa/Okaloosa County line, east to Josie Road. The project will improve turn lanes along the corridor and will construct a westbound turn lane at A21 Road.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Anna Hudson moved to approve the November 2023 O-W TCC meeting minutes.

Chris Wallace seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE A - ALL COMMITTEES - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-01 Requesting AMTRAK to Restore Stations and Passenger Service in Northwest Florida – Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff**

Gary Kramer stated that the MPOAC is accepting applications for rail projects and staff consulted with the MPOAC consultant on a request to restore the AMTRAK service that has been gone since Hurricane Katrina. The TPO's 2008 resolution of support for a return to the service is included in the application package to demonstrate the TPO's long support for this project.

Chair Bitterman asked where the stops would be within the Okaloosa-Walton area. Gary Kramer stated that there would be one stop, either in Crestview or DeFuniak Springs.

Kristen Shell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-01 requesting AMTRAK restore stations and passenger service in Northwest Florida. Michelle Doggett seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. **ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-02 Approving the Evaluation Criteria for Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Staff Ranking of Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Projects - Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff**

Jill Nobles stated that as per the UPWP, ECRC staff is re-evaluating the adopted evaluation criteria used to rank candidate projects. The Level of Service criterion has been changed from ten-year deficiency data to LRTP year data. Comments will be collected through January 19, 2024.

There was general discussion about the types of projects that are considered for this list.

Chris Wallace moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-02 approving the evaluation criteria for ECRC staff ranking of TSM projects. Anna Hudson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES - Request to Proceed with 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 stated that this request is to proceed with amending the O-W 2045 LRTP to include six new projects and explained the amendment process. Jill Nobles presented the projects and said if approved the amendments will be presented at the April meetings for approval.

Chair Bitterman noted that the US98 project is funded through design; right-of-way and construction are unfunded. There was also discussion about the status of the Destin Crosstown Connector phases of development.

Chris Wallace moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO staff to proceed with 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. Kristen Shell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – Schedule for Development of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Jill Nobles presented and stated that the schedule is included in the agenda package. The first workshop is scheduled for March 21, and it will be virtual. Approval of the Project Priorities will be requested in June.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES -TPO ONLY

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

Mary Beth Washnock reviewed the following items that are included in the agenda:

1. TCC and CAC November 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO November 2023 Actions Report
3. Amendment to the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letter
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7. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Educational Workshop Agenda
8. 2024 OW TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: The next O-W TPO meeting will be held on April 18, 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435
February 15, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Jamieson, VICE CHAIR	Fort Walton Beach
Don Cleveland	Holt
Bill Cox	Crestview
Matthew Cox	Niceville
Yvonne Earle	Fort Walton Beach
Robert J. Rennie	Fort Walton Beach
Yvonne Shanklin	Crestview
Doug Tolbert	Niceville
Catherine F. Ward	Okaloosa County

Virtual Attendee:

Wanjiki Jackson	Crestview
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Alexander Barthe, CHAIR	Crestview
Gary Adams	Freeport
Steven J. Czonstka	Niceville
Harrison Harsch	Okaloosa County
Megan Harrison	Walton County
Neill O'Connell	Walton County

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Christy Johnson	FDOT
Robert Raymond	Citizen
Rob Schiffer	FuturePlan Consulting

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Virtual Attendance

Katie Fults

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Vice Chair Jamieson called the meeting to order. The pledge was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Jamieson called on Mary Beth Washnock, who stated that Mr. Bill Cox would like to add an item for the committee's consideration. Bill Cox asked to add an action item to the agenda to request the TPO approve an amendment to its bylaws to not allow nepotism on the TPO board.

Robert Rennie moved to approve the agenda as amended. Yvonne Earle seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Robert Raymond asked the CAC to support more accessibility to travel guides for tourists in government complexes, etc.

Yvonne Earle notified the committee members that Steve Czonstka, long time CAC member, is in the hospital for surgery and is not doing well. Yvonne Earle asked that Steve be kept in everyone's thoughts and prayers.

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Christy Johnson clarified how to navigate the calendar of meetings on the Northwest Florida Roads website.

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A CAC member asked for an update on the intersection of US 90 and PJ Adams/Antioch Road. Christy Johnson had no information on the study for safety updates but would send it to TPO staff to send out to the CAC members when it is ready.

Matthew Cox asked for an update on the I-10 interchange project in Crestview. Christy Johnson agreed to get this information for the CAC members.

Yvonne Shanklin asked about US 90 at Hickory Avenue getting turn lanes, noting that this was discussed at a prior meeting. Christy Johnson agreed to get this information for the CAC members.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes

Bill Cox moved to approve the November 2023 O-W CAC meeting minutes. Matthew Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

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Doug Tolbert asked if there was a preference between having a station stop in Crestview or DeFuniak Springs, as both are noted as the option in the application. Gary Kramer said there was no preference by staff; the decision would be made later.

Yvonne Earle noted that the prior AMTRAK stop in Crestview was at 3 a.m. and asked if this would be the same. Gary Kramer said this information was not known yet.

Yvonne Earle moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-01 requesting AMTRAK restore stations and passenger service in Northwest Florida. Bill Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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ADD-ON ITEM – CAC Member Request to the TPO to Amend the TPO Bylaws to Disallow Nepotism on the TPO Board Membership

Bill Cox explained the request and there was brief discussion. Mary Beth Washnock noted that there has been no instance of nepotism on the TPO to her knowledge over the past seventeen years that she has worked for the three TPOs in northwest Florida.

Bill Cox moved to request the TPO to amend its Bylaws to disallow nepotism on the TPO Board. Doug Tolbert seconded the motion. Yvonne Earle said since these are elected officials, she did not see the need for this motion. The motion failed.

PRESENTATIONS:

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OTHER BUSINESS:

Yvonne Earle provided information on the contractor responsible for work on Eglin Parkway.

Yvonne Earle also attended an Okaloosa County Community Transportation Safety Team meeting to bring an issue presented to her by a citizen about the intersection of Hospital Drive at Lewis Turner Blvd. at Liza Jackson School. The school is performing a study to fine-tune its arrival and departure traffic patterns. There was general discussion about the Community Traffic Safety Team as a valuable resource. Vice Chair Jamieson said she is a member of the team but has not been able to attend lately for personal reasons, and recommended Yvonne Earle join the team. Matthew Cox said the CTST used to make annual presentations to the CAC and asked that they consider doing so again.

Matthew Cox thanked FDOT for replacing the signal poles that have been peeling since the day they were installed.

Doug Tolbert said cameras are being installed in school zones. Offenders will be fined \$100. Matthew Cox asked if sufficient signage will be put up noting the school zones for drivers. Doug Tolbert said this was a point brought up during the discussions about cameras and said there will be. There was general discussion about the issue.

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The meeting was adjourned.

MEETING SUMMARY

Regional Transportation Planning Organization Workshop

Pamn Henderson, Chair, Bay County TPO
Nathan Boyles, Chair, Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Colten Wright, Chair, Florida-Alabama TPO

TPO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

FLORIDA – ALABAMA

Colten Wright, Chair, Santa Rosa
County Commission
Jerry Johnson, Vice-Chair, City of
Orange Beach, Alabama City
Council
Charles Bare, City of Pensacola City
Council
Steven Barry, Escambia County
Commission
Jeff Bergosh, Escambia County
Commission
James Calkins, Santa Rosa County
Commission
Ray Eddington, Santa Rosa County
Commission
Mike Kohler, Escambia County
Commission
Sam Parker, Santa Rosa County
Commission
Allison Patton, City of Pensacola
City Council

OKALOOSA – WALTON

Nathan Boyles, Chair, Okaloosa
County Commission
Anthony Vallee, Vice-Chair, City of
DeFuniak Springs City Council
Tracey Dickey, City of Freeport
City Council
Torey Geile, City of Destin City
Council
Donna Johns, Walton County
Commission
William McCormick, Walton
County Commission
Paul Mixon, Okaloosa County
Commission
Mel Ponder, Okaloosa County
Commission
Andrew Rencich, City of
Crestview City Council
Dick Ryneanson, City of Ft. Walton
Beach Mayor
Bill Schaetzle, City of Niceville City
Council
April Sutton, City of Mary Esther
City Council
Christine Wasdin, City of
Valparaiso City Council

BAY COUNTY

Pamn Henderson, Chair, City
of Callaway Mayor
Robert Carroll, Vice-Chair, Bay
County Commission
Mary Coburn, Panama City
Beach City Council
William Dozier, Bay County
Commission
Brian Grainger, Panama City
David Griggs, City of Callaway
City Council
Michael Jarman, Panama City
Beach City Council
Janice Lucas, Panama City
Council
Clair Pease, Bay County
Commission

TPO MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

FLORIDA – ALABAMA

Cherry Fitch, City of Gulf
Breeze Mayor
Charles Gruber, Baldwin
County Commission
Casey Jones, City of Pensacola
City Council
Lumon May, Escambia County
Commission
Roxanne Meiss, City of Milton
City Council
Jared Moore, City of Pensacola
City Council
Kerry Smith, Santa Rosa
County Commission
Delarian Wiggins, City of
Pensacola City Council

OKALOOSA – WALTON

Joe Blocker, City of Crestview
City Council
Danny Glidewell, Walton County
Commission
Carolyn Ketchel, Okaloosa
County Commission
Travis Smith, City of Fort Walton
Beach City Council
Bobby Wagner, City of Destin,
Mayor
Jim Wood, MidBay Bridge
Authority

BAY COUNTY

Jenna Flint-Haligas, City of
Panama City, City Council
Tommy Hamm, Bay County
Commission
Cindy Hamre, City of
Springfield City Council
Doug Moore, Bay County
Commission
Pat Perno, City of Lynn Haven,
City Council
Michael Rohan, City of Panama
City Mayor
Jerry Smith, City of Mexico
Beach City Council
Josh Street, Panama City City
Council
Judy Vandergrift, City of Lynn
Haven City Council

ECRC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kasey Cuchens, Chair, Governor Appointee
Kurvin Qualls, Vice-Chair, Governor Appointee
Tracy Andrews, City of Chipley Mayor
Jim Bagby, City of Destin City Council
Darryl Boudreau, Northwest Florida Water Management
Marilynn Farrow, City of Milton City Council
JD Smith, Governor Appointee

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Barr, Kimley-Horn
Sierra Eades, WGI, Inc.
Macy Falcon, Kimley-Horn
David Farrow
Ben Faust, DRMP
Frank Kalpakis, Renaissance Planning
Eric Lutteman, WGI, Inc.
Gabriel McAfee, Baskerville Donovan, Inc.
Jeff Peterman, Baskerville Donovan, Inc.
Chris Phillips, City of DeFuniak Springs
Nicki Qualls
Mark Reichert, MPOAC

Jared Schneider, Kimley-Horn
Terry Shaw, Kimley-Horn
Lindsay Slautterback, Kimley-Horn
Sally Smith
Deston Taylor, DRMP
Cory Wilkinson, HDR
Mark Wood, Kimley-Horn
Austin Mount, ECRC
Dawn Schwartz, ECRC
Ada Clark, ECRC
Mary Beth Washnock, ECRC (Virtual)
Tiffany Bates, ECRC
Gary Kramer, ECRC (Virtual)
Jill Nobles, ECRC
Tammy Neal, ECRC
Jessica Walton, ECRC

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

AUSTIN MOUNT, CEO, ECRC

Austin Mount welcomed those in attendance and explained that the purpose of the Joint TPO Workshop was to discuss common regional transportation challenges and solutions and to collaborate amongst the three (3) contiguous transportation planning organizations in Northwest Florida.

1. ENCLOSURE A - The Legislative Perspective

Austin Mount stated the State of Florida recently signed HB 425 into law and explained that the bill addresses how contiguous MPOs are to collaborate and work together on large-scale regional issues.

2. ENCLOSURE B- Regional Trails

Austin Mount explained that recently, the SUN trail program appropriations had increased and that the ECRC was hoping to position the region to take full advantage of the program in order to develop regional trails throughout Northwest Florida.

Austin Mount stated during the last funding cycle for Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), a round of applications, to include application solicitations from the three (3) TPOs, were received, followed by a ranking process. Those applications ranking the highest were provided to FDOT.

Austin Mount further stated this year's processes for SUN trail program applications would be included in the TPOs' Project Priorities as a separate page or line item for approval. More specifically, the SUN trail requires that if a TPO is applying for SUN trail funding, the project has to be included on the SUN trail priority network map with a deviation of approximately five (5) miles to allow local governments the option to deploy based on cost feasible options.

Austin Mount stated if the local governments wanted to apply for funding, applications would need to be directly submitted through FDOT's GAP Program and further explained that if a project were selected, the Department would typically construct those projects.

Bryant Paulk, FDOT, further explained, stating that if the project was located on the state highway system, the Department would take responsibility in constructing the project; however, if the local government pursues a project that deviated from the state highway system, the Department offered the opportunity to pursue the project through the Local Agency Program (LAP).

3. ENCLOSURE C – Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals

Austin Mount stated that each of the three TPOs in the ECRC region would begin to update their LRTPs within the next two years. During this discussion, those in attendance were invited to participate in an interactive polling process to determine common themes in long range transportation needs.

Austin Mount introduced Frank Kalpakis, of Renaissance Planning led a discussion on the benefits of regional coordination and strengthening an alignment among the different areas of the TPOs.

Frank Kalpakis stated that with tremendous growth occurring throughout the Panhandle, the urban areas were becoming increasingly connected, increasing the importance of developing long-range transportation plans, goals, and objectives on a regional level.

With long range transportation plans and goals currently being determined within the region, an interactive poll, to include items of importance, was administered to attendees.

Discussion ensued on the interactive polling results.

A summary of goals for the FL-AL, O-W, and Bay County TPO Long Range Transportation Plans was discussed to include the following:

The current Long Range Transportation Plans' goals support a transportation system that is:

- Safe and Secure for residents, visitors, and commerce.
- Integrated for the movement of people and goods.
- Operated and maintained efficiently.
- Protects, preserves, and enhances a high quality of life.
- Is consistent, continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive in the planning process.
- Maintains acceptable roadway levels of service on all major facilities.
- Meets user needs.
- Is multimodal and innovative.
- Respectful of the environment, public, health, and vulnerable users.
- Maximizes mobility.

4. CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM

Austin Mount stated the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) had issued guidance for the MPOs to establish greenhouse reduction performance measures; however, the State of Florida has countersued this ruling. Although still in litigation, all MPOs and TPOs would be required to submit a new set of performance measures by the original September deadline.

Mark Reichert, MPOAC Executive Director, added that FHWA had extended the timeline for State Department of Transportation (DOTs) to submit their targets, but they had not answered the

question of whether the MPOs/TPOs deadlines had been extended and advised to adhere to the July 30th deadline until further guidance.

Austin Mount stated in addition to the already established set of performance measures, a newly required target, a carbon reduction plan, would be developed and added once approved by all three contiguous (3) TPOs as required by FHWA.

Austin Mount further stated the most positive and effective way to achieve carbon reduction in the communities within the region would be through ATMS/ITS technology. The Carbon Reduction Plan will focus heavily on technology elements to include establishing goals and objectives and public involvement strategies.

Austin Mount stated the Carbon Reduction Plan would be up for approval and adoption at the next FL-AL TPO meeting on February 7th, 2024.

Commissioner William Dozier, Bay County, commented and agreed that the Carbon Reduction Plan directly correlates with the traffic management system being built and the concept of using technology to move traffic more efficiently.

Commissioner James Calkins, Santa Rosa County, asked if there would be ramifications from FHWA or the State of Florida if the Carbon Reduction Plan failed to be approved and adopted.

Austin Mount explained that if the item failed to be approved and adopted, the TPO would be considered out of compliance which could affect its certification by FHWA.

Macy Falcon, Kimley-Horn confirmed there was no penalty for not meeting a target that was set but there may be a potential recommendation finding in a TMA Certification.

Commissioner Calkins stated for the record that he did not agree with the science behind carbon reduction and stated that humans exhale carbon dioxide. Commissioner Calkins stated that there were a lot of flaws in the science associated with it and felt that there was an effort coming down from the federal government to absolutely destroy the economy and business. Commissioner Calkins said that being a County Commissioner from Santa Rosa County, he did not want anything to do with the Carbon Reduction Program. Commissioner Calkins was of the opinion that the TPOs should not adopt a Carbon Reduction Program if there is no penalty associated with it.

Austin Mount reiterated that the Carbon Reduction Plan would be discussed at the February 7th FL-AL TPO meeting and board members would have the opportunity to discuss and make an informed decision.

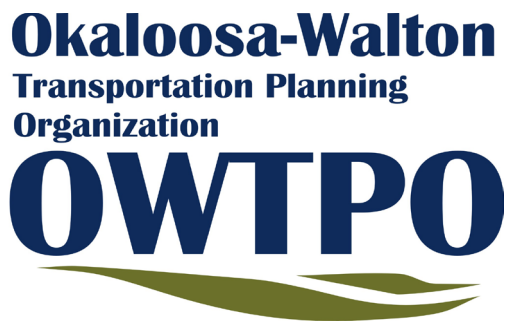
Further discussion ensued.

Public Comments

None

ADJOURN

With no further comments or discussion, the workshop was adjourned at 3:17pm.



Nathan Boyles
Chairman

Anthony Vallee
Vice Chairman

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DATE: February 16, 2024

TO: Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison
Ms. Christy Johnson, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison

COPIES TO: TPO, TCC, and CAC Members

FROM: Jill Nobles, Transportation Planner

RE: TPO Actions Report – February 15, 2024

The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) at the February 15, 2024, meeting. The TPO requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to share this report with the appropriate department directors and to take action if requested by the TPO. Copies are sent to local government representatives for coordination with local plans.

TPO ADMINISTRATION (ADD ON ITEM)

The TPO approved a motion that any joint TPO meetings be coordinated with the TPO chair prior to the event being scheduled.

AMTRAK

The TPO approved Resolution O-W 24-01 requesting AMTRAK to restore station and passenger service in northwest Florida.

TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT (TSM)

The TPO approved Resolution O-W 24-02 updating the evaluation criteria for ECRC staff ranking of TSM projects. This action keeps the TSM evaluation criteria current for the next priorities cycle.

2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

The TPO approved TPO staff to proceed with amending the 2045 LRTP to include the following projects:

- Destin Cross-Town Connector (Cost Feasible Plan amendment)

- West 98 Collector (Cost Feasible Plan and Needs Plan amendment)
- JW Hollington Connector Road (Needs Plan amendment)
- Mack Bayou to Sandestin Lane Connector Road (Needs Plan amendment)
- CR 3280 Extension (Needs Plan amendment)
- Freeport Waterfront Improvements (Needs Plan amendment)

Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC)

The TPO approved Mayor JB Whitten to serve as the alternate on the MPOAC. Councilman Schaetzle requested to no longer serve as the alternate.

The next Okaloosa-Walton TPO meeting is **April 18, 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.