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**MEETING OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

Thursday, December 12, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) – 9:30 a.m.

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) – 1:30 p.m.

Walton County BOCC Chambers, 571 US Hwy 90 East, DeFuniak Springs, FL 3243

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE – *Chairman Anthony Vallee*

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.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Please obtain a speaker request form from ECRC staff. Speakers are asked to limit their remarks to three minutes.

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 June 2023 Meeting Minutes
2. **ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution OW 24-14 Ratifying the Chair's Signature and Adoption of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary and the Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa and Walton Counties October 11, 2024 – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
3. **ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-21 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 - FY 2026 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Revisions Per 2 CFR/200/Subpart E Cost Principle Guidelines – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*



Okaloosa-Walton TPO
Staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A - ALL COMMITTEES** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-15 Accepting the FDOT FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program – *Carla Hodges, FDOT/ Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*
- 2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution BAY 24-20 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Construction Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Indian Bayou Trail to Emerald Bay Drive Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4530131 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$75,000- *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*
- 3. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-16 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Forest Road, (2) SR 85, (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, (4) Cedar Avenue, (5) Palm Boulevard, (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector, and (7) Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue in the Needs Plan- *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
- 4. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-12 Adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
- 5. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-13 Adjusting the Four-Year Targets (2025) for Bridge (PM 2) and System Performance (PM 3) for the Florida Department of Transportation – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
- 6. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-17 Accepting the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan and Authorizing the TPO Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
- 7. ENCLOSURE G - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-19 Adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
- 8. ENCLOSURE H - ALL COMMITTEES** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-22 Approving the Scope of Work for a Reverse Commute Corridor Study in Communities Along State Road 85 and U.S. Highway 98 – *Ada Clark, ECRC Staff*
- 9. ENCLOSURE I - ALL COMMITTEES** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-23 Adopting the 2024 Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Major Update Scope of Work – *Kandase Lee, ECRC Staff*
- 10. ENCLOSURE J - TPO ONLY** – Appointment of Okaloosa - Walton TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2025 – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE K - ALL COMMITTEES** - Informational Presentation for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. O-W TPO June 2024 Actions Report
2. TCC and CAC June 2024 Meeting Minutes
3. 2024.07.24 Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council Letter
4. Modification to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Letter

OTHER BUSINESS: The 2025 O-W TPO meeting schedule is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT:

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FDOT UPDATE

CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT
AGENDA ITEM 1
TPO MINUTES

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
Okaloosa Administration Building 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579
June 20, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nathan Boyles, CHAIR	Okaloosa County Commission
Anthony Vallee, VICE-CHAIR	DeFuniak Springs
J.B. Whitten	Crestview
Andrew Rencich	Crestview
Bobby Wagner	Destin
Dick Rynearson	Fort Walton Beach
Tracey Dickey	Freeport
April Sutton	Mary Esther
Bill Schaetzle	Niceville
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission
Mel Ponder	Okaloosa County Commission
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission
Christine Wasdin	Valparaiso
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission
William "Boots" McCormick	Walton County Commission

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Joe Blocker	Crestview
Torey Geile	Destin
Travis Smith	Fort Walton Beach
James T. Wood	Midbay Bridge Authority

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Christy Johns	FDOT
Jack Kiger	Eglin Airforce Base
Gloria DeBerry	City of Fort Walton Beach
Kristen Shell	Niceville
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Tyrone Scorson	Kittleson & Associates
Pamn Henderson	ECRC Board Member
Scott Bitterman	Okaloosa County
Allison Sullivan	Okaloosa County
Jeff Cochran	FWB Chamber

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Jim Bagby	Congressman Matt Gaetz
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Latilda Hughes-Neel	Freeport
Mark Martin	Freeport
Jim Parson	Liberty
Kurvin Qualls	ECRC Board Member
<u>Virtual Attendance</u>	
Mark Brock	FDOT
Colby Cleveland	FDOT
Mary Guiterey	HDR
Terry Shaw	Kimley Horn
Wiley Page	Atkins

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chairperson Boyles called the meeting to order, and the pledge was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the agenda. Mayor Whitten seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Ted Corcoran spoke in support of the "Around the Mound" Project.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk reported that the PD&E study for the Marler Bridge, as well as the expansion of U.S. 98 along Okaloosa Island are underway. Bryant Paulk stated that FDOT hopes that the next work program cycle allows them to program the funds for the bridge replacement project. A project update is scheduled for October of this year and a public hearing is scheduled for late 2025.

ECRC:

1. ENCLOSURE A - TPO ONLY - ECRC Executive Committee Report – *ECRC Executive Committee*

Kurvin Qualls stated in response to the April 18th Okaloosa Walton TPO meeting, where a resolution was added to the agenda, the TPO requested a report by the ECRC on the February event. Kurvin Qualls stated that the ECRC Board thoroughly went over the February event and came up with some suggestions. ECRC board discussed the ECRC CEO's spending limit of \$150,000 which was necessary to conduct business and that the committee recommended it stay the same and was approved by the board. Kurvin Qualls stated that there was an ECRC Bylaw revision to include budgeted line items for minor events, major events, and to require coordination among the three (3) contiguous TPO chairs and ECRC chair in the planning of joint events. It was determined that any event that cost more than \$35,000 would be considered a major event.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ENCLOSURE B – TPO ONLY - Consideration of the Membership Certification for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards - *Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff***

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes. Commissioner Mixon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-10 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SR 85 at Jones Road Outfall Repair Project in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$593,001 – *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment and stated that FDOT is planning to start this project as soon as possible.

Mayor Wagner moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign. Resolution O-W 24-10

amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Commissioner Mixon seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-09 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer presented the TIP for adoption. Councilmember Vallee discussed charging stations in Crestview and in DeFuniak Springs and stated that proximity to the highway and the city would provide benefits to local businesses and the local community.

Councilman Vallee moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-09 adopting the FY 2025-2029 TIP. Mayor Ryneearson seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Commissioner Boyles
Commissioner Vallee
Mayor Whitten
Council Member Rencich
Mayor Wagner
Mayor Ryneearson
Council Member Dickey
Council Member Sutton
Council Member Schaetzle
Commission Ketchel
Commissioner Ponder
Commissioner Mixon
Councilmember Wasdin
Commissioner Jons
Commissioner Glidewell
Commissioner McCormick

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-11 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented the ranked Project Priorities and the recommended changes from the June 18th workshop. Leandra Meredith presented the public outreach data.

Jill Nobles presented the recommended changes that came from the June 18th workshop. The first recommended change was to move Non-SIS #12, Park Alternate – Option 3 and replace it with Bob-Sikes #14, US 90 Complete Streets. The next recommended change was to add the new TSM project US 98 Eastbound off-ramp extension at Cody Avenue. The final recommended change was to add new SunTrail projects.

The TPO discussed recommending the following changes –

- Move Non-SIS #12: Park Alternate – Option 3 to the bottom of the Non-SIS list and replace with Non-SIS #14: US 90 Complete Streets
- Add new #1 TSM project: US 98 at Cody Avenue eastbound off-ramp extension
- Add new #2 TSM project: SR 20 at East Bay Loop westbound left turn lane
- Add new TSM project to the bottom of the TSM list: new traffic signal at US 98 at Thompson Road
- Add the following SUN Trail projects to the bottom of the SUN Trail list:
 - US 90 and Baldwin Avenue Trail (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Baldwin Ave, Baldwin Ave to US 90 E)
 - Old Spanish Trail East (US 90 and Baldwin Ave E to Holmes County Line)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 1 (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Blue Ridge Blvd)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 2 (US 90 and Blue Ridge Blvd to Hinote Road)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 3 (US 90 and Hinote Rd to Okaloosa County Line)
 - Great Northwest Coastal Trail (US 98 and Tango Mar to Mack Bayou)
 - US 98 Over/Underpass (US 98 at Scenic Gulf Drive)

Jill Nobles stated that the CAC and TCC voted to recommend all the changes.

Commissioner Glidwell moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign. Resolution O-W 24-11 adopting the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Project Priorities with the recommended changes. Mayor Wagner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES – Request to Proceed with Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Forest Road, (2) SR 85, (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, (4) Cedar Avenue, (5) Palm Boulevard, (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector, and (7) Bayshore Drive in the Needs Plan - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles stated that the TPO authorized staff to proceed with amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the following projects with an additional length to Bayshore Drive: (1) Forest Road Cost Feasible Plan (2) SR 85 Cost Feasible Plan (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection Cost Feasible Plan (4) Cedar Avenue Cost Feasible Plan (5) Palm Boulevard Cost Feasible Plan (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector Cost Feasible Plan (7) Bayshore Drive Needs

Plan. The TCC recommended adding the additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project completing the loop back to SR 20.

Council Member Vallee moved to recommend the TPO authorize ECRC staff to proceed with the process to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive and adding the additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project completing the loop back to SR 20. Commissioner Ponder seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE G – CAC AND TPO ONLY – Approval of CAC Application for Mr. Neil O’Connell – *Leandra Meredith, ECRC Staff*

Leandra Meredith stated that Walton County Commissioner, Danny Glidewell has appointed Neill O’Connell to the O-W TPO’s Citizens’ Advisory Committee to serve as his appointee.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to approve Mr. Neil O’Connell to the OW CAC. Mayor Wagner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE H – TPO ONLY– Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-07 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws - *Vice Chair Anthony Vallee, Committee Chair*

Mary Beth Washnock stated that the O-W TPO bylaw subcommittee held an in-person meeting on May 29th at the City of Destin to review and discuss the proposed bylaw amendments. The recommendations were to approve the proposed amendments prepared for the April 18, 2024 O-W TPO board meeting with the following considerations for inclusion: Pg 3 – 1.04 TPO Board Officers and Elections (4) – addition of language; Pg 16 - 2.12 TCC Subcommittees – deletion of section; Pg 18 - 3.03 CAC Membership (5) – addition of language; and Pg 24 - 3.13 CAC Subcommittees – deletion of section.

The TPO discussed adding a requirement that a TPO member must have served on the board for a minimum of 18 months before qualifying to serve as chair or vice chair.

Commissioner Glidewell moved to recommend the TPO chairman sign Resolution O-W 24-07 amending the OW TPO, TCC and CAC Bylaws to include the following changes – Page 3 – 1.04 TPO Board Officers and Elections (4) – addition of language; Page 16 - 2.12 TCC Subcommittees – deletion of section; Page 18 - 3.03

CAC Membership (5) – addition of language; Page 24 - 3.13 CAC Subcommittees – deletion of section and to add a requirement that a TPO member must have served on the board for a minimum of 18 months before qualifying to serve as chair or vice chair. Mayor Sutton seconded the motion, and it was approved with Mayor Whitten opposed.

7. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES - Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025

Mary Beth Washnock informed the board that the CAC elected Amy Jamieson as their chair and Robert Remi as their Vice Chair and that Latilda Hughes- Neel was elected at the TCC Chair and Scott Bitterman as the Vice Chair. Mayor J.B Whitten and Mayor Bobby Wagner were nominated for Vice Chair. A silent vote ensued, and Mayor Wagner was elected.

Mayor Sutton moved to elect Anthony Vallee as the TPO Chair and Bobby Wagner as the Vice Chair. Mayor Wagner seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Jared Schneider gave an update on the Emerald Coast Safety Action plan for the Safe Streets for All Grant. Jared Schneider informed the board that as a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC will produce a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

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

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

ENCLOSURE L - INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC April 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO April 2024 Actions Report
3. Documentation RE: Designation of Okaloosa County for 5307 Grant
4. Letter from Niceville/Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce
5. Letter of Support to FDOT for Around the Mound project

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6. Letter of Support to FDOT for Destin Crosstown Connector
7. Letter of Support for PPPP Prioritization Grant
8. 2024 O-W TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

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CONSENT

AGENDA ITEM 2

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 2

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution OW 24-14 Ratifying the Chair's Signature and Adoption of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary and the Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa and Walton Counties October 11, 2024

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Adjusted Urban Area Boundary Map is used to establish the boundary between urban and rural areas for Federal Highway Functional Classification purposes and is reviewed every ten years as part of the Census. It is based on FHWA's "Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria, and Procedures" 2013 Edition. The Adjusted Urban Area Boundary and the Federal Classification Maps are to be reviewed by FDOT by December 2024 and approved by FWHA by April 2025.

The attached Urban Area Boundary Maps illustrate the differences between the 2010 and 2020 Census. The attached Federal Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa and Walton counties have been developed by FDOT with input from the TPO and local governments. Listed below are the proposed changes from 2010 to 2020 for the Federal Functional Classifications.

Okaloosa County Functional Classification Changes from 2010 to 2020

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION	PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION	COMMENT
JOHN GIVENS ROAD	US 90	ADORA TEAL WAY	N/A	N/A	New Roadway
FAIRCHILD ROAD	US 90	FAIRCHILD ROAD	URBAN LOCAL	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	Drop to Local. After coordination with County, add new parallel facility.
FAIRCHILD ROAD	FAIRCHILD ROAD	AIRPORT ROAD	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
LAKE SILVER ROAD	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	LAKE SILVER ROAD	RURAL LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
LAKE SILVER ROAD	SR 85	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN LOCAL	URBAN LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
MEMORIAL PARKWAY SOUTHWEST	MIRACLE STRIP PARKWAY SOUTHWEST	HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD NORTHWEST	URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR	URBAN LOCAL	Local to Minor Collector. AADT 6000.
I-10	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	OKALOOSA/ WALTON COUNTY LINE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION	PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION	COMMENT
I-10	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
I-10	GARNER LANDING ROAD	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
US 90	ANTIOCH ROAD	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
US 90	SANTA ROSA/OKALOO SA COUNTY LINE	ANTIOCH ROAD	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
US 90	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	OKALOOSA/ WALTON COUNTY LINE	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
VALPARAISO PARKWAY	GOVERNMENT AVENUE	SR 190	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	Minor Arterial to Major Collector. AADT ~4000
VALPARAISO PARKWAY	VALPARAISO PARKWAY	SOUTH JOHN SIMS PARKWAY	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	Minor Arterial to Major Collector. AADT ~3400
SR 85	MAIN STREET	COUNTY LINE ROAD	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL OTHER	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL OTHER	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
NORTH FERDON BOULEVARD	US 90	MAIN STREET	URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL OTHER	URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL OTHER	Urban/Rural MP Update
NORTH PARTIN DRIVE	EAST JOHN SIMS PARKWAY	EAST COLLEGE BOULEVARD	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	Minor Art to Major Collector to College Blvd.
SR-123	SR-123 NORTH BOUND	SR-85 SOUTH BOUND	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
SR293/SPENCE PARKWAY	END TOLL PLAZA	RANGE ROAD	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
MID-BAY CONNECTOR	RANGE ROAD	SR 85	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
MCWHORTER AVENUE	SR 85 SOUTH BOUND ON	SR 85 NORTH BOUND OFF	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL LOCAL	Local to Major Collector, military connection
AIRPORT ROAD	JOHN GIVENS ROAD	FAIRCHILD ROAD	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
AIRPORT ROAD	FAIRCHILD ROAD	POVERTY CREEK ROAD	URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR	RURAL LOCAL	Local to Minor Collector

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION	PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION	COMMENT
JOHN GIVENS ROAD	ADORA TEAL WAY	AIRPORT ROAD	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
WEST COLLEGE BOULEVARD	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	SR 85	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
WEST COLLEGE BOULEVARD	GOVERNMENT AVENUE	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
GARDEN CITY ROAD/GEORGIA AVENUE/MAIN STREET	POVERTY CREEK ROAD	SR 85	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
ANTIOCH ROAD	FOXWOOD COUNTRY CLUB WAY	US 90	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update

Walton County Functional Classification Changes from 2010 to 2020

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION	PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION	COMMENT
CHAT HOLLY ROAD	CR 393	INDIAN WOMAN ROAD	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CHAT HOLLY ROAD	INDIAN WOMAN ROAD	US 331	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 283	CR 30A	US 98	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
DEFUNIAK STREET	HOTZ AVENUE	CR 30A	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 395	US 98	END	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Minor Post Update
CR 395	CR 30A	US 98	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
MAIN PARK ROAD	END	CR 30A	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Minor Post Update
CR 83	END	CR 30A	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Minor Post Update
I-10	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural Minor Post Update
I-10	WALTON/OKALOOSA COUNTY LINE	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural Minor Post Update

ROADWAY	FROM	TO	NEW CLASSIFICATION	PREVIOUS CLASSIFICATION	COMMENT
I-10	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	WALTON/H OLMES COUNTY LINE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	RURAL PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL INTERSTATE	Urban/Rural MP Update
US 331 BRIDGE	SR 20	US 331 BRIDGE	RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Major to Minor Collector. Original US 331 alignment.
US 331 BRIDGE	US 331 BRIDGE	US 331	RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Major to Minor Collector. Original US 331 alignment.
CR 393	CHAT HOLLY ROAD	NURSERY ROAD	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 393	CR 30A	US 98	URBAN MAJOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
BLUE MOUNTAIN ROAD	CR 30A	END	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
BAY AVENUE/CR 280	SOUTH 2ND STREET	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR	URBAN MINOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 280	CR 183	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 83	CR 30A	US 98	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
CR 30A	US 98	BUGGY WHIP LANE	URBAN MINOR ARTERIAL	RURAL MINOR ARTERIAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
COY BURGESS LOOP	ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY	FREEPORT ROAD	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update
WEST WILSON STREET	13TH STREET	CENTRAL 6TH STREET	URBAN LOCAL	RURAL LOCAL	Urban/Rural Mile Post Update

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-14
- 2010 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary
- 2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary
- 2020 Walton County Functional Classification Map
- Federal Functional Classification Definitions

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion ratifying the Chair's signature and adoption of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary and the Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa and Walton Counties on October 11, 2024. This action is recommended because it complies with federal transportation legislation and allows state and local government to update their Federal Classification Maps for roadways. Please contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, if additional information is needed at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 219.

RESOLUTION OW 24-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARY AND THE FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS FOR OKALOOSA AND WALTON COUNTIES

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the Governor of Florida for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, Coordination with the Florida Department of Transportation occurred to develop the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary from the Census Defined Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin, FL Urban Area Boundary; and

WHEREAS, Coordination with the TPO Staff and local governments occurred to developed the Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa, and Walton Counties; and

WHEREAS, FDOT has developed FHWA Functional Classification Maps for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties based on the Adjusted Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin, FL Urban Area Boundary; and

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

The TPO approves the ratifying the Chair's signature and adoption of the Adjusted Urban Area Boundary and the Functional Classification Maps for Okaloosa and Walton Counties on October 11, 2024.

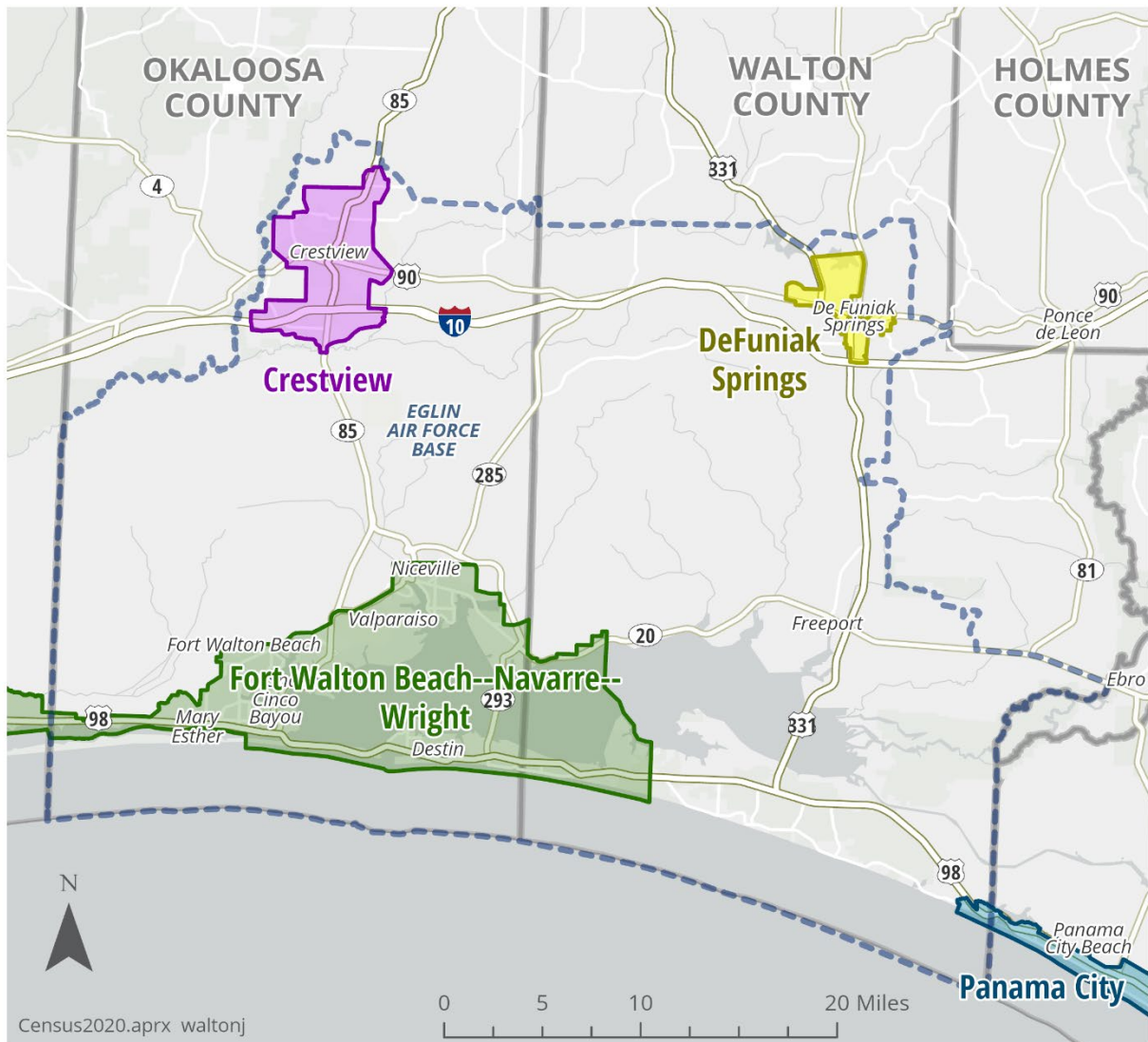
Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton TPO on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

2010 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary



2010 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

Fort Walton Beach-Navarre-Wright

Panama City

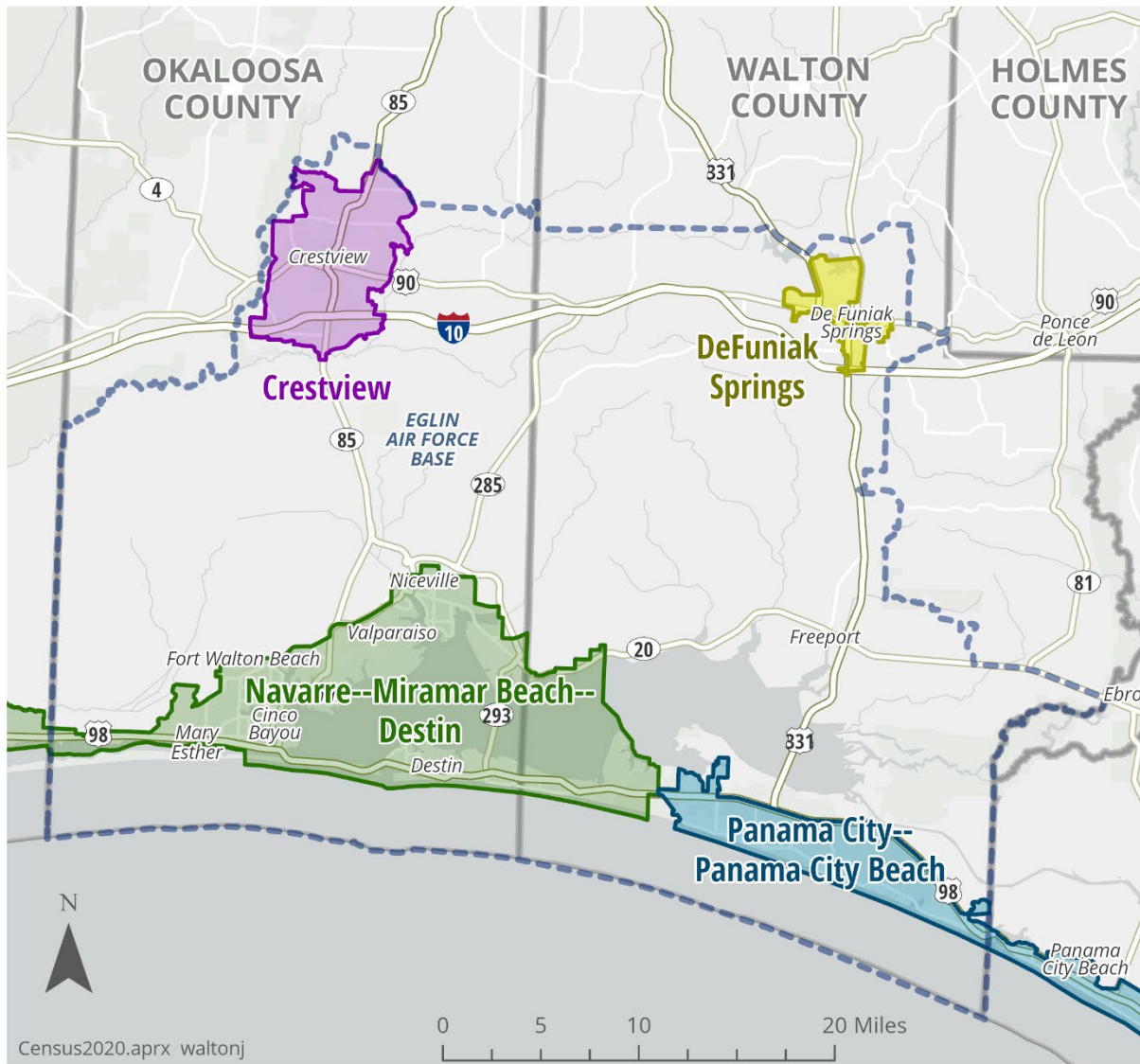
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Okaloosa-Walton TPO/MPA

County Boundary

2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary



2020 Adjusted Urban Area Boundary

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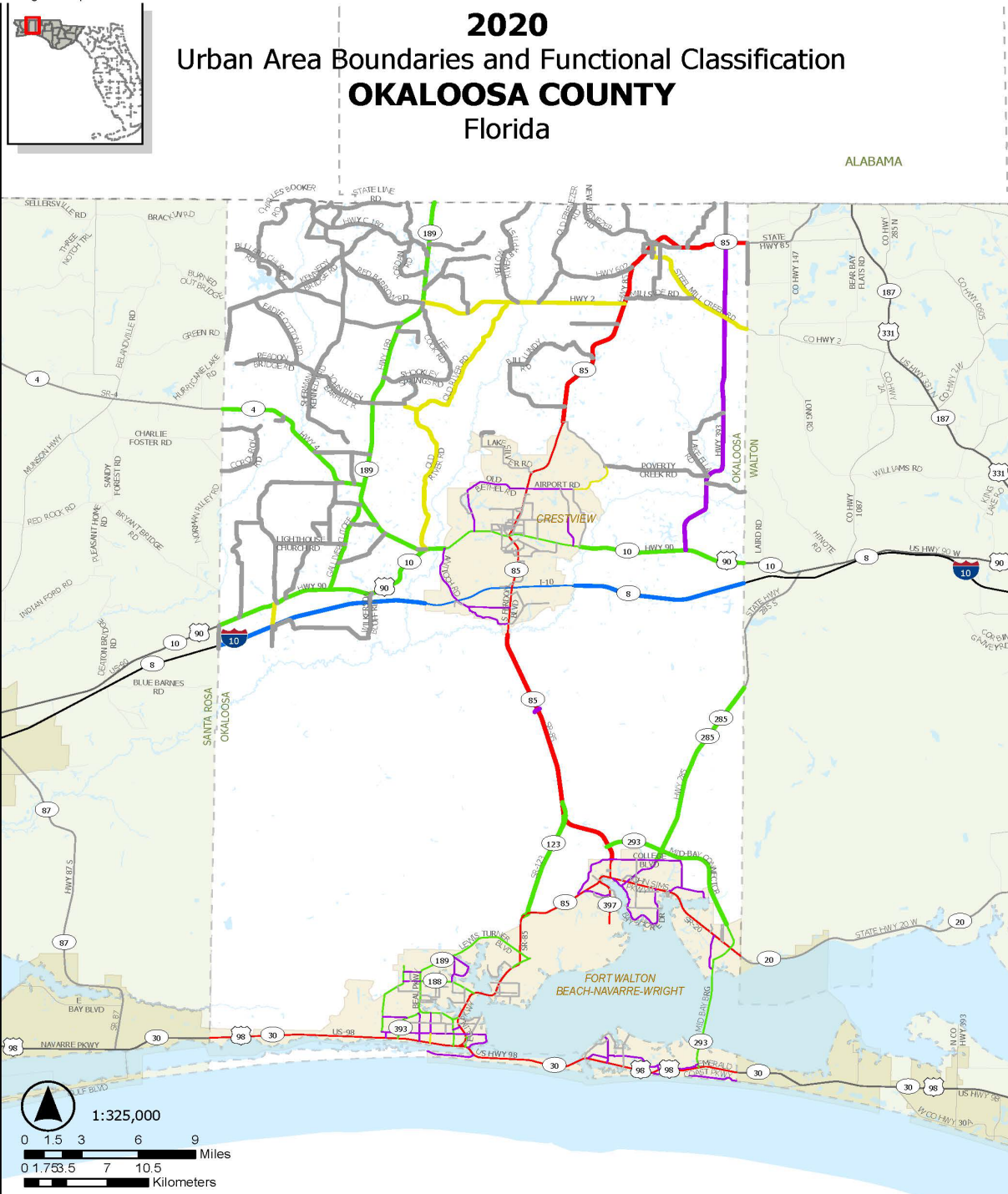
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County Boundary

2020 Okaloosa County Functional Classification Map

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RECOMMENDED BY:

Okaloosa County,
County Commission Chair

Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning
Organization, Chair

Florida Department of Transportation,
District Three Director of Transportation

APPROVED BY:

Federal Highway Administration



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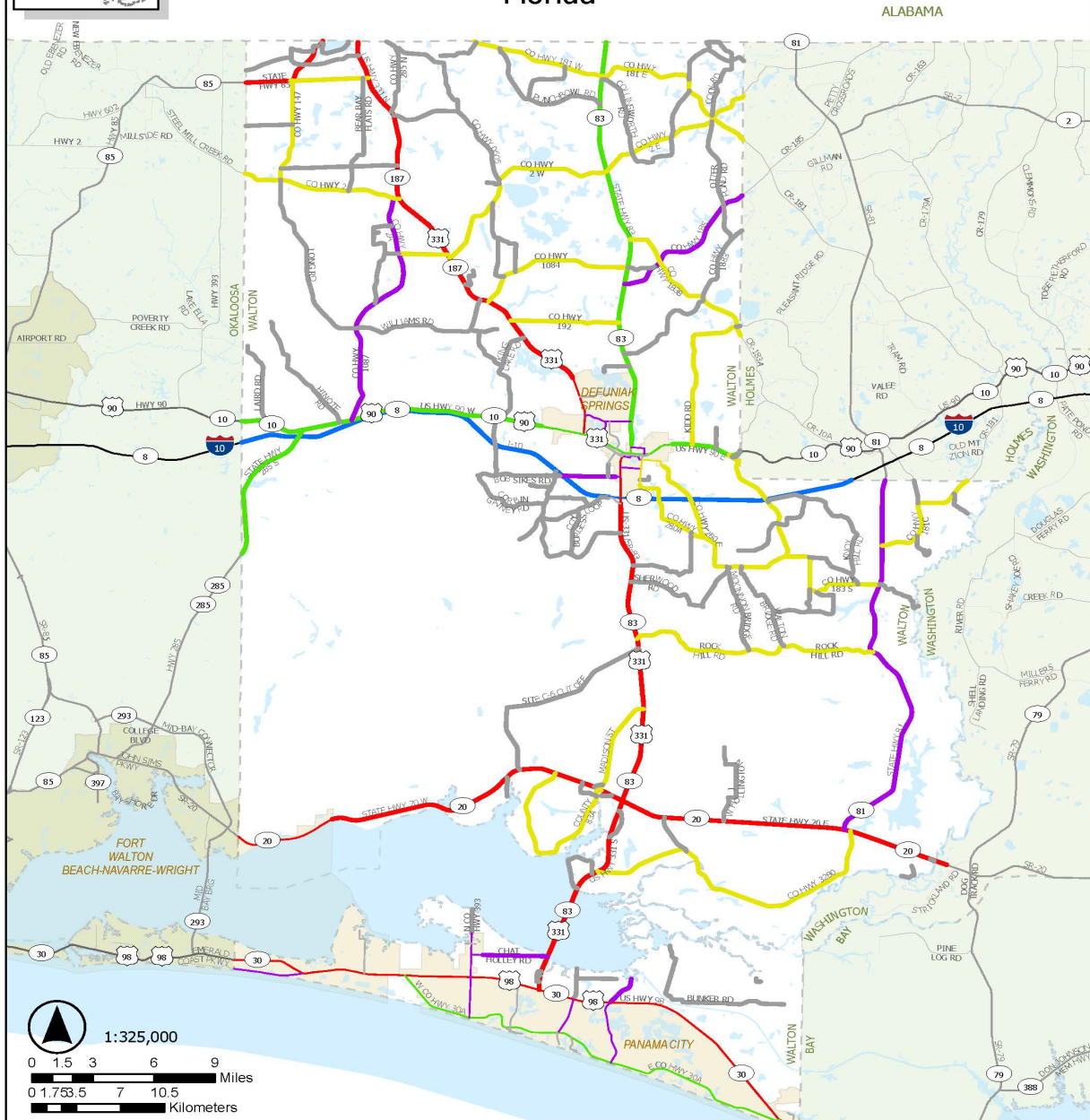
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ARTERIAL	URBAN MAJOR
RURAL MAJOR	COLLECTOR
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2020 Walton County Functional Classification Map

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2020 Urban Area Boundaries and Functional Classification WALTON COUNTY Florida



RECOMMENDED BY:

Walton County, _____ Date
County Commission Chair
Signed by: _____ 10/11/2024 | 6:12 PM EDT
Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning _____ Date
Organization, Chair

Florida Department of Transportation, _____ Date
District Three Director of Transportation

APPROVED BY:
Federal Highway Administration _____ Date



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Federal Functional Classification Definitions

Arterials – Arterial system provides the highest level of mobility at the highest speed, for long, uninterrupted travel. Arterials generally have higher design standards than other roads, often with multiple lanes and some degree of access control.

Interstates – Interstates are the highest classification of Arterials and were designed and constructed with mobility and long-distance travel in mind. Since inception the Interstate System has provided a superior network of limited access, divided highways offering high levels of mobility while linking the major urban areas of the United States. Federal Aid Eligible.

Other Principal Arterials – These roadways serve major centers of metropolitan areas, provide a high degree of mobility and can also provide mobility through rural areas. Unlike their access-controlled counterparts, abutting land uses can be served directly. Federal Aid Eligible.

Minor Arterials – Minor Arterials provide service for trips of moderate length, serve geographic areas that are smaller than their higher Arterial counterparts and offer connectivity to the higher Arterial system. Federal Aid Eligible.

Collectors – Collectors provide a lower degree of mobility than arterials. They are designed for travel at lower speeds and for shorter distances. Collectors are typically two-lane roads that collect and distribute traffic from the arterial system. In order to bridge this gap, Collectors must and do provide access to residential neighborhoods.

Major Collectors – Major Collector routes are longer in length; have lower connecting driveway densities; have higher speed limits; have higher annual average traffic volumes; than their Minor Collector counterparts. Federal Aid Eligible.

Minor Collectors – Minor collectors provide service to smaller communities not served by a higher class facility. These routes connect major thoroughfares to diffused areas, such areas include the primary connection to a farming area consisting of large acreage tracts or scattered small residential developments. These roads that are outside of the urban boundary are classed as Rural Minor Collectors. However, these roads that are inside the urban boundary are classed as Urban Minor Collectors. Urban Minor Collectors are Federal Aid Eligible. Rural Minor Collectors are Non-Federal Aid Eligible.

CONSENT

AGENDA ITEM 3

CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 3

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-21 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 - FY 2026 Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Revisions Per 2 CFR/200/Subpart E Cost Principle Guidelines

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Federal Government 2 CFR 200/Subpart E Cost Principles

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The UPWP is a required product of the TPO. It describes the planning work tasks and budget for the TPO fiscal year (July through June). As defined in the Code of Federal Regulations, the UPWP is a statement of work identifying the planning priorities and activities to be carried out within a metropolitan planning area. At a minimum, a UPWP includes a description of the planning work and resulting products, who will perform the work, and the source(s) of funds (23 C.F.R. 450.104). The TPO adopts a new UPWP every other year along with an annual revision at the end of the first year.

TPO work elements include, but are not limited to:

- Program Development
- Long Range Transportation Planning
- Data Development and Management
- Short Range Transportation Planning
- Plans and Studies
- Public Involvement

Funding sources for these work elements include, but are not limited to:

- PL (Planning)
- SU (Federal Urbanized)
- CM (Congestion Management)

In October 2021, the TPO adopted the Federal 10% De Minimis indirect rate. This rate was used when calculating the budgets for the FY 2025 – FY 2026, which was adopted by Resolution O-W 24-04, during the April 2024 TPO meeting. Since this time, the Federal Government has changed the De Minimis allowance to 15% per 2 CFR 200/subpart E Cost Principles. Staff are recommending that the TPO officially adopt this new rate and cost principal guidance based upon 2 CFR 200/subpart E. This will allow staff to inform the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) so the process to make necessary UPWP budgetary changes, as applicable to the funding sources listed above, can begin.

The Financial Agreement between the TPO and FDOT will need to be amended, it is requested that the new De Minimis rate of 15% become effective January 1, 2025.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-21

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-21 amending the FY 2025 - FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to follow 2 CFR 200 subpart E cost principle guidelines including 15% de minimis, effective January 1, 2025. This

action is recommended to ensure the work is in place with a supporting budget. Please contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FY 2025 - FY2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) TO IMPLEMENT REVISIONS TO 2 CFR 200/ SUBPART E COST PRINCIPLE GUIDELINES

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 TPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the O-W TPO FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which outlines tasks and their associated budgets for a determined time period, was adopted by the TPO in April 2024 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, in October 2021, the TPO adopted the Federal 10% De Minimis indirect rate, which was used when calculating the budgets for the FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWPs; and

WHEREAS, in October 2024 the federal government changed the De Minimis allowance to 15% per 2 CFR 200/subpart E;

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

The TPO amends the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program to follow 2 CFR 200/subpart E cost principle guidelines including 15% De Minimis effective January 1, 2025.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 11th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ACTION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE A

ENCLOSURE A ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-15 Accepting the FDOT FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: Review and comment for consistency with local comprehensive plans.

BACKGROUND: At the June 20th meeting, the TPO adopted its FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities. The purpose of the Priorities is to ensure that projects programmed by FDOT in the Five-Year Work Program are consistent with local needs and plans. The Priorities rank projects in the following categories:

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

Adoption of the Project Priorities is the initial step in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). FDOT uses the Priorities to develop its Five-Year Work Program within system maintenance requirements and funds available in various funding categories.

FDOT presented a virtual (online) and in-person public hearing for the FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program on December 5, 2024.

FDOT District III officials will present the FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program at the TPO meeting and will refine the Work Program, within budgetary limitations, to reflect the recommendations of the TPO. The proposed Work Program will then be submitted to the Florida Legislature for adoption. The TPO will develop the final FY 2026-2030 TIP for adoption at the June 2025 TPO meeting, resulting in a TIP and FDOT Work Program that will be consistent.

The FY 2026-2030 Tentative Five-Year Work Programs for Okaloosa and Walton counties will be distributed at the TPO, TCC, and CAC meetings.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-15

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-15. This action is recommended to reflect the coordination that has occurred between the TPO and FDOT in the development of the FY 2026-2030 Work Program and funding of the TPO FY 2026-2030 Priorities. Please contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACCEPTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FY2026-2030 TENTATIVE FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the governor of the State 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 TPO annually adopts Transportation Project Priorities and forwards them to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) each year, as the initial step in the development of the TPO Transportation Improvement Program for the following project categories: Capacity Projects, Transportation Systems Management Projects, Transportation Alternative Projects, Public Transportation Projects, and Aviation Projects; and

WHEREAS, FDOT annually uses the TPO Transportation Project Priorities in the development of the FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program to the extent feasible within system maintenance requirements and funds available in various fund categories; and

WHEREAS, FDOT annually presents the FDOT Tentative Five-Year Work Program to the TPO to ensure that the Work Program is consistent with the TPO's Transportation Project Priorities to the extent feasible; and

WHEREAS, the TPO Transportation Project Priorities and FDOT Work Program development processes are mutually supportive resulting in a final TIP and FDOT Work Program that are consistent;

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

The TPO accepts the FDOT FY2026-2030 Tentative Five-Year Work Program.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST _____

ENCLOSURE B

ENCLOSURE B ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution BAY 24-20 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Construction Phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Indian Bayou Trail to Emerald Bay Drive Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4530131 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$75,000 **(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)**

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, the TPO adopts a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which lists the projects scheduled throughout the five years of the FDOT Work Program for various phases such as project development and environmental study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. To receive federal funding, the projects must be in the TPO's adopted TIP. This TIP amendment adds the construction phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Indian Bayou Trail to Emerald Bay Drive, a lighting project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4530131 in FY 2024/2025 at a total cost of \$75,000.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-20
- Request for Amendment
- Page of the FY 2025 -- FY 2029 TIP as Amended

RECOMMENDED ACTION: **Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-20 amending the FY 2025-2029 TIP.** This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Please contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 – FISCAL YEAR 2029 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT 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 Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted annually by the TPO and submitted to the governor of State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization for federal funding of projects within an urban area cannot be obtained unless the projects are included in the TPO's TIP; 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 TPO amends the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the construction phase for SR 30 (US 98) from Indian Bayou Trail to Emerald Bay Drive, a lighting project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4530131 in FY 2024/2025 at a total cost of \$75,000.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY25-29 TIP Amendment Request

ID # Project Name/Location
Okaloosa

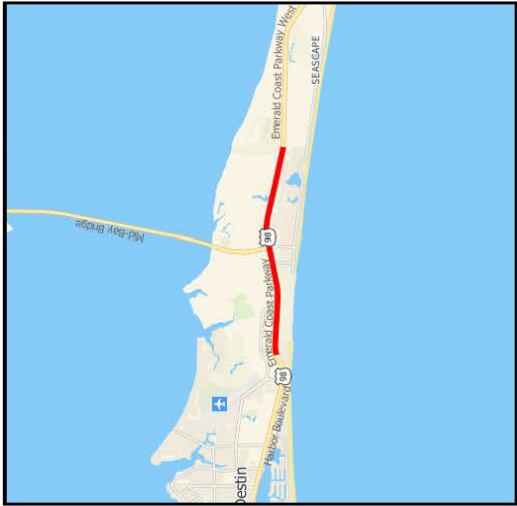
453013-1 SR 30 (US 98) FROM INDIAN BAYOU TRAIL TO EMERALD BAY DR

Work Mix: 0777 LIGHTING
Project Length: 3.533 Miles

RRU	Phase Code	<2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	TOTAL	Fund Code
	52		75,000					\$75,000	ACSS
		\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$75,000	

FY 25 SAFETY PROJECT IN DESTIN

4530131 - SR 30 (US 98)



From:	INDIAN BAYOU TRAIL							Length: 3.533 MI LRTP #: Final Report p. 7-5	Total
To:	EMERALD BAY DR								
Section:	6 - Miscellaneous								
Work Summary:	LIGHTING								
Lead Agency:	FDOT								
Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29			
CST	ACSS	75,000	0	0	0	0		75,000	
Total		75,000	0	0	0	0		75,000	

25-29TIP Page as Amended

Prior Cost <2025: 0
Future Cost >2030: 0
Total Project Cost: 75,000

Project Description: On December 12, 2024 TPO Agenda for approval.
Funding for lighting on SR 30 (US 98) from Indian Bayou Trail to Emerald Bay Drive

ENCLOSURE C

ENCLOSURE C ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-16 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Forest Road, (2) SR 85, (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, (4) Cedar Avenue, (5) Palm Boulevard, (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector, and (7) Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue in the Needs Plan (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED**)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: City of Niceville

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: At its June 20, 2024 meeting, the TPO directed staff to begin the process to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at the Government Avenue intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue in the Needs Plan.

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. The public, interested parties, policy makers, and partners can always 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.

Forest Road (See attached map for location)

This is a recommended capacity improvement for approximately 600 feet of roadway including an

intersection re-design at College Boulevard and Forest Road.

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

SR 85 (See attached map for location)

This recommended project addresses access issues associated with Twin Oaks Park and safety issues at the intersection of SR 85 and College Boulevard. This intersection has been identified as a high injury intersection in the City's Safe Streets Action Plan. Any improvement to Twin Oaks Park internal circulation should also be considered now if possible.

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

SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection (See attached map for location)

An intersection safety audit and access study are recommended. This intersection has been identified as a high injury intersection in the City's Safe Streets Action Plan.

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

Cedar Avenue (See attached map for location)

Complete Streets and major intersection safety audits / Improvements are recommended. Cedar and Palm are the two main north south spines for the urbanized area of the city. Cedar and Palm both terminate at the Northwest Florida State College. Special consideration should be given to the intersections of Cedar and SR 20 and SR 285 (Partin Dr).

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

Palm Boulevard (See attached map for location)

Complete Streets and major intersection safety audits / Improvements are recommended. Cedar and Palm are the two main north south spines for the urbanized area of the city. Cedar and Palm both terminate at the Northwest Florida State College. Special consideration should be given to the intersections of Palm and SR 20 and SR 285 (Partin Dr).

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

Crossings Boulevard Connector (See attached map for location)

Construction of the "missing link" in the alternative route to SR 20 that extends from Rocky Bayou Drive to Palm Boulevard is recommended. This would include a new two-lane road with a multi-use path and traffic circle at Juniper Avenue. This roadway is a parallel facility to SR 20, alleviating local traffic on SR 20. SR 20 has been identified as the facility within the city that has the highest injury rate.

This parallel facility is prioritized for walking and biking and local access.

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

Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue (See attached map for locations)

Complete streets improvements, to include bike and pedestrian facility improvements, are recommended. This route links large residential areas with the CRA.

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

2045 LRTP Modifications

The following project in the 2045 LRTP has been requested to be modified by the City of Niceville. The TPO's 2045 LRTP can be accessed at <https://www.ecrc.org/OW2045LRTP>.

L RTP Map ID	Project Name	From	To	Improvement	Modification
A-004	College Boulevard	SR 85	<u>SR 285 Forest Drive</u>	Provide 4 lanes of capacity	Revise limits

Amendment Schedule

- June 20, 2024 - Authorization by the TPO to proceed with amending the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan
- September 2024 - Post proposed Long Range Transportation Plan amendment online
- October 28, 2024 – Public workshop at Niceville City Hall
- December 12, 2024 - TCC and CAC review and recommend approval of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment
- December 12, 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 24-16
- Location Maps of Proposed Amendment Projects

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-16 amending the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue. 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 24-16

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

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 amended once on 18, 2024; 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 October 2024 for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue; 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 Needs Plan to include Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive/Redwood Avenue.

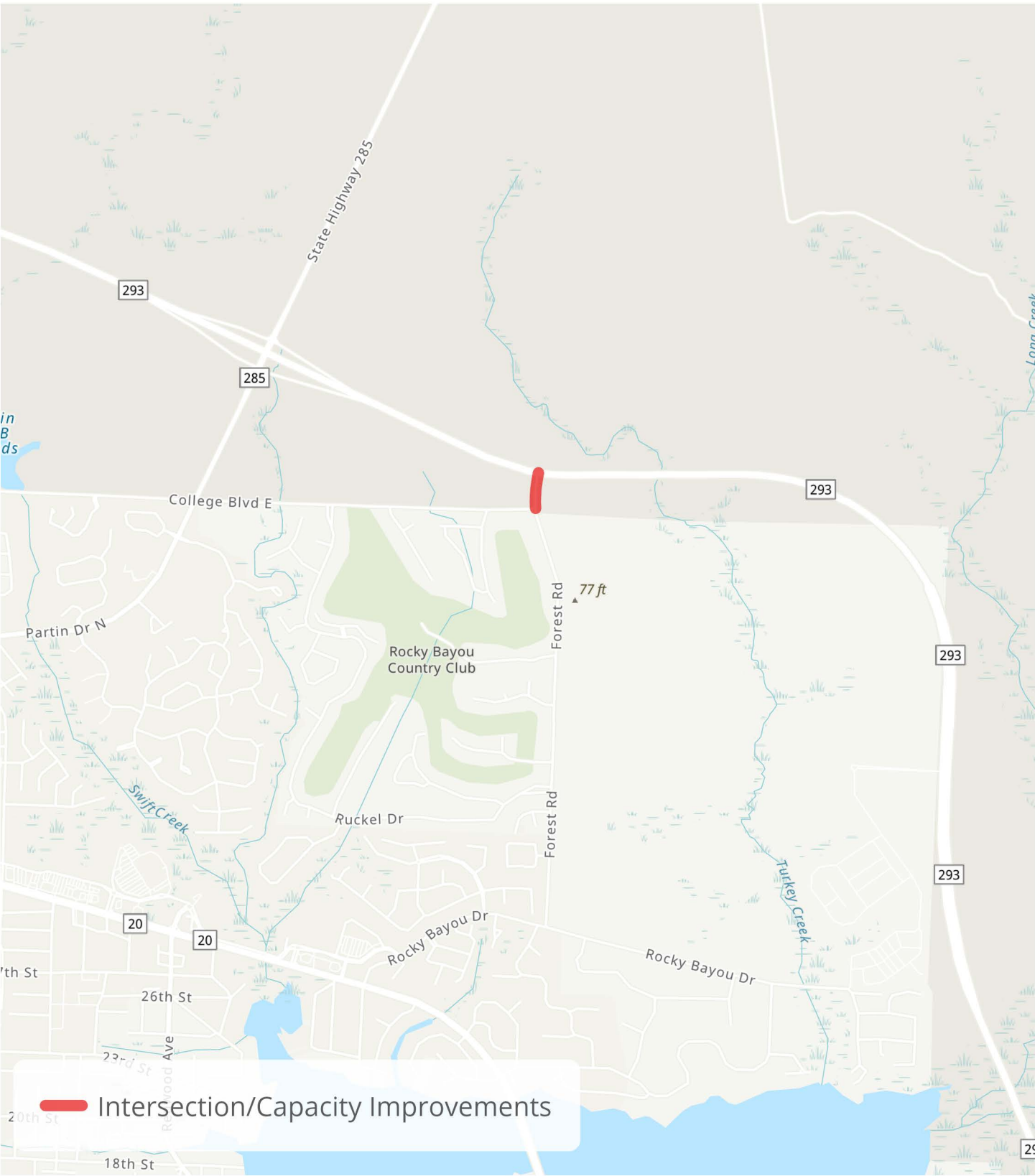
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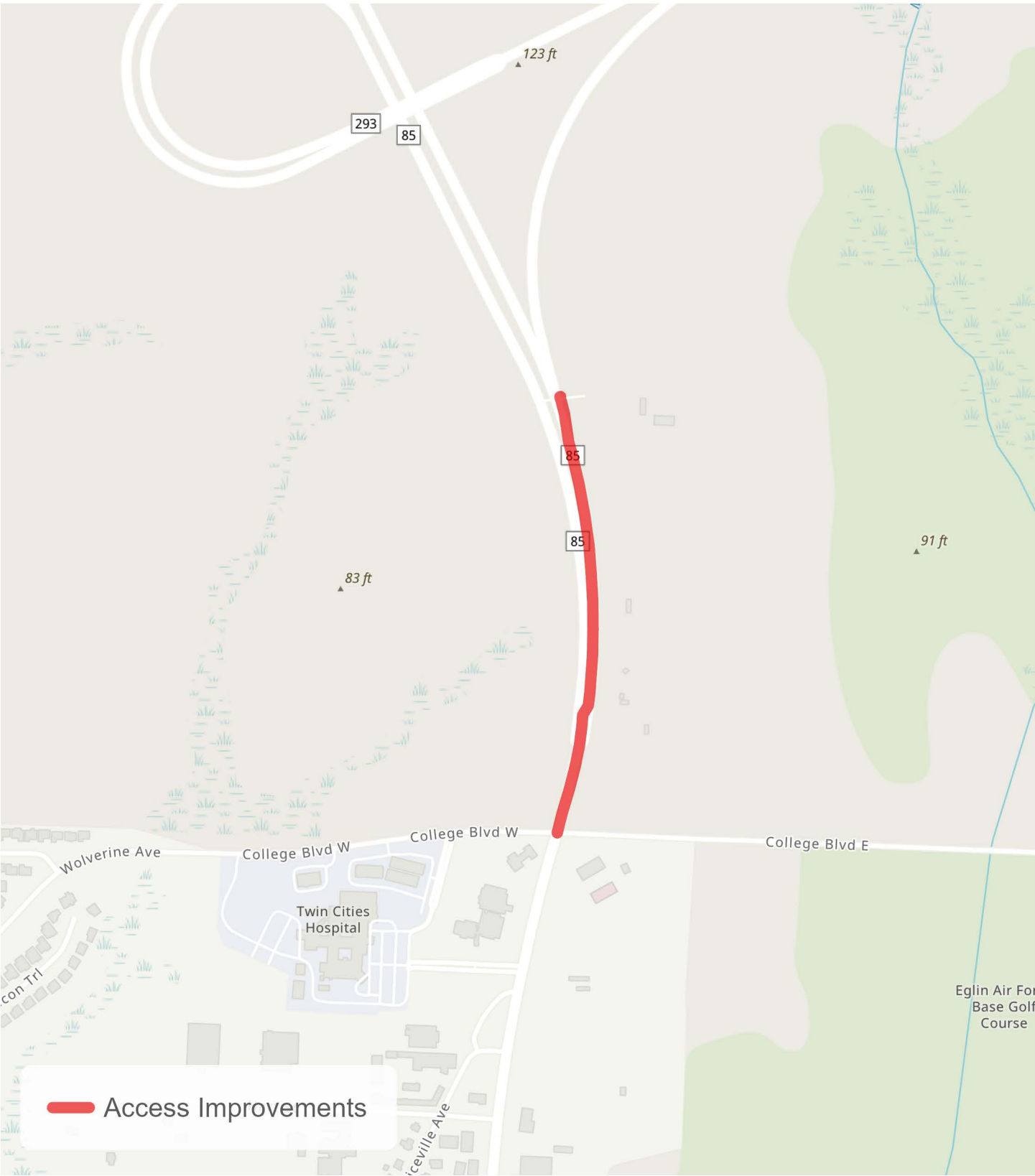
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ATTEST: _____

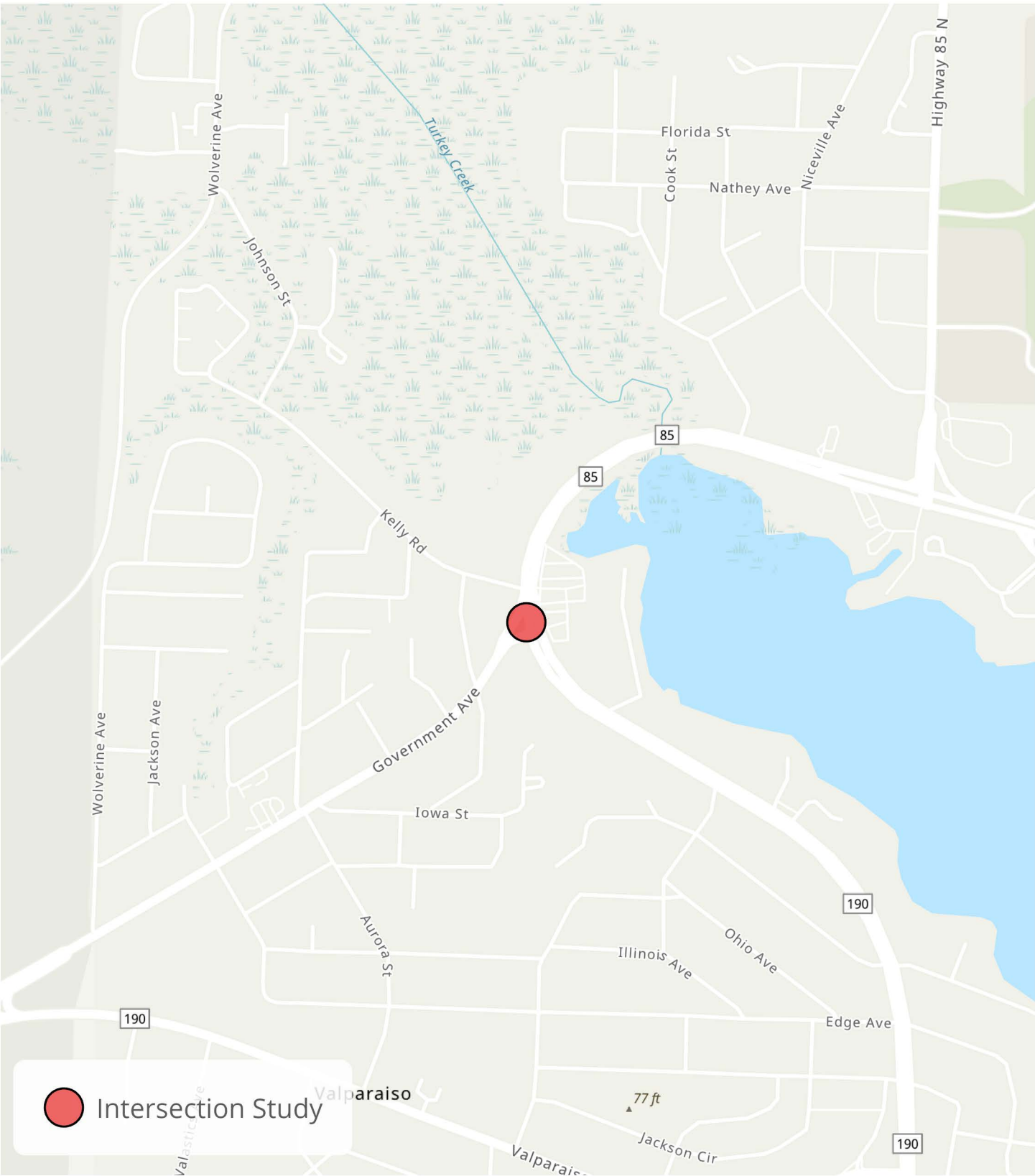
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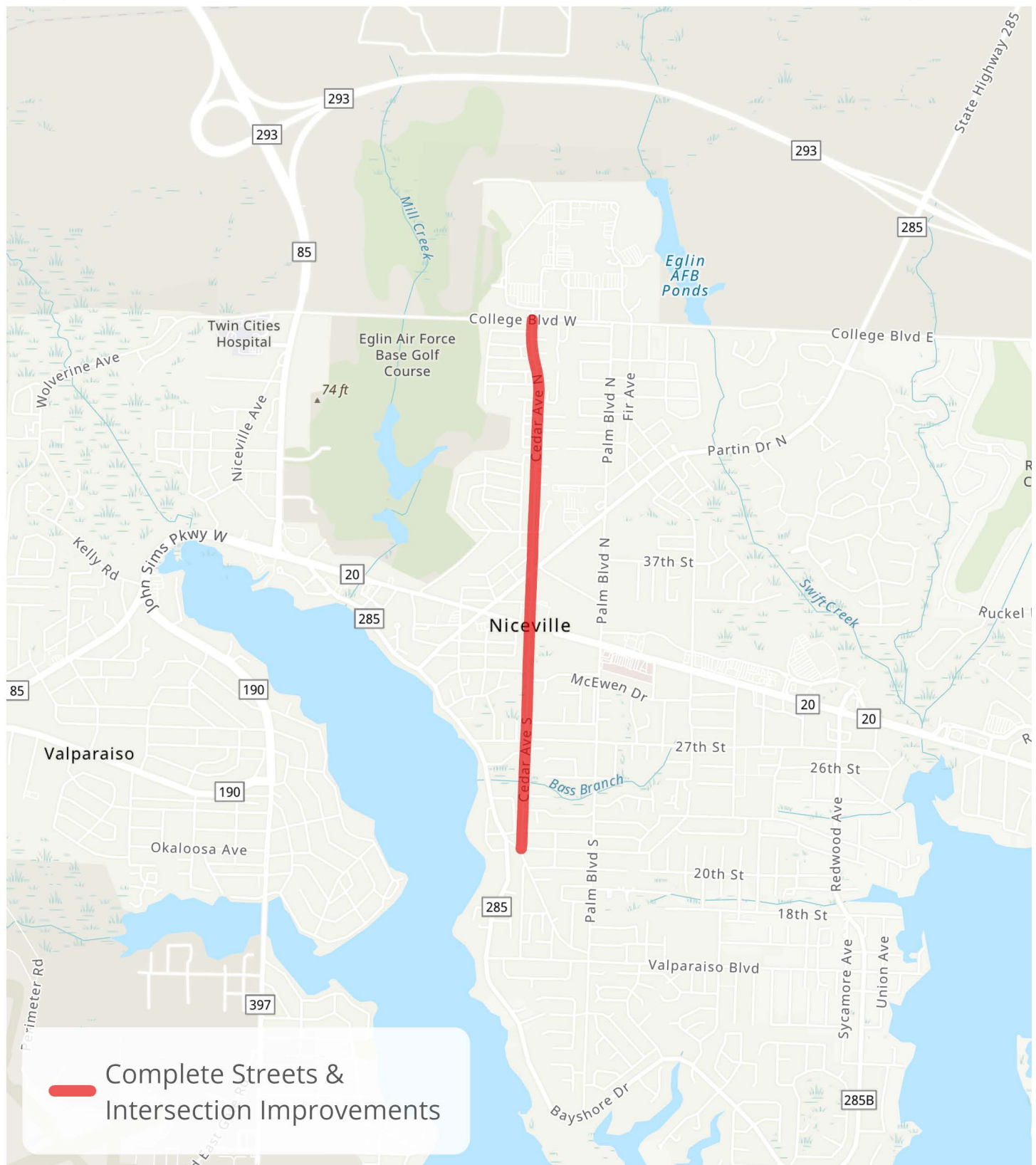
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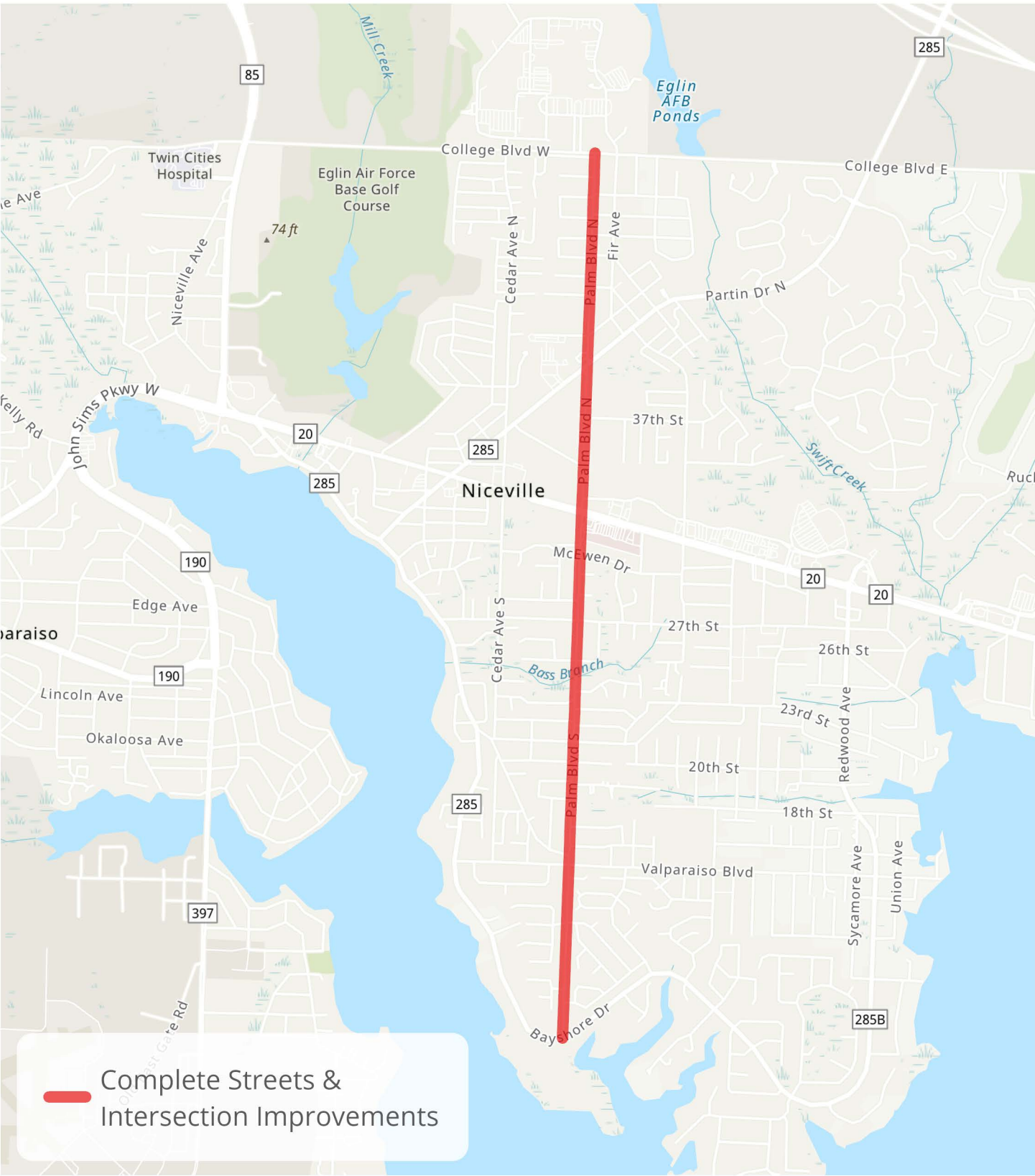
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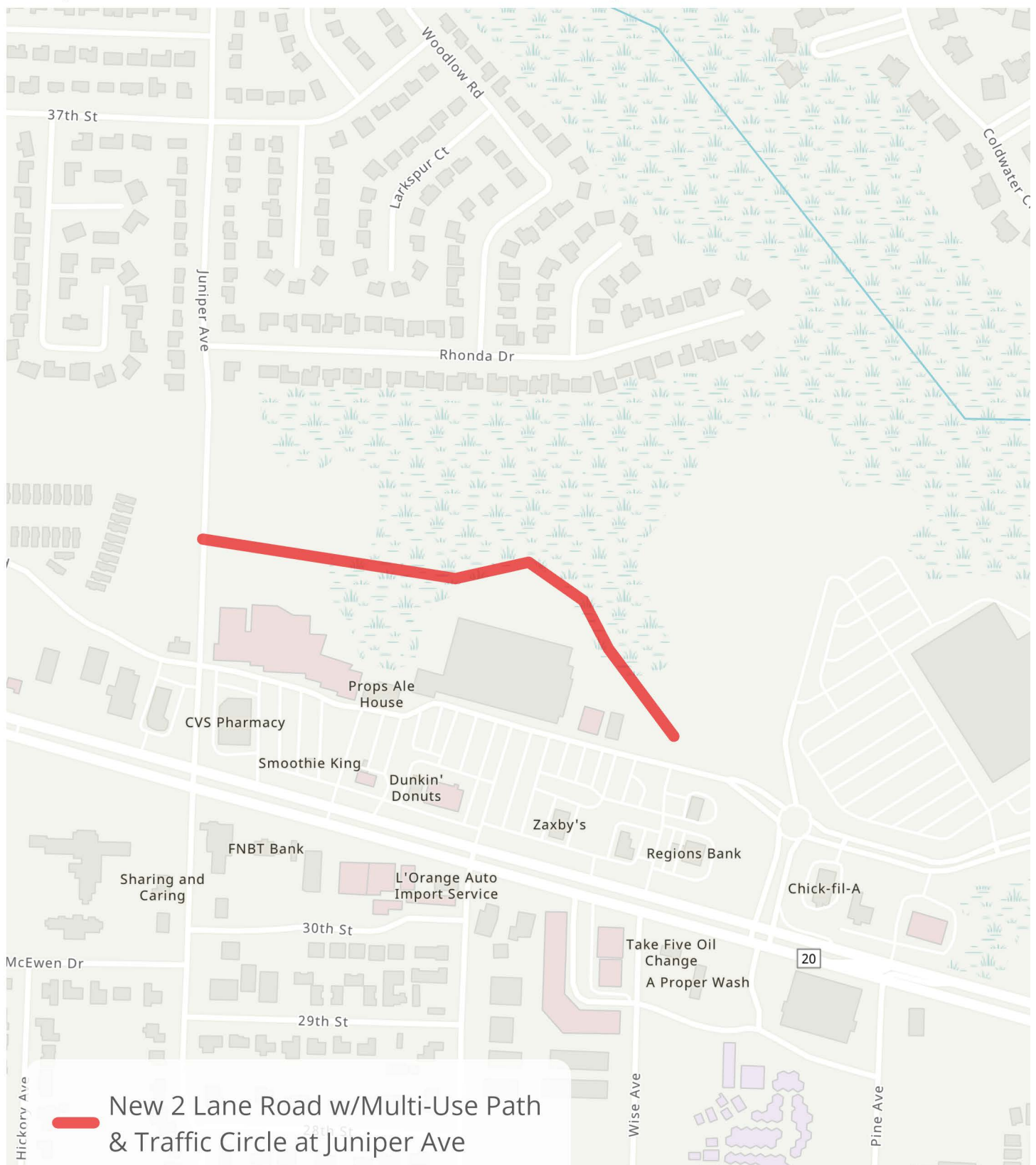
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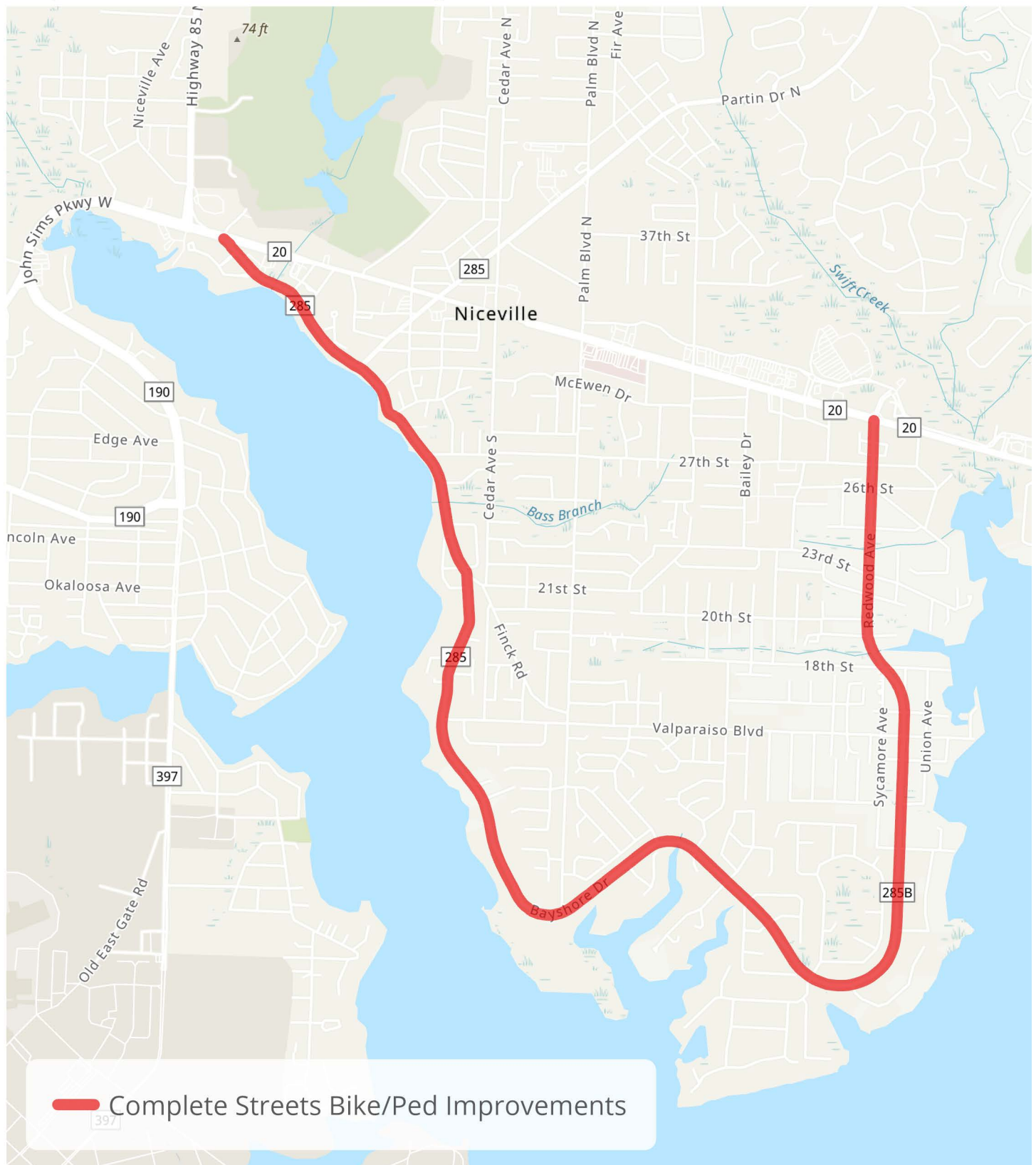
Proposed LRTP Amendment - Palm Blvd from Bayshore Dr to College Blvd



Proposed LRTP Amendment - Crossings Boulevard Connector



Proposed LRTP Amendment - Bayshore Dr/Redwood Ave from SR 20 to SR 20



ENCLOSURE D

ENCLOSURE D

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-12 Adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) are required to adopt targets for Safety Performance Measures annually, by February 27. The TPOs can either accept the DOT targets or establish its own targets. From 2018 - 2023 the Okaloosa-Walton TPO accepted, by resolution, the FDOT targets for Safety Performance Measures. The necessary language for Safety Performance Measures was incorporated into the FY 2019-2023, FY 2020-2024, FY 2021-2025, FY 2022-2026, FY 2023-2027, FY 2024-2028, and FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) and amendments to the TIP. Any future amendments to the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan will also need to incorporate language for Performance Measures. Because of these previous TPO actions, Resolution FL-AL 24-12 has been worded to continue with the state targets for Safety as it needs to be adopted by February 27, 2025.

If a TPO agrees to support a State Highway Improvement Program Target, the TPO would:

- Work with state and safety stakeholders to address areas of concern for fatalities or serious injuries within the metropolitan planning area.
- Coordinate with the state and include the safety performance measures and the state's Highway Improvement Program targets for those measures in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Integrate into the metropolitan transportation planning process, the safety goals, objectives, performance measures and targets described in other state safety transportation plans and processes such as applicable portions of the Highway Safety Improvement Program, including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.
- Include a description in the Transportation Improvement Program of the anticipated effect of the Transportation Improvement Program toward achieving Highway Safety Improvement Program targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, linking investment priorities in the Transportation Improvement Program to those safety targets.

If a TPO establishes its own Safety Performance Target, the TPO would:

- Establish Highway Safety Improvement Program targets for all public roads in the metropolitan planning area in coordination with the state.
- Estimate vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for all public roads within the metropolitan planning area for rate targets.
- Coordinate with the state and include the safety performance measures and the TPO's safety targets for those measures in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.
- Integrate into the metropolitan transportation planning process, the safety goals, objectives, performance measures and targets described in other state safety transportation plans and processes such as applicable portions of the Highway Safety Improvement Program,

including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

- Include a description in the Transportation Improvement Program of the anticipated effect of the Transportation Improvement Program toward achieving Highway Safety Improvement Program targets in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, linking investment priorities in the Transportation Improvement Program to those safety targets.

FDOT has adopted a “Vision Zero” target for the five safety measures. This “Vision Zero” target is based on the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan. The table below illustrates the targets the TPO adopted from 2018-2024 as well as FDOT targets for 2025. The targets are based on a five-year rolling average. 2018 (2012-2016), 2019 (2013-2017), 2020 (2014-2018), 2021 (2015-2019), 2022 (2016-2020), 2023 (2017-2021), 2024 (2018-2022), and 2025 (2019-2023). **However, please note the 2025 five year rolling average has not yet been made available by FDOT.**

Entity	Number of Fatalities	Rate of Fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled	Number of Serious Injuries	Rate of Serious Injuries per Hundred Vehicle Miles Traveled	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries
FDOT (2018)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2019)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2020)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2021)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2022)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2023)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2024)	0	0	0	0	0
FDOT (2025)	0	0	0	0	0

FDOT's METHODOLOGY

Florida shares the national traffic safety vision “Toward Zero Deaths,” and formally adopted their own version of the national vision, “Driving Down Fatalities.” FDOT is committed to eliminating fatalities and reducing serious injuries with the understanding that the death of any person is unacceptable and based on that, zero deaths is the FDOT safety performance target. This target is consistent throughout the FDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan, Highway Safety Improvement Program and Highway Safety Plan.

Number of Fatalities

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for total fatalities on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 3,441.8 in 2023. This forecast was made from data from 2013 to 2022. Florida's target for fatalities is zero in 2025. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average for fatalities will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of traffic fatalities on Florida's roads.

Number of Serious Injuries

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for serious injuries on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 16,380.6 in 2023. Florida's target for serious injuries is zero in 2025. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average of serious injuries will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of serious injuries on Florida's roads.

Fatality Rate

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 1,543 in 2023. Florida's target for fatality rate per 100 million vehicle miles traveled is zero in 2025. The data forecast indicates Florida's five-year rolling average of fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the fatality rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads.

Serious Injury Rate

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 7.344 in 2023. Florida's target for serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled is zero in 2025. The data forecast indicates Florida's serious injury rate per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of serious injuries per 100 million Vehicles Miles Traveled on Florida's roads.

Total Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Based on statistical forecasting, the five-year rolling average for the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roads was forecasted to be 3,148.2 in 2023. Florida's target for number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries is zero in 2025. The data forecast indicates Florida's number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries will continue to trend downward. The FDOT State Safety Office expects the projects chosen for funding will enhance this downward trend in the number of non-motorized fatalities and serious injuries on Florida's roads.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-12

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-12 adopting statewide "Vision Zero" targets for Safety Performance Measures. This action is recommended to comply with February 27, 2025 deadline to remain in compliance with the federal and state regulations for transportation planning. Please contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING TARGETS FOR SAFETY MEASURES

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, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a final rule based on section 1203 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and with considerations to provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) which established the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), as part of its annual development of the State Highway Safety Improvement Plan has developed safety targets for each of the five safety performance measures, and each TPO must establish safety targets by February 27, 2025 and report progress over time in reaching the adopted target;

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

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopts following statewide "Vision Zero" targets for Safety Performance Measures for 2025.

- **Number of Fatalities** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for traffic fatalities and support FDOT's "Vision Zero."
- **Rate of Fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for traffic fatalities per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled and support FDOT's "Vision Zero."
- **Number of Serious Injuries** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for serious injuries and support FDOT's "Vision Zero."
- **Rate of Serious Injuries per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for the rate of serious injuries per Hundred Million Vehicle Miles Traveled and support FDOT's "Vision Zero."
- **Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries** – **"0"** to support FDOT's 0 target for non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries and support FDOT's "Vision Zero."

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE E

ENCLOSURE E

ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-13 Adjusting the Four-Year Targets (2025) for Bridge (PM 2) and System Performance (PM 3) for the Florida Department of Transportation

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Federal Transportation Legislation Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, and Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Bridge and Pavement (PM 2) and the System Performance Measures (PM 3) were adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) on June 14, 2023 by Resolution O-W 23-07 which complied with the June 14, 2023 due date. The TPO is only required to adopt four-year targets, while FDOT is required to adopt two-year and four-year targets.

FDOT has the option to adjust the four-year targets in its Mid-Performance Period Progress Report which was due to FHWA on October 1, 2024. In the Mid-Performance Period Progress Report, FDOT elected to modify its four-year targets to better support the decision-making process for investment strategies which are illustrated in the tables below.

BRIDGE

Entity	Percent of NHS Bridges classified as in Good Condition by Deck Area		Percent of NHS Bridges classified as in Poor Condition by Deck Area	
	2 Year (2023)	4 Year (2025)	2 Year (2023)	4 Year (2025)
FDOT	≥50	≥50	≤10	≤10 ≤5
TPO	Not Required	≥50	Not Required	≤10 ≤5

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Entity	Percent of Person Miles Traveled on Interstate System that is Reliable		Percent of Person Miles Traveled on Non-Interstate System that is Reliable		Truck Travel Time Reliability Index	
	2 Year (2023)	4 Year (2025)	2 Year (2023)	4 Year (2025)	2 Year (2023)	4 Year (2025)
FDOT	≥75	≥70 ≥75	≥50	≥50 ≥60	≤1.75	≤2.00
TPO	Not Required	≥70 ≥75	Not Required	≥50 ≥60	Not Required	≤2.00

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-13

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-13 adjusting the four-year targets (2025) for Bridge (PM 2) and System Performance

(PM 3) for the Florida Department of Transportation. This action is recommended to comply with the March 30, 2025 deadline to adjust the four-year (2025) targets for Bridge and Pavement and System Performance. Please contact Gary Kramer ECRC staff, at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, Extension 219, if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION OW 24-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADJUSTING TARGETS FOR BRIDGE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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

WHEREAS, Federal Highway Administration issued a final rule based on section 1203 of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and with considerations to provisions in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) which established the five safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) has developed targets for Bridge and System Performance and the Okaloosa-Walton TPO adopted Bridge and System Performance targets on April 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT has adjusted the four-year targets (2025) in its Mid-Performance Period Progress Report;

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

The Okaloosa-Walton TPO adjusts the following four-year (2025) targets for **BRIDGE AND SYSTEM PERFORMANCE**:

- **Percent of NHS Bridges classified as in Poor Condition by Deck Area: "<5"** to support FDOT's 2025 target.
- **Percent of Person Miles Traveled on Interstate System that is Reliable: ">75"** to support FDOT's 2025 target.
- **Percent of Person Miles Traveled on Non-Interstate System that is Reliable: ">60"** to support FDOT's 2025 target.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE F

ENCLOSURE F ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-17 Accepting the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan and Authorizing the TPO Chair to Sign a Letter of Support for the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: ECRC

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the new SS4A discretionary program, with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

As a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC will produce a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

The Safety Action Plan has included robust engagement with the public and relevant stakeholders, including the private sector and community groups, allowing for community representation and feedback. Information received from engagement and collaboration was analyzed and incorporated into the plan. Overlapping jurisdictions were included in the process. Plans and processes were coordinated and aligned with other governmental plans and planning processes to the extent practical.

Kimley-Horn will provide an overview on the project at the December TPO and advisory committee meetings.

The draft Safety Action Plan can be accessed on the project webpage at www.ecrc.org/7LayerProjects.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-17
- SS4A Letter of Support

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-17 accepting the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan and authorizing the TPO chair to sign a letter of support for the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan. This action is recommended to prioritize strategies and countermeasures identified to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries along the High Injury Network in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, if additional information is needed at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, ext. 212.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACCEPTING THE EMERALD COAST SAFETY ACTION PLAN

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, it is critical for the TPO to prioritize the Safety Action Plan to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and road users of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, fatal and severe crashes are preventable, and death and serious injury are currently an unacceptable cost on our roadway system; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists represent the most vulnerable road users and represent approximately 48% of all fatal traffic crashes and 29% of all severe injury crashes in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorcyclists represent the most vulnerable road users and represent approximately 45% of all traffic fatalities and 28% of all severe injury crashes in the ECRC region between 2019 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, the TPO adopts annual safety performance measures as part of the federally required safety performance measures; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation has adopted the Safe System approach and Florida Department of Transportation has adopted a Target Zero Initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) and the Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, and Bay County TPOs have adopted a Vision Zero goal; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan was developed with a data driven approach along with input from stakeholders, members of the public, and a multi-disciplinary Task Force comprised of representatives from local organizations and agencies with expertise in transportation, roadway engineering, law enforcement, emergency response, equity, transit, biking, and walking;

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

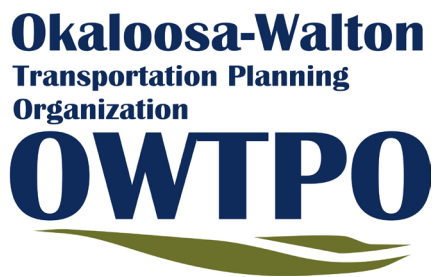
- The TPO accepts the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan, which outlines detailed strategies and countermeasures to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries along the High Injury Network in the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____



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November 25, 2024

Karen Cuchens, Chair
Emerald Coast Regional Council
P O Box 11399
Pensacola, FL 32502

Dear Chair Cuchens:

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five (5) years, 2022-2026. The SS4A program funds regional, local, Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.

As a recipient of an SS4A grant, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) working in conjunction with Okaloosa – Walton Transportation Planning Organization (O-W TPO), produced a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will guide the ECRC and the TPOs efforts to achieve the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries. The O-W TPO, the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Florida Department of Transportation have adopted a Vision Zero goal.

The Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan was developed with a data driven approach along with input from stakeholders, members of the public, and a multi-disciplinary Task Force comprised of representatives from local organizations and agencies with expertise in transportation, roadway engineering, law enforcement, emergency response, equity, transit, biking, and walking.

The O-W TPO expresses gratitude and excitement for implementation of the ECRC Safety Action Plan throughout the Okaloosa-Walton TPO region and rural communities. With the Safety Action Plan, communities can address the preventable crisis of deaths on our nation's roads, streets, and highways through safer people, roads, and vehicles; appropriate vehicle speeds; and improved post-crash care.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Anthony Vallee, Chair
Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization

ENCLOSURE G

ENCLOSURE G ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-19 Adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 3: Data Development and Management

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The purpose of the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) is to identify, monitor, and rate the performance of transportation facilities (roadways, bike lanes, sidewalks, and transit services) and to suggest strategies for managing demand and encouraging commuting alternatives and low-cost, short-term actions to alleviate congestion. The CMPP is a tool used to evaluate the performance of transportation facilities by identifying where congestion exists.

The CMPP major update takes place every five years to coincide with the TPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update. The last major update was adopted in June of 2021 as part of the 2045 LRTP and can be found at: www.ecrc.org/OW2045LRTP. The CMPP reviews specific strategies and projects (such as congested areas and corridors) as a part of the overall identification of opportunities for process improvement.

A minor update takes place on an annual basis and is documented through the CMPP minor update report in order to coordinate its implementation with TIP development. The annual CMPP minor update reflects accomplishments in terms of congestion mitigation expected by the TPO by evaluating the performance measures, LOS tables, the truck traffic map, and producing a Corridor Management Plan on a segment recommended through the annual Project Priorities process. FDOT publishes the annual LOS metrics at [D3 Level of Service](#) via interactive map and exportable tables. The Performance Measures Tracking (**Appendix C**) is also updated annually as part of the CMPP minor update.

The CMPP Minor Update Report can be found at the following link:

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

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-19

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-19 adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan minor update. This action is recommended to provide an interim update between major updates. Please contact Ms. Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, at (850) 332-7976, ext. 212 or jill.nobles@ecrc.org.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS PLAN MINOR UPDATE

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 Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin Urbanized Area is an area with a population of 200,000 or more, thus making it a Transportation Management Area (TMA); and

WHEREAS, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act Section 1201 134(k)(3)(a) requires that TMAs address congestion management through a process that provides for effective management and operation, based on a cooperatively developed and implemented metropolitan-wide strategy of new and existing transportation facilities eligible for funding under this chapter and title 23 through the use of travel demand reduction, job access projects, and operational management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) is considered a fully operational management system plan; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CMPP is to rate the performance of transportation facilities and suggest low-cost and short-term strategies to alleviate congestion; and

WHEREAS, the CMPP requires an annual minor update which entails evaluating performance measures and level of service (LOS) ratings for all segments of the CMPP network;

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

The 2024 Congestion Management Process Plan minor update is hereby adopted.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE H

ENCLOSURE H ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-22 Approving the Scope of Work for a Reverse Commute Corridor Study in Communities Along State Road 85 and U.S. Highway 98

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Military Installation Resiliency Review, Military Installations, Local Governments

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None at this time

BACKGROUND: S.R. 85 and U.S.98 are adjacent to two significant military installations: Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and Hurlburt Field. Approximately ten miles of S.R. 85 runs through the Eglin Range, and two miles of U.S. 98 runs through Hurlburt Field. These installations are critical to national defense, and their mission readiness relies on resilient and efficient transportation infrastructure. The road is also a vital evacuation route during emergencies and is one of only three corridors crossing the Eglin Range. In the recently completed Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR), comprehensive improvements to the S.R. 85 and U.S. 98 corridors were identified as some of the most critical resilience projects for Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field.

As a result, this study will continue along the efforts of the MIRR by looking at innovative approaches to alleviate traffic congestion, improve travel time reliability, and increase level of service along these corridors. One example could be to consider increased opportunities for military housing availability in communities closer to the installations.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-22
- S.R. 85 and U.S. 98 Reverse Commute Corridor Study Scope of Work

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-22. Please contact Ada Clark, ECRC Community and Economic Development Director, at ada.clark@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, Extension 278, if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION TO DEVELOP A REVERSE COMMUTE CORRIDOR STUDY IN COMMUNITIES ALONG STATE ROAD 85 AND U.S. HIGHWAY 98

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

WHEREAS, both U.S. Highway 98 and S.R. Highway 85 experience significant traffic congestion during peak commuting hours; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council recently completed a U.S. Department of Defense funded study called the Military Installation Resiliency Review, where traffic congestion along these two corridors were identified as a concern for mission readiness and national security; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has partnered with multiple local governments and agencies to seek any resources and assistance to help alleviate traffic congestion in short and mid-term timeframes;

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

The Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization does hereby approve the scope of work to begin a Reverse Commute Corridor study to identify opportunities to alleviate traffic congestion through innovative approaches, working closely with local governments along State Road 85 and U.S. Highway 98.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12TH day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

OKALOOSA WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2024 SR 85 and US 98 Reverse Commute Corridor Study

Scope of Work

Project Name: Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2024 SR 85 / US 98 Reverse Commute Corridor Study (RCCS)

Purpose: To analyze the impacts on traffic congestion of potential commercial and housing development and land use changes in communities located on SR 85 and US 98 in Okaloosa County, especially the potential for congestion relief to points south of I-10 . The study will also focus on improving infrastructure resilience and addressing regional housing needs to support military operations and community growth.

Project Manager: Ada Clark, Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) Staff

Project Team: Jessica Walton, ECRC Staff
Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff
Eric Christianson, ECRC Staff
Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff
Annie Arguello, ECRC Staff
Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff

Assistance from Others: Northwest Florida Water Management District
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Department of Transportation
Local Government Planners
Local Government Engineers
Federal Highway Administration
Concerned Citizens

Deliverable(s): Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2024 SR 85 / US 98 Reverse Commute Corridor Study

Proposed Schedule: Project to be initiated in January 2025 and completed within 18 months.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

GENERAL CORRIDOR INFORMATION

State Road 85 (SR 85) and U.S. Highway 98 (US 98) are principal arterial roadways in southern Okaloosa County, Florida. SR 85 is a critical north-south transportation corridor, connecting the coastal communities with inland areas, including the City of Crestview. US 98 is the southernmost east-west transportation corridor within Okaloosa County. The corridors fall under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and traverse unincorporated areas and municipalities within Okaloosa County.

SR 85 and US 98 are adjacent to two significant military installations: Eglin Air Force Base (AFB) and Hurlburt Field. Approximately 10 miles of SR 85 runs through the Eglin Range, and 2 miles of US 98 runs through Hurlburt Field. These installations are critical to national defense, and their mission readiness relies on resilient and efficient transportation infrastructure. The road is also a vital evacuation route during emergencies and is one of only three corridors crossing the Eglin Range. In the recently completed Military Installation Resilience Review (MIRR), comprehensive improvements to the SR 85 and US 98 corridors were identified as some of the most critical resilience projects for Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field.

The corridor experiences severe congestion, particularly near the Eglin AFB West Gate and through the range during rush hour, with SR 85 and US 98 exceeding capacity. This congestion adversely affects Travel Time Reliability, Level of Service (LOS) and affects the economic development of the region. A significant housing shortage in the nearby surrounding communities forces military personnel and support staff to live farther away, increasing reliance on SR 85 and US 98.

Two significant plans are currently under development, the Eglin Westside Expansion Plan and the Eglin Orphan Parcel Plan, which offer new opportunities for both housing and transportation improvements. The Westside Expansion Plan aims to expand Eglin's main cantonment to support additional research, education, and testing while reducing congestion along SR 85 at the Eglin West Gate. Additionally, the Orphan Parcel Plan, led by Okaloosa County, involves the evaluation of underutilized parcels owned by the Air Force for potential repurposing to support affordable housing development. These new housing options, particularly those closer to Eglin AFB, may alleviate some of the housing shortages and reduce traffic on SR 85, as more personnel will live closer to the installation. However, these developments will likely increase traffic on local roads and intersections.

PURPOSE OF REVERSE COMMUTE CORRIDOR STUDY

To analyze the impacts on traffic congestion of potential commercial and housing development and land use changes on SR 85 and US 98 in south Okaloosa County, especially the potential for congestion relief to points south of I-10. The study will also focus on improving infrastructure resilience and addressing regional housing needs to support military operations and community growth.

Objectives

- A. To describe the current operational conditions, including traffic congestion, housing shortages, and infrastructure vulnerabilities, and assess their impact on transportation efficiency and military operations along the SR 85 corridor.
- B. To identify land use modifications and housing development opportunities by incorporating and analyzing findings from existing planning documents, such as the Eglin Orphan Parcel Plan. This analysis will assess the broader impact of potential developments on local traffic patterns, particularly on SR 85 and adjacent roads, as well as their role in supporting community growth and military resilience.

- C. To incorporate multimodal transportation solutions, including roadway capacity improvements, public transit options, and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, to reduce reliance on single-occupancy vehicles and enhance mobility.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED

Task 1.0 Project Initiation

Prior to beginning work, ECRC/TPO Staff shall coordinate and conduct a meeting to discuss the project and data collection.

ECRC/TPO Staff shall:

- Identify the Project Manager and other key Staff Members
- Provide guidance on how the project will be conducted
- Explain the financial administration of the contract
- Provide any available data

Local Official Kick-off Workshop

In order to solicit input from local agencies and officials, ECRC/TPO Staff shall prepare for and conduct **one (1) Kickoff Workshop** with representatives from local agencies. ECRC/TPO Staff shall provide an agenda, take minutes, discuss the project and collect available information. The major points, at a minimum, to be discussed at the Workshop include:

- Project purpose
- Scope of services
- Key affected parties
- Potential areas of concern
- Previous history
- Project schedule
- Available data

At a minimum, representatives from the following organizations will be invited to the Workshop:

- Local Elected Officials
- City of Fort Walton Beach Office of Neighborhoods
- City of Fort Walton Beach Engineering Staff
- City of Fort Walton Beach Planning Staff
- City of Mary Esther Community Development Staff
- City of Niceville Planning Staff
- City of Shalimar Planning Staff
- City of Valparaiso Planning Staff
- Okaloosa County Engineering Staff
- Okaloosa County Planning Staff
- Okaloosa County Transit Staff
- FDOT District 3 Staff
- Eglin AFB Planning Staff
- Hurlburt Field Planning Staff

In addition to the Kick-off Workshop, the ECRC/TPO Staff shall be available to meet with local officials on the same day in order to answer questions and discuss project expectations.

Task 2.0 Public Involvement

Gaining public support for the proposed RCCS is of primary importance to the success of this project. To accomplish this, the ECRC/TPO Staff shall conduct a proactive public involvement program throughout the duration of the study. The Public Involvement Program will include traditional and innovative means of informing the public, collecting comments, and incorporating appropriate ideas into the alternative concepts.

Identify, Inspect and Reserve Public Meeting Site(s)

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall inspect the suitability of prospective sites in the study area for meetings to be held during the development process. Consideration will be given to location, seating capacity, accessibility for the disabled, sound system, lighting, display space, internet access and any other physical characteristic that would influence the viability of the site.

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall make arrangements for use of meeting facilities for all Workshops.

Collect Public Input

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall collect public input data throughout the life of the project. This activity requires maintenance of files, media outreach, letters, and especially direct contact before, during, and after any of the Public Workshops, as follows:

- a. Comments are gathered during each Public Workshop, by personal contact or by formal testimony and by letter, visit, or telephone call in response to Public Workshops.
- b. Comments are also gathered by personal contact during each Public Workshop.

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall document the public participation accomplished throughout the study period and summarize and respond to the comments received from the public involvement efforts.

Public Workshops

The ECRC/TPO Staff may hold **two (2) Public Workshops** in the vicinity of the study area during the development process as follows:

Presentations to TPO

The **ECRC/TPO Staff** shall make the following presentations to the TPO:

Project Initiation – Prior to the Local Official Kick-off Workshop the ECRC/TPO Staff shall provide **one (1)** brief presentation each to the TPO and advisory committees announcing the initiation of the project.

During Project Development – During the project development process, the ECRC/TPO shall be available to attend **one (1)** TPO and advisory committees.

Study Adoption– After the final Public Workshop, the ECRC/TPO Staff shall present the recommended Study at the following meetings:

- 1) **TPO and Advisory Committee Meetings** – for adoption by the TPO and endorsement of implementation of transportation strategies and projects identified in the plan by the TPO, FDOT, Okaloosa County, the City of Fort Walton Beach, Mary Esther, Shalimar, Niceville and Valparaiso.

Task 3.0 Data Collection

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall collect all pertinent data on the corridor, which may include:

- 1- Corridor data
- 2- Land use data to include existing plans and proposed plans
- 3- Military installations existing plans
- 4- Growth forecast data

The ECRC/TPO staff will collect the following other information from appropriate agencies:

- 1- Corridor data

As part of this project, ECRC/TPO Staff will develop aerial plots that are an appropriate scale for the corridor.

Task 4.0 Identification of Opportunities and Constraints

Based on the data collected in Task 3, the ECRC/TPO Staff will develop a menu of improvements to address the observed conditions of the corridor.

- Review existing data on traffic conditions.
- Review current revitalization efforts and proposed area development projects to determine any impact on project design.
- Review vacant and occupied building space.
- Review existing and planned parks, recreation, trails, green spaces, schools, and residences to identify potential connections.

Task 5.0 Deliverables

The ECRC/TPO Staff shall provide the following documents:

1. **Monthly Progress Reports** – The ECRC/TPO Staff shall prepare a monthly progress. The report is required regardless of project status or payment request.
2. **Draft RCCS Report** – The ECRC/TPO Staff shall prepare and submit an **electronic** copy of the draft report for review. The draft report will be posted to the TPO’s website and made available to the TPO and advisory committees for review and comment. Relative comments received will be incorporated into the final report as appropriate. Aerials that display recommendations will be presented in the report.
3. **Final RCCS Report** – The ECRC/TPO Staff shall incorporate comments from the state, federal and local governing boards and workshop presentations into the final RCCS Report as appropriate and shared with the partner agencies and local governments.

ENCLOSURE I

ENCLOSURE I ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-23 Adopting the 2024 Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Major Update Scope of Work

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The Okaloosa-Walton TPO updated projects within the 2002 Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan in 2012. Since that last update, local governments have made progress towards development of bicycle and pedestrian-friendly communities, and many of those projects were not included in the 2012 update.

A trail element, which focuses on the SUN Trail and the Florida Greenways and Trails priority network will be included in this major update. The purpose of this plan is to develop a Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan with the addition of a trail element.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 24-23
- 2024 Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan Updated Scope of Work

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-23. Please contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, at Kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 24-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AUTHORIZING THE ECRC CEO TO ENTER SCOPE NEGOTIATIONS TO ISSUE A TASK ORDER TO A GENERAL PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR COMPLETION OF A BIKE/PED/TRAIL PLAN

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

WHEREAS, the existing Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan was completed in 2002 and has not been updated since 2012; and

WHEREAS, a new Master Plan is needed, to include the SUN Trail and Florida Greenways and Trails priority network; and

WHEREAS, the TPO's adopted FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) contains the completion of a Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Trail Master Plan Major Update;

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

The TPO authorizes the ECRC CEO to enter scope negotiations to issue a task order to a General Planning Consultant for completion of a bike/ped/trail plan.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 12th day of December 2024.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Anthony Vallee, Chair

ATTEST: _____

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TPO
2024/2025 BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN, and TRAIL MASTER PLAN
SCOPE OF WORK**

Project Name: Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2024/2025 Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trail Master Plan

Purpose: This plan will serve as a resource for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and will be a major update to the TPO's Current Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan, which will include the addition of a Trail Element.

Project Managers: Consultant -Tyrone Scorsone, Kittelson & Associates

ECRC Staff -Roshita Taylor

Consultant Team: To Be Determined

ECRC Project Team:

Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff

Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

Leandra Meredith, ECRC Staff

Rae Emary, ECRC Staff

Jessica Walton, ECRC Staff

Assistance from Others:

Regional Bike, Ped, and Trail Committee

Local Government Partners

Florida Department of Transportation

Federal Highway Administration

Advocacy, Citizens, and Interested Parties

Fee: To Be Determined

Deliverable(s): Okaloosa-Walton TPO Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Trail Master Plan

Proposed Schedule: Project to be initiated in February 2025 and completed within twelve (12) months of the Notice to Proceed Date (NTP)

SCOPE OF WORK

BACKGROUND

A network of complete streets improves the safety, convenience, efficiency, and accessibility of the transportation system for all users. The TPO has a history of planning for complete streets that dates back well before the creation and popularity of the term. The 2002 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan centered on identifying potential bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements and prioritizing them for future construction. The 2002 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan was amended in 2012 to add four (4) additional projects. In addition, the Florida Department of Transportation adopted the Complete Streets policy in September 2014, which promotes safety, quality of life, and economic development in Florida. The 2002 Bicycle Pedestrian Plan and 2012 amendment continue to be utilized for the inclusion of bike/ped projects in the LRTP. The plan provided beneficial projects that have made their way to construction. Since the last update, the local governments have made progress towards the development of bike/friendly ped-friendly communities. Thus, to capture all local efforts made, provide an updated priority list, and create a trail master plan focused on the SUN trail and the Florida Greenways and Trails Priority Network, a Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trail Master Plan major revision is necessary.

INTENT

Given the emphasis on bicycle, pedestrian, and trail improvements as well as the addition of the Complete Streets policy, the TPO will undertake an effort to incorporate the improvements and Complete Streets policy into an updated Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Trail Master Plan. The goal of this major plan update is to develop a non-motorized system that addresses the needs of all users and encourages the use of alternative modes of transportation. By providing alternate modes of transportation, citizens benefit not only from their physical health but also from increased prosperity for themselves and the community. The purpose and goal of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Trail Master Plan is to:

- A. Develop a shared vision for all communities.
- B. Promote active transportation, enhancing safety, and improving connectivity.
- C. Set specific goals, such as increasing Bicycle, Pedestrian, Trail infrastructure, promoting health, and reducing traffic congestion.
- D. Develop strategies that support the integration of safe and well-connected pedestrian and bicycle networks into the overall transportation system.
- E. Identify and prioritize Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects, as well as Trail projects included on the SUN Trail network and the Florida Greenways and Trails Priority network.

Task 1: Project Administration and Coordination

- A. **ECRC and CONSULTANT will develop a project schedule that includes** project meetings, bi-weekly or as-needed coordination meetings, a timeline of deliverables, and schedule coordination with the Okaloosa-Walton Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Project. Also,

this project will coordinate and use data from the SS4A Safety Plan and other relevant data from the SS4A Project. The **ECRC Staff** will provide notes from the bi-weekly coordination meetings. This plan will utilize data from the Okaloosa-Walton LRTP, which is relevant to performing analysis and background data. This plan may also utilize safety data and relevant information from Safe Streets for all projects.

- B. ECRC Staff** will provide updates on the Okaloosa-Walton LRTP, SS4A Safety Plan, and other aspects of the SS4A Project, as well as coordination of this project with the LRTP, SS4A Safety Plan, and SS4A Project schedule.
- C. ECRC Staff** will oversee the review and quality assurance of all work on all tasks and deliverables.
- D. ECRC Staff** will coordinate all meeting times, locations, venues, and correspondence.

Deliverables:

- Project Schedule
- Virtual bi-weekly or as-needed coordination meetings with the Project Team
- Notes after bi-weekly or as-needed virtual coordination meetings with the Project Team
- Coordination of the Okaloosa-Walton LRTP and SS4A process and provide relevant Information to assist in the development of this plan
- Oversee Review and Quality Assurance on all work for all tasks
- Coordinate all meeting times, locations, venues, and correspondence

Task 2: Identification of Vision, Goals, and Objectives

ECRC Staff will begin by evaluating the 2002 and subsequent 2012 Bike/Ped Plan amendments. The Pedestrian/Bicycle Master Plan's vision statement, goals, and objectives will involve public input through surveys, and the analysis of existing conditions. Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Committees, and Local Working Groups will have input and review. Objectives will be set for specific, measurable milestones. This will enable progress toward reaching the community vision. The objectives will be system and performance-oriented and will provide quantitative direction towards the attainment of goals.

Deliverables

- Review of 2002 Plan and 2012 Amendments
- Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives
- Survey (s)

Task 3: Marketing and Outreach

- A. **ECRC Staff and CONSULTANT** during this project will utilize the currently adopted Public Involvement Plan PPP. This project will follow the current PPP regarding specific public involvement procedures to be used throughout the project, including public outreach procedures, meeting formats, presentations to the TPO and advisory committees, document review periods, meeting notices, and the utilization of feedback and comments throughout the project. Specifically, ECRC staff will develop a vision statement, goals, and objectives. and will request feedback from the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. A Local Working Group will be utilized for this project and will also provide feedback throughout the process in addition to the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.
- B. The currently adopted PPP shall identify specific outreach efforts to inform and involve the traditionally underserved (such as limited English proficiency, disabled, minority, and low-income populations). The plan shall involve the participation of a variety of interested parties including but not limited to recreational pedestrian and cycling organizations, law enforcement, parents, students, school safety officials, university safety officials, and underserved communities, as well as the public.
- C. **ECRC Staff** will solicit public input for the planning effort through social media, outreach materials, and online presence. They will also continuously monitor and update online media.
- D. **CONSULTANT** will attend meetings/outreach events and supply meeting materials including but not limited to display boards, presentations, agenda items, and printed materials as necessary for committees to provide input and review.
- E. The plan will be conducted in a collaborative atmosphere, with public participation integrated into the process of technical evaluation and prioritization. The plan will incorporate the following civic engagement efforts: **THE CONSULTANT** will present up to **three (3) Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meetings**, up to **three (3) Local Working Group Meetings**, present during **two (2) TPO and TPO Advisory Committee Meetings**. These meetings may be held in person, virtual or hybrid.
- F. **Existing Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:** The Regional Bicycle Pedestrian and Advisory Committee will be utilized to assist in the development of Regional Goals and Objectives, guide the plan from a regional perspective, and will be responsible for reviewing and providing comments on key deliverables providing input on plan recommendations. The existing Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is anticipated to hold up to **three (3) meetings**, which may be in person, virtual, or hybrid.
- G. **The Local Working Group:** may include representatives from the TPO and Advisory committees, university and school officials, students, recreational pedestrian and trail and bicycling organizations, law enforcement, citizens, design professionals, and other groups as determined. It is anticipated the Local Working Group will hold up to **three (3) meetings** which may be in person, virtual, or hybrid.

Deliverables

- Facebook page
- Webpage – will be hosted on the Emerald Coast Regional Council website

- Outreach materials plan logo, surveys, and graphics
- Coordination of all events, meetings, times, locations, and similar items
- Advertising of all meetings and events
- Communications regarding all Committees, Working Groups, and Public Meetings
- **CONSULTANT** will attend meetings and outreach events (**ECRC Staff** will also attend) and supply meeting materials including but not limited to display boards, presentations, agenda items, and printed materials as necessary for committees to provide input and review
- Identification of Local Working Group Members
- Presentations of **three (3)** Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meetings
- Presentations of **three (3)** Local Working Group Meetings
- Presentations of **two (2)** TPO and Advisory Committee meetings

Task 4: GIS

ECRC Staff will provide GIS support to analyze various tasks throughout the plan development and visualize roadway networks, bicycle pedestrian and trail facilities. Also, the approach and GIS tool utilized will be discussed with the project team. **ECRC staff** will support the final plan by providing maps for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Plan.

Deliverables

- GIS Interactive Map (or another tool deemed appropriate)
- GIS Maps for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Plan

Task 5: Project Identification and Prioritization Methodology

CONSULTANT will work with **ECRC Staff** with input from the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Local Working Group to update criteria and a methodology for identifying and prioritizing pedestrian and bicycle projects. The methodology will include consideration of the following:

- TPO area demographics (who are the users)
- Level of Service (LOS) standards consistent with the standards established by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
- Identification of all Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Projects from Cost Feasible and other relevant plans plus new projects
- Feedback from outreach efforts on community needs, perceptions, and deficiencies
- Potential demand for pedestrian and bicycle facilities with potentially, who may implement and who maintains

CONSULTANT and **ECRC Staff**, with input from the existing Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Local Working Group, will develop the criteria and methodology for prioritizing the trail network.

Deliverables

- Summary of major bicycle, pedestrian, and trail trends, needs, constraints, and opportunities within the TPO area
- Summary of feedback from different outreach efforts on community needs, perceptions, and deficiencies
- Identification of possible Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Projects from Cost Feasible and other relevant plans plus new projects with who potentially implements and maintains
- Technical memorandum describing the identification of possible project prioritization methodology

Task 6: Development of Plan and Selection of Improvements

The **CONSULTANT** along with **ECRC Staff** is tasked with developing a Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan in accordance with the provided task descriptions and outcomes. Proposed improvements will undergo thorough analysis to evaluate their impact on the study area, their ability to address identified issues, trends, needs, safety, obstacles, and opportunities, as well as potential sources of funding and revenue. The plan and all accompanying information must be presented in a succinct, well-organized, and comprehensible format suitable for public consumption. Building upon the results of the preceding task, the proposed improvements will encompass the following elements:

- Confirm Identification of all Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Projects from Cost Feasible Plan and other relevant plans plus new projects
- Policies for the realization of the plan's specified vision, goals, and objectives
- Strategies for improving bicycle, pedestrian, and trail safety and designs, safety education programs, and improvement of roadway signage
- Possible locations and types of facilities which may be built in different communities with strategies for improving designs, safety, signage and education
- Strategies for monitoring and evaluating the success and implementation of the plan

The **ECRC Staff** with **CONSULTANT** will develop a draft of The Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan **ECRC Staff** will provide two rounds of comments before the final draft is presented for adoption to the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and advisory committees.

Deliverables

- Confirm Identification of Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail improvements in the TPO Cost Feasible Plan and other relevant plans plus new projects,
- Policies to Implement Vision, Goals, and Objectives,
- Possible locations and types of facilities that may be built in different communities with strategies for improving designs, safety, signage, and education,
- Strategies for monitoring and evaluating the success and implementation of the Plan,
- Draft of Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan with two rounds of comments from **ECRC Staff**.

Task 7: Final Plan and Implementation Matrix

ECRC Staff will provide a technical memorandum of existing funding sources available for the construction and improvement of pedestrian, bicycle, and trail facilities. This will include both project matrixes to be included in the final Plan. **ECRC Staff** will compile the Final Plan with input from the **CONSULTANT**. The **CONSULTANT** will present the Final Plan to Okaloosa-Walton TPO and advisory committees.

Deliverables

- Matrix for Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Project with Funding Sources Identified for inclusion in final plan
- Matrix for Prioritized Trail Projects with Funding Sources Identified for inclusion in final plan
- Final Plan
- Summary of all outreach activities to be discussed during final adoption
- Presentation of the Final Plan to Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Committee, Local Working Group, Okaloosa-Walton TPO and advisory committees
- Final adopted Plan in electronic format (MS Word and Searchable PDF format) and five (5) printed copies

Summary of Deliverables

Deliverable
Deliverable 1: Project Administration and Coordination <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Schedule-CONSULTANT and ECRC staff• Virtual Bi-weekly or as-needed coordination meetings with the Project Team -ECRC Staff• Notes from virtual bi-weekly or as-needed virtual coordination meetings with the Project Team-ECRC Staff• Coordination of Okaloosa-Walton LRTP and SS4A process to provide relevant information to assist in the development of this plan-ECRC Staff• Oversee Review and Quality Assurance on all work for all tasks-ECRC Staff• Coordinate all meeting times, locations, venues, and correspondence-ECRC Staff
Deliverable 2: Identification of Vision, Goals, and Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of 2002 Plan and 2012 Amendments-ECRC Staff• Vision Statement, Goals, and Objectives-ECRC Staff• Survey (s)-ECRC Staff
Deliverable 3: Marketing and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facebook page-ECRC Staff• Webpage – will be hosted on the Emerald Coast Regional Council website-ECRC Staff• Outreach materials plan logo, surveys, and graphics-ECRC Staff• Coordination of all events, meetings, times, locations, and similar items-ECRC Staff• Advertising of all meetings and events-ECRC Staff• Communications regarding all Committees, Working Groups, and Public Meetings-ECRC Staff• Attend meetings and outreach events and supply meeting materials including but not limited to display boards, presentations, agenda items, and printed materials necessary for committees to provide input and review-CONSULTANT (ECRC Staff will attend all meetings and outreach events)• Identification of Local Working Group Members-ECRC Staff• Presentation of three (3) Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Committee• Presentation of three (3) Local Working Group Meetings• Presentations of two (2) TPO and Advisory Committee
Deliverable 4: GIS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GIS Interactive Map (or other ESRI tool deemed appropriate)-ECRC Staff• GIS Maps for the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Plan-ECRC Staff

Deliverable 5: Project Identification and Prioritization Methodology

- Summary of major bicycle, pedestrian, and trail trends, needs, constraints, and opportunities within the TPO area-**ECRC Staff**
- Summary of feedback from different outreach efforts on community needs, perceptions, and deficiencies-**ECRC Staff**
- Identification of proposed Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Projects from Cost Feasible Plan and other relevant plans plus new project with who potentially implements and maintains **ECRC Staff**
- Technical memorandum describing the identification of possible project prioritization methodology-**CONSULTANT**

Deliverable 6: Development of Plan and Selection of Improvements

- Confirm Identification of Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail improvements in the TPO Cost Feasible Plan and other relevant plans plus new projects-**ECRC Staff**
- Policies to Implement Vision, Goals, and Objectives-**ECRC Staff**
- Possible locations and types of facilities that may be built in different communities with strategies for improving designs, safety, signage, and education-**ECRC Staff**
- Strategies for monitoring and evaluating the success and implementation of the Plan-**ECRC Staff**
- Draft of Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan-**CONSULTANT** along with **ECRC Staff**, will draft a Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Master Plan with two rounds of comments from **ECRC Staff**. -**CONSULTANT and ECRC Staff**

Deliverable 7: Final Plan and Implementation Matrix

- Matrix for Prioritized Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects with Funding Sources Identified for Inclusion in Final Plan-**ECRC Staff**
- Matrix for Prioritized Trail Projects with Funding Sources Identified for Inclusion in Final Plan-**ECRC Staff**
- Final Plan-**ECRC Staff** will finalize with input from **CONSULTANT-ECRC Staff with CONSULTANT**
- Summary of all outreach activities to be discussed during final adoption-**ECRC Staff**
- Presentation of the Final Plan to the Regional Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trail Committee Local Working Group, and Okaloosa-Walton TPO and Advisory committees-**CONSULTANT**
- Final adopted Plan in electronic format (MS Word and Searchable PDF format) and five (5) printed copies-**CONSULTANT**

ENCLOSURE J

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TPO ONLY

SUBJECT: Appointment of Okaloosa - Walton TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2025

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: MPOAC

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The MPOAC is a statewide organization created by the Florida Legislature to address transportation issues of common interest to all urbanized areas and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state. The MPOAC is made up of MPO members representing each MPO in the state.

Each year, the MPOAC asks each MPO to elect a representative and an alternate to serve on the MPOAC for the next calendar year. The current MPOAC representative is Mayor Dick Ryneerson, Fort Walton Beach, and the alternate is Mayor J.B. Whitten, Crestview.

ECRC staff also travels to and participates in these meetings. Currently, ECRC CEO Kandase Lee serves on the Executive Committee as Vice-Chair of the MPO Directors. The MPOAC meets quarterly. ECRC staff will make travel and hotel arrangements and all expenses will be paid by the TPO.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointment of a TPO member and alternate to serve on the MPOAC from January 2025 – December 2025. This action is recommended in order for the TPO to participate with other MPOAC members to address transportation issues that are of common interest to all urbanized areas and MPOs in the state. Please contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE K

ENCLOSURE K ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Informational Presentation for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: On November 1, 2024, FDOT District 3 announced the annual TA Set-Aside and the TRIP application cycles for FDOT's next Tentative Work Program.

Transportation Alternatives (TA)

The TA Set-Aside is intended to fund a variety of small-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity. [Transportation Alternatives Program \(fdot.gov\)](https://www.fdot.gov/transportation-alternatives-program)

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. 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.

Projects located within the TPO will need to be prioritized by their respective TPO. Projects located outside the TPO areas will need to be prioritized by the ECRC. FL-AL TPO TA Criteria and Supplemental Guidelines can be found at: https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/plans_and_documents/index.php#outer-1379.

Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP)

The Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) was created as part of major growth management legislation enacted during the 2005 Legislative Session (SB 360). The purpose of the program is to encourage regional planning by providing state matching funds for improvements to regionally significant transportation facilities identified and prioritized by regional partners.

As the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, ECRC ranks and prioritizes all TRIP applications in the ECRC region. ECRC TRIP Criteria can be found at: https://www.ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/northwest_florida_regional_tpo/index.php

TA and TRIP Applications are due in FDOT's Grant Application Program (GAP) by Friday, January 17, 2025.

ATTACHED:

- **FDOT TA & TRIP Flyers**

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an information only item. Please contact Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976 ext. 212 or Tanya Branton, FDOT Staff, at Tanya.Branton@dot.state.fl.us if additional information is needed.



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA)

Apply Now

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What is it?

The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA) was established by Congress to help fund a variety of small-scale transportation projects such as:

- Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
- Recreational trails,
- Community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and
- Environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.



Where can I find more information on how to apply?

[https://www.fdot.gov/
planning/systems/systems-
management/tap](https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/systems-management/tap)

Or

[https://www.fdot.gov/
nwflroads/planning-
resources](https://www.fdot.gov/nwflroads/planning-resources)

Who is eligible to participate?

- Local Governments,
- Regional transportation authorities,
- Transit agencies,
- Non-profit entities, and
- Others

Contact Information

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Who is eligible to participate?

- Two or more contiguous MPOs
- One or more MPOs and one or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- A multi-county regional transportation authority created by or pursuant to law
- Two or more contiguous counties that are not members of a MPO
- MPOs comprised of three or more counties

Where can I find more information on how to apply?

[https://www.fdot.gov/
programmanagement/lp/
trip/default.shtm](https://www.fdot.gov/programmanagement/lp/trip/default.shtm)

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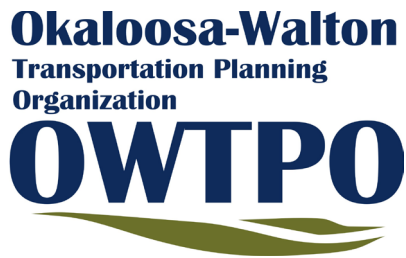
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INFORMATION ITEMS



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DATE: July 3, 2024

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

COPIES TO: TPO, TCC, and CAC Members

FROM: Mary Beth Washnock, TPO Coordinator

RE: TPO Actions Report – June 20, 2024

The following items were discussed and acted upon by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) at the June 20, 2024 meeting. The TPO requests the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to share this report with the appropriate department directors and to act if requested by the TPO. Copies are sent to local government representatives for coordination with local plans.

CONSENT AGENDA/ TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

The TPO approved the membership certifications for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The TPO approved Resolution O-W 24-10 amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SR 85 at Jones Road for an outfall repair project in FY 2024/2025 at a total cost of \$593,001.

The TPO approved Resolution O-W 24-09 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

PROJECT PRIORITIES

The TPO approved Resolution O-W 24-11 adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities with changes approved by the TPO board. The following is a summary of the changes made at the June TPO meeting:

- Move Non-SIS #12: Park Alternate – Option 3 to the bottom of the Non-SIS list and replace with Non-SIS #14: US 90 Complete Streets
- Add new #1 TSM project: US 98 at Cody Avenue eastbound off-ramp extension



Staff to TPO “...planning for the future transportation needs of the Okaloosa-Walton Urbanized Area...”

- Add new #2 TSM project: SR 20 at East Bay Loop westbound left turn lane
- Add new TSM project to the bottom of the TSM list: new traffic signal at US 98 at Thompson Road
- Add the following SUN Trail projects to the bottom of the SUN Trail list:
 - US 90 and Baldwin Avenue Trail (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Baldwin Ave, Baldwin Ave to US 90 E)
 - Old Spanish Trail East (US 90 and Baldwin Ave E to Holmes County Line)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 1 (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Blue Ridge Blvd)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 2 (US 90 and Blue Ridge Blvd to Hinote Road)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 3 (US 90 and Hinote Rd to Okaloosa County Line)
 - Great Northwest Coastal Trail (US 98 and Tango Mar to Mack Bayou)
 - US 98 Over/Underpass (US 98 at Scenic Gulf Drive)

The final Project Priorities tables are attached.

2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP)

The TPO authorized staff to proceed with amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the following projects with an additional length to Bayshore Drive:

- Forest Road (Cost Feasible Plan)
- SR 85 (Cost Feasible Plan)
- SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection (Cost Feasible Plan)
- Cedar Avenue (Cost Feasible Plan)
- Palm Boulevard (Cost Feasible Plan)
- Crossings Boulevard Connector (Cost Feasible Plan)
- Bayshore Drive (Needs Plan)

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The TPO approved the CAC application for Mr. Neill O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell was named to serve as a representative for Walton County by Commissioner Danny Glidewell.

BYLAWS

The TPO approved recommendations by the Bylaws Subcommittee which included minor updates. The TPO also approved adding a requirement that a TPO member must have served on the board for a minimum of 18 months before qualifying to serve as chair or vice chair.

TPO AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The chair and vice chair election results were as follows:

TPO: Chair: Anthony Vallee

Vice Chair: Bobby Wagner

TCC: Chair: Latilda Hughes-Neel

Vice Chair: Scott Bitterman

CAC: Chair: Amy Jamieson

Vice Chair: Robert Rennie

OKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Okaloosa Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579
June 20, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Bitterman Chair	Okaloosa County
Latilda Hughes-Neel Vice Chair	Freeport
Kyle Lusk	Crestview
Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Kristin Shell	Niceville
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County
Chance Powell	Walton County
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle B. Doggett	Walton County School District
Jack Kiger	Eglin Airforce Base

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Denise Kania	City of DeFuniak Springs
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Bill Schaetzle	City of Niceville
Councilman Anthony Vallee	DeFuniak Springs

Virtual Attendance:

Terry Shaw

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Bitterman called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA TPO Only

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk reported that the PD&E study for the Marler Bridge as well as for the expansion of US 98 along Okaloosa Island are underway. Bryant Paulk stated that FDOT hopes the next work program cycle allows the Department to program the funds for the bridge replacement project. A project update is scheduled for October of this year and a public hearing is scheduled for late 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of April 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mary Beth Washnock stated that it was brought to her attention that "SOF" should be an acronym for Special Operation Forces and asked that the minutes be amended to reflect it.

Joseph J. Fulghum moved to approve the minutes as amended. Chris Wallace seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE B – TPO ONLY - Consideration of the Membership Certification for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged

Coordinating Boards - *Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-10 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SR 85 at Jones Road Outfall Repair Project in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$593,001 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment and stated that FDOT is planning to start this project as soon as possible.

Kyle Lusk moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-10 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Latilda Hughes-Neel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. **ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-09 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) - *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the TIP for adoption.

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-09 adopting the FY 2025-2029 TIP. Chance Powell seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. **ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-11 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

Jill Nobles presented the ranked Project Priorities and the recommended changes from the June 18th workshop. Leandra Meredith presented the public outreach data. Chance Powell asked if it was possible to see where the participants live in the county. Leandra Merdith stated that she could provide their zip code.

Jill Nobles presented the recommended changes that came from the June 18th workshop. The first recommended change was to replace Non-SIS #12, Park Alternate – Option 3 with NON SIS #14, US 90 Complete Streets. The next recommended change was to add the new TSM project, US 98 eastbound off-ramp extension at Cody Avenue. The final recommended change was to add new SunTrail projects. Jill Nobles stated that the CAC voted to recommend all the changes be approved by the TPO.

For the SunTrail project, Anna Hudson stated that Okaloosa County recommends adding a PD&E study for the US 98 pedestrian overpass in Miramar Beach at the intersection of Scenic Gulf Drive, US98, and connection to the Silver Sands Outlet Mall. Anna Hudson stated that the county also recommended US 331 South Trail PD&E be added. It was determined that the US 331 south trail is part of the Florida Greenways and trails master plan so would not need to be included in the SunTrail priorities.

Anna Hudson also recommended adding two TSM projects. The first of which was to construct a traffic signal at US 98 and Thompson Road. The second request was to construct a westbound turn lane on SR 20 at CR 83A East which is East Bay Loop.

The TCC discussed recommending the following changes –

- Move Non-SIS #12: Park Alternate – Option 3 to the bottom of the Non-SIS list and replace it with Non-SIS #14: US 90 Complete Streets
- Add new #1 TSM project: US 98 at Cody Avenue eastbound off-ramp extension
- Add new #2 TSM project: SR 20 at East Bay Loop westbound left turn lane
- Add new TSM project to the bottom of the TSM list: new traffic signal at US 98 at Thompson Road
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 - Great Northwest Coastal Trail (US 98 and Tango Mar to Mack Bayou)
 - US 98 Over/Underpass (US 98 at Scenic Gulf Drive)

Chance Powell moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution OW 24-11 adopting the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Project Priorities with the recommended changes. Kyle Lusk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES – Request to Proceed with Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Forest Road, (2) SR 85, (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, (4) Cedar Avenue, (5) Palm Boulevard, (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector, and (7) Bayshore Drive in the Needs Plan - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles stated that the TPO authorized staff to proceed with amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the following projects with an additional length to Bayshore Drive: (1) Forest Road Cost Feasible Plan (2) SR 85 Cost Feasible Plan (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection Cost

Feasible Plan (4) Cedar Avenue Cost Feasible Plan (5) Palm Boulevard Cost Feasible Plan (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector Cost Feasible Plan (7) Bayshore Drive Needs Plan. Chair Bitterman recommended adding the additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project, completing the loop back to SR 20.

Latilda Hughes - Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize ECRC staff to proceed with the process to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive and adding the additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project completing the loop back to SR 20. Anna Hudson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. **ENCLOSURE G – CAC AND TPO ONLY – Approval of CAC Application for Mr. Neil O’Connell – *Leandra Meredith, ECRC Staff***
6. **ENCLOSURE H – TPO ONLY– Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-07 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws - *Vice Chair Anthony Vallee, Committee Chair***
7. **ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES - Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025**

Latilda Hughes Neel was nominated to serve as Chair for FY 2025 and current Chair Scott Bitterman was nominated to be Vice Chair.

Kristen Shell moved to elect Latilda Hughes-Neel as the TCC chair and Scott Bitterman and the Vice Chair of the OW TCC for FY 2025. Kyle Lusk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Jared Schneider gave an update on the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan for the Safe Streets for All Grant and informed the committee that as a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC will produce a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

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

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

ENCLOSURE L - INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC April 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO April 2024 Actions Report
3. Documentation RE: Designation of Okaloosa County for 5307 Grant
4. Letter from Niceville/Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce
5. Letter of Support to FDOT for Around the Mound project
6. Letter of Support to FDOT for Destin Crosstown Connector
7. Letter of Support for PPPP Prioritization Grant
8. 2024 O-W TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, disability, or family status. Reasonable accommodations for access will be made in accordance with the American with Disabilities Act and for languages other than English. Please notify ECRC Public Involvement of any special requirements or requests at publicinvolvement@ecrc.org or email Leandra Meredith at Leandra.Meredith@ecrc.org. You may also call 1800-226-8914 or 1-800-955-8771 for TTY-Florida. All requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance.

Introduzca la participación del público se solicita, sin distinción de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, edad, religión, discapacidad o estado familiar. La OPC hará arreglos razonables para el acceso a esta reunión de acuerdo con el Americans with Disabilities Act, y para los requisitos de idioma que no sea Inglés. Notifique a la Ada Clark (ada.clark@ecrc.org) de los requisitos de acceso o el idioma en el 850-332-7976 ext. 227 o 1-800-955-8771 para TTY-Florida al menos 48 horas de antelación.

OKALOOSA – WALTON CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Okaloosa Administration Building, 1250 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579
June 20, 2024

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Alexander Barthe, Chair
Amy Jamieson, Vice Chair
Robert J. Rennie
Bill Cox
Wanjiku Jackson
Yvonne Shanklin
Yvonne Earle
Matthew Cox
Doug Tolbert
Megan Harrison
Neill O'Connell

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Adams
Don Cleveland
Steven J. Czonstka
Harrison Harsch
Catherine F. Ward
Hunter Harmon

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Jared Schneider	Kimley-Horn
Neil Oconnell	Walton County
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CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Bitterman called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk updated the committee on what the FDOT liaisons do for the subcommittees and for the TPOs. Bryant Paulk stated that they can answer any questions about ongoing or active construction projects and planning activities. As a courtesy, FDOT tries to check into as many location-specific areas that the committee brings up, but unfortunately FDOT does not have the staff and ability to be able to check into and do the follow up that's necessary. Bryant Paulk stated that if a committee member has a location-specific concern, the liaison will get the member in touch with the subject matter expert in the district office that they can follow up with regarding their questions and concerns.

Bryant Paulk reported that the PD&E study for the Marler Bridge, as well as for the expansion of U.S. 98 along Okaloosa Island are underway. Bryant Paulk stated that FDOT hopes the next work program cycle allows the Department to program the funds for the bridge replacement project. A project update is scheduled for October of this year and a public hearing is scheduled for late 2025.

Bryant Paulk reported that there will be a public hearing for the U.S 98 Around the Mound PD&E study in March 0f 2025. Design is funded at \$2.7 million. The current right of way acquisition estimate is over \$250 million and construction and the inspection services come in at about \$80 million.

Bryant Paulk stated that FDOT has heard the concerns for S.R. 85 and the district office in Chipley has committed to doing a corridor study for that segment of 285. It's not likely to qualify for a capacity improvement but there is a possibility to add passing lanes in strategic locations as well as any other traffic improvement opportunities along that corridor.

Amy Jamieson brought up a citizen concern about the Brooks Bridge, stating that she had heard several concerns about people almost being hit head on due to people not staying in

their lanes or going the wrong way due to poor lighting at night. Bryant Paulk stated that the FDOT staff will investigate it.

Yvonne Earle inquired about the status of repaving Eglin Parkway from U.S. 98 to Shalimar. Bryant Paulk stated that the corridor is scheduled for resurfacing, but FDOT does not have the budget or ability to advance the project any quicker than is scheduled.

Matthew Cox asked about the timeline completion of the 85/ I-10 intersection improvements in Crestview. Bryant Paulk stated that he knows that project has been delayed and that he would get that information to Matthew Cox.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Amy Jamieson moved to approve the minutes as amended. Yvonne Earle seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. **ENCLOSURE B – TPO ONLY - Consideration of the Membership Certification for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards - *Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff***

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-10 Amending the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for SR 85 at Jones Road Outfall Repair Project in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$593,001 – *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented the TIP amendment and stated that FDOT is planning to start this project as soon as possible.

Matthew Cox moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 24-10 amending the FY 2024-2028 TIP. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

2. **ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-09 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff***

Gary Kramer presented the TIP for adoption.

Matthew Cox moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign

Resolution O-W 24-09 adopting the FY 2025-2029 TIP. Bill Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE – Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-11 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

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Jill Nobles presented the recommended changes that came from the June 18th workshop. The first recommended change was to replace Non-SIS #12, Park Alternate – Option 3 with Bob SIS #14, US 90 Complete Streets. The next recommended change was to add the new TSM project, U.S. 98 eastbound off-ramp extension at Cody Avenue. The final recommended change was to add new SunTrail projects. Discussion about the presented changes ensued.

The CAC discussed recommending moving Non-SIS #12: Park Alternate – Option 3 to the bottom of the Non-SIS list and replace it with Non-SIS #14: US 90 Complete Streets.

The CAC decided to vote on each table recommendation separately.

Doug Tolbert moved to recommend Non-SIS #12: Park Alternate be moved to the bottom on the list and to move Non-SIS #14: US 90 Complete Streets to Number 13 on the list. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Matthew Cox moved to recommend the TPO approve the SIS list as presented. Amy Jamieson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The CAC discussed adding a new #1 TSM project: US 98 at Cody Avenue eastbound off-ramp extension.

Yvonne Earle moved to recommend the TPO approve adding a new #1 TSM project: U.S. 98 at Cody Avenue eastbound off-ramp extension. Amy Jamieson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Robert Rennie moved to recommend the TPO approve the rest of the TSM list remain the same, shifting the ranking and each project. Matthew Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

The CAC discussed the following recommendations-

- Add the following SUN Trail projects to the bottom of the SUN Trail list:
 - US 90 and Baldwin Avenue Trail (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Baldwin Ave, Baldwin Ave to US 90 E)
 - Old Spanish Trail East (US 90 and Baldwin Ave E to Holmes County Line)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 1 (US 90 and Woodyard Road to Blue Ridge Blvd)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 2 (US 90 and Blue Ridge Blvd to Hinote Road)
 - Old Spanish Trail West Phase 3 (US 90 and Hinote Rd to Okaloosa County Line)
 - Great Northwest Coastal Trail (US 98 and Tango Mar to Mack Bayou) US 98 Over/Underpass (US 98 at Scenic Gulf Drive)

Yvonne Earle moved to recommended adding the recommended SUN Trail projects to the Project Priority list and recommended approval of that SUN trail list to the TPO. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Robert Renne moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution OW 24-11 adopting the FY 2026 – FY 2030 Project Priorities with the CAC’s recommended changes. Yvonne Shanklin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES – Request to Proceed with Amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to Include (1) Forest Road, (2) SR 85, (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, (4) Cedar Avenue, (5) Palm Boulevard, (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector, and (7) Bayshore Drive in the Needs Plan - *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles stated that the TPO authorized staff to proceed with amending the Okaloosa-Walton 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to include the following projects with an additional length to Bayshore Drive: (1) Forest Road Cost Feasible Plan (2) S.R. 85 Cost Feasible Plan (3) SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection Cost Feasible Plan (4) Cedar Avenue Cost Feasible Plan (5) Palm Boulevard Cost Feasible Plan (6) Crossings Boulevard Connector Cost Feasible Plan (7) Bayshore Drive Needs Plan. Chair Bitterman recommended adding an additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project, completing the loop back to SR 20.

Robert Rennie moved to recommend the TPO authorize ECRC staff to proceed with the process to amend the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Needs Plan for Forest Road, SR 85, SR 20 at Government Avenue Intersection, Cedar Avenue, Palm Boulevard, Crossings Boulevard Connector, and Bayshore Drive and adding the additional segment of Redwood Avenue to the Bayshore Drive project completing the loop back to SR 20. Doug Tolbert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE G – CAC AND TPO ONLY – Approval of CAC Application for Neil O’Connell – *Leandra Meredith, ECRC Staff*

Leandra Meredith presented Neil O’Connell’s CAC application. Neil O’Connell introduced himself to the committee.

Megan Harrison moved to recommend the TPO approve of CAC application for Mr. Neil O’Connell. Robert Rennie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE H – TPO ONLY– Consideration of Resolution O-W 24-07 Amending the Okaloosa-Walton TPO, TCC, and CAC Bylaws - *Vice Chair Anthony Vallee, Committee Chair*

7. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEES - Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2025

Amy Jamieson was nominated to serve as Chair for FY 2025. There was a silent vote between Bill Cox and Robert Rennie for Vice Chair. Robert Rennie was nominated Vice Chair.

Yvonne Earle moved to elect Amy Jamieson as the CAC chair and Robert Rennie as the O-W CAC Vice Chair for FY 2025. Doug Tolbert seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

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

Jared Schneider gave an update on the Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan for the Safe Streets for All Grant and informed the committee that as a recipient of an SS4A grant, ECRC will produce a Safety Action Plan. The Safety Action Plan will assist the ECRC and the TPO regions in achieving the target of zero fatalities and serious injuries.

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

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

ENCLOSURE L - INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC April 2024 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO April 2024 Actions Report
3. Documentation RE: Designation of Okaloosa County for 5307 Grant
4. Letter from Niceville/Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce
5. Letter of Support to FDOT for Around the Mound project
6. Letter of Support to FDOT for Destin Crosstown Connector
7. Letter of Support for PPPP Prioritization Grant
8. 2024 O-W TPO Meeting Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: None

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July 15, 2024

Bruce L. Fister, Lt Gen, USAF (ret)
Chairman, ECMAC
PO Box 116
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Mr. Austin Mount
FCRC Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Chief Executive Office
PO Box 11399
Pensacola, FL 32524

Dear Mr. Mount:

Subject: Infrastructure Improvements

An increasingly major challenge for the development of our area is the rapid growth of our population and its effect on the traffic congestion currently overextending the capabilities of State Road 85 and State Road 285. The Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council Board of Directors urgently encourages the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to prioritize and accelerate any improvement projects identified for these two critical roadways. We implore the TPO to expedite projects intended to widen SR 85 to six lanes and resurface the existing four lanes along with any other identified projects that will expand capacity of that roadway. We also urge the inclusion of any projects identified to widen SR 285 as a top priority.

The limitations of these roadways severely impact local communities and businesses, as well as our military partners at Eglin Air Force Base. This cannot be overstated. Improved road infrastructure increases connectivity, attracts investment, increases economic opportunity, and creates better access to facilities and services. The economic and social benefits of well-functioning roadways will be far beyond the cost of those projects.

SR 85 and SR 285 are primary contributors to the wellbeing and safety of local citizens. These roadways are direct routes leading traffic from the coast inland, including access to major thoroughfares such as Interstate 10. They also serve as primary hurricane evacuation routes and facilitate the daily movement of producers to markets, employees to jobs, and students to schools. As part of the Florida Strategic Intermodal System and the Strategic Highway Network, both roadways have a direct impact on the mission readiness of Eglin Air Force Base. Maximizing capacity to effectively manage the increasing needs of our area allows access for businesses, but more importantly allows our area to conduct business as well.

The Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council Board of Directors, on behalf of our membership, urges the TPO to prioritize any identified projects to improve and expand the capacity of SR 85 and SR 285. Our military mission depends on it!

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BRUCE L. FISTER, Lt Gen, USAF (ret)
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Commissioner Nathan Boyles, Chairman
Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization
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Pensacola FL 32524-1399

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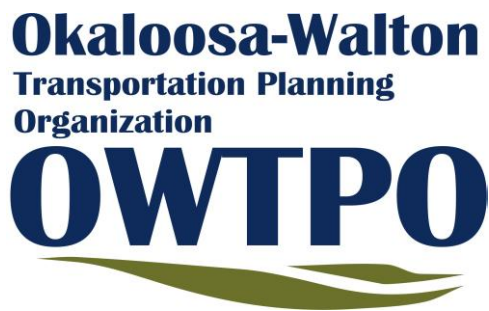
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October 15, 2024

Mr. Mark Brock, Transportation Planning Manager
FDOT District 3 Planning
P. O. Box 607
Chipley FL 32428-0607

Dear Mr. Brock:

RE: Modification to the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Based on FDOT's request, the following project has been modified.

Project ID 4436731 SR 83 (US 331) at SR 10(US 90) Intersection Improvement for the addition of CEI funds in FY 2024/2025 in the amount \$95,580.

The modified TIP page is attached. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gary Kramer at 1-800-226-8914, ext 219, or gary.kramer@ecrc.org.

With Sincere Appreciation,



Austin Mount
Chief Executive Officer

Attachment:

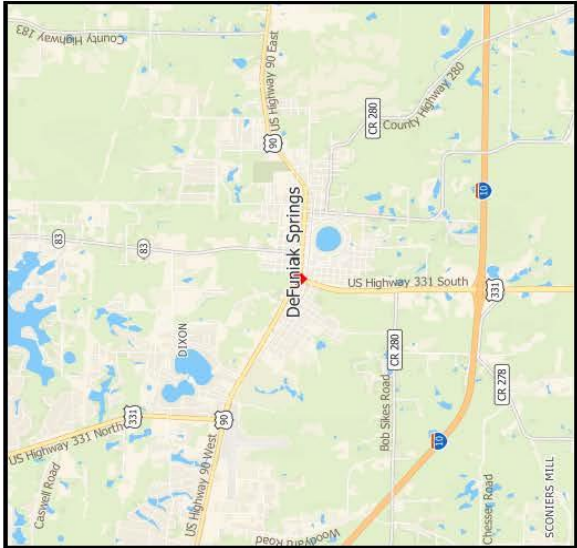
1. Modified FY 2025-2029 TIP Page

Copies to:

Bryant Paulk, Christy Johnson – Milton Operations Center
Aleah Smith, FDOT District 3

4436731 - SR 83 (US 331)

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From: @SR 10 (US 90)
To: INTERSECTION
Section: 5 - TSM
Work Summary: INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT (MODIFY)
Lead Agency: FDOT
Length: 2.479 MI
LRTP #: Final Report p. F-16

Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
CEI	ACNP	95,580	0	0	0	0	95,580
Total		95,580	0	0	0	0	95,580

Prior Cost <2025: 0

Future Cost >2030: 0

Total Project Cost: 95,580

Project Description: SIS Quick Fix Funded Program Intersection Modifications on SR 83 (US 331) at SR 10 (US 90).