

OKALOOSA – WALTON CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Niceville Community Center, 204-C Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL 32578
February 20, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Amy Jamieson, CHAIR
Michelle Kitch
Matthew Cox
Alexander Barthe
Yvonne Earle
Doug Tolbert
Robert Rennie
Bill Cox

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Yvonne Shanklin
Harrison Harsch
Neill O'Connell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Lindsay Slautterback	Kimley Horn
Jim Wood	Mid Bay Bridge Authority
Anthony Vallee	OW TPO Chair
Bill Schatzle	City of Niceville
Mike Panarisi	Citizen
Kirby Locklear	Citizen
<i><u>Virtual Attendance</u></i>	
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Terry Shaw	Kimley Horn

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Annie Arguello
Rae Emary
Leandra Meredith
Jill Nobles
Roshita Taylor
Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Gabrielle McVoy
Gary Kramer
Howard Vanselow

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Jamieson stated that there was a request to add a CAC application submitted by Michael T. Panarisi. It was requested to add this to Enclosure A.

Doug Tolbert moved to approve the CAC agenda as amended. Alexander Barthe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM: There were no speakers.

FDOT UPDATES:

Christy Johnson gave an update on the multiuse project on US 90 in the Holt community, stating that the project is currently in the PD&E phase and the virtual project update has just been opened. The project goes from Cooper Lane to Summertime Drive and is about 2.4 miles. This project was funded through the Sun Trail program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Doug Tolbert moved to approve the December 2024 CAC meeting minutes. Alexander Barthe seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ENCLOSURE A – TPO BOARD AND CAC ONLY – Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Application from Kirby Locklear – *Leandra Meredith, ECRC Staff*

ADD ON ITEM: Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Application from Michael T. Panarisi

Leandra Meredith presented the applications submitted by Kirby Locklear and Michael Panarisi. Kirby Locklear and Michael Panarisi both addressed the committee and gave a brief introduction.

Robert Rennie moved to recommend the TPO approve Kirby Locklear and Michael T. Panarisi as members of the Okaloosa-Walton County Transportation

Planning Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee. Matthew Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Jill Nobles and Terry Shaw presented the comprehensive Smart Regions Master Plan and stated that the plan aims to identify lifesaving technology concepts across the ECRC and the TPO areas. This plan is simply a resource for improvements and concepts should a local government wish to implement.

Alexander Barthe moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-01 accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan. Matthew Cox seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

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

Roshita Taylor presented the 2025 TA Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2027 – 2031 Tentative Work Program. Roshita Taylor stated that the following projects were submitted to be ranked and submitted to FDOT: (1) City of Niceville-Palm Boulevard Multi-Use Trail (from Partin Drive to College Avenue and from 27th Street to SR 20); (2) Okaloosa County-4th Avenue Sidewalk Addition (from 2nd Street to 12th Street); (3) Walton County-Walton Road Multi-Use Path (from US 331 to 20th Street); (4) Okaloosa County-Valley Road Sidewalk Addition (from US 90/E James Lee Boulevard to Stillwell Boulevard). Only the top three projects will be submitted. Roshita Taylor stated that the final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 25, 2025. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking approved by the TPO to FDOT.

Bill Cox moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution OW 25-02 adopting the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. Yvonne Earle seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

1. ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES - Schedule for Development of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented the O-W TPO FY 27-31 Project Priorities. Jill Nobles stated that the Priorities will be presented for adoption in May.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on May 15, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The CAC will meet at 9:30 a.m. and the TCC will meet at 1:30 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Chautauqua Building, 95 Circle Drive in DeFuniak Springs.

Councilmember Anthony Vallee addressed the committee regarding Amtrak. Vallee stated that now, there was no update.

ADJOURNMENT

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