

OKALOOSA – WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Niceville Community Center, 204-C Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL 32578

February 20, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Latilda Hughes-Neel -Chair	Freeport
Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs
Chris Frasseti	Fort Walton Beach
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Kristen Shell	Niceville
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Scott Bitterman - Vice Chair	Okaloosa County
Jayce Vanderford	Crestview
Kyle Lusk	Crestview
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Vacant	Eglin Air Force Base
Vacant	Florida Department of Children and Families
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
Chance Powell	Walton County
Anna Hudson	Walton County
Michelle B. Doggett	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Lindsay Slautterback	Kimley Horn
Jim Wood	Mid Bay Bridge Authority
<u>Virtual Attendance</u>	
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Terry Shaw	Kimley Horn

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee
Tiffany Bates
Annie Arguello
Rae Emary
Leandra Meredith
Jill Nobles
Tammy Neal
Virtual Attendance
Gabrielle McVoy
Gary Kramer
Howard Vanselow

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM: None

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk gave an update on the multiuse project on US 90 in the Holt community. Bryant Paulk stated that the project is currently a PD&E is underway, 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

Chris Wallace moved to approve the December 2024 TCC meeting minutes. Tim Gibson 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***
- 2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-01 Accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff***

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.

Joseph J. Fulghum moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-01 accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan. Kristen Shell 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.

Kristen Shell 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. Joseph J. Fulghum 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.

ADJOURNMENT