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

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Chautauqua Hall, 95 Circle Drive, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE – *Vice Chair Bobby Wagner*

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 the February 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. **ALL COMMITTEES:** Consideration of Resolution of O-W 25-06 Adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year 2 (FY 2026) Amendment – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ENCLOSURE A – ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-08 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add the Right-of-Way Phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$23,100,003 –

Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

2. **ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE** - Consideration of Resolution BAY 25-09 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Railroad Utility Phase for the Wilson Street Railroad Crossing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4565681 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$287,343 – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
3. **ENCLOSURE C - ALL COMMITTEES – ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING** - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-03 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*
4. **ENCLOSURE D - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-04 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
5. **ENCLOSURE E - ALL COMMITTEES** – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and Appointment of Steering Committee Members – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*
6. **ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES** – Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2026
7. **ENCLOSURE G - ALL COMMITTEES** – Appointment of a TPO Member to Serve on the MPOAC for the Remainder of CY 2025 – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC February 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO Annual Joint Certification Letter
3. Florida Department of Commerce Letter Re: TIP
4. 2025 O-W TPO Schedule

OTHER BUSINESS: The next Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization meeting will be held on August 21, 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.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

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FULL AGENDA



FDOT UPDATES

CONSENT AGENDA

OKALOOSA – WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MEETING MINUTES
Niceville Community Center, 204-C Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL 32578
February 20, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Anthony Vallee, CHAIR	DeFuniak Springs
Bobby Wagner, Vice Chair	Destin
J.B. Whitten	Crestview
Doug Capps	Crestview
Shannon Hayes	Crestview
Travis Smith	Fort Walton Beach
April Sutton	Mary Esther
James T. Wood	MidBay Bridge Authority
Drew Palmer	Okaloosa County Commission
Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission
Trey Goodwin	Okaloosa County Commission
Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission
Christine Wasdin	Valparaiso
Donna Johns	Walton County Commission
Tony Anderson	Walton County Commission

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Torey Geile	Destin
Dick Rynearson	Fort Walton Beach
Tracey Dickey	Freeport
Bill Schaetzle	Niceville
Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Allison Sullivan	Okaloosa County
Kirby Locklear	CDC
Kristen Shell	Niceville
Chelsey Sharon	Okaloosa County
Lindsay Slautterback	Kimley Horn
Judy Lorenz	Okaloosa County
<i><u>Virtual Attendance</u></i>	
Colby Cleveland	FDOT
Mark Brock	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Terry Shaw	Kimley Horn
Gary Huston	ECRC Legal Council

Bruce Barnhart

Citizen

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

Kandase Lee

Tiffany Bates

Annie Arguello

Rae Emary

Leandra Meredith

Jill Nobles

Tammy Neal

Virtual Attendance

Gabrielle McVoy

Gina Watson

Gary Kramer

Howard Vanselow

Renee Quick

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Vallee stated that there was a request to add consideration of an additional CAC applicant, Michael T. Panarisi, and asked for a motion that it be added to Enclosure A.

Councilmember Sutton moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Johns seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mark Hensley expressed concerns about the intersections of North Poquito Road & SR 189 (Lewis Turner Blvd) and Hwy 85 North & Sunset Lane. Mark Hensley stated that on September 14, 2024, a 76-year-old Fort Walton Beach woman died at the scene during a crash on State Road 189 in Okaloosa County. She had stopped at a stop sign on Poquito Road and attempted to cross Lewis Turner Boulevard. She pulled into the path of a vehicle heading towards Eglin AFB on Lewis Turner. Mark Hensley stated that he started a petition on Change.org titled: "Traffic Light at the North Poquito Road & Lewis Turner Blvd (State Road 189)". The narrative read: "We are requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to install a traffic light at the intersection of North Poquito Road and Lewis Turner Blvd. (SR 189). Mark Hensley informed the board that as of this morning, the petition had 133 signatures and urged FDOT to explain what other safety measures can be implemented to help reduce future accidents and fatalities if a stop light cannot be installed.

Bryant Paulk stated that FDOT studied that location a little over a year ago and at that time, it did not meet any of the signal warrants, but FDOT has committed to taking another look

at it for potential added safety improvements. Bryant Paulk stated that as that study is complete, FDOT will notify the TPO as well as Mark Hensley.

Commissioner Ketchel stated that asphalt being laid on the four-mile multi-use path connecting Brooks and Marler bridges features photoluminescent technology as a safety feature. The path will be unveiled sometime between April and June of this year.

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 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.

Chair Vallee address safety concerns in terms of signage for ongoing road work on US 90 and US 331 as well as at the I-10/ US 331 exist in DeFuniak Springs. Chair Vallee stated that there have been many public concerns and complaints about the lane modifications while road work is being done. Chair Vallee stated that the concern is that there is not enough signage on the road work being done and FDOT would reach out to the contractors involved to look at that segment.

There was discussion about several areas of concern in the TPO region. Bryant Paulk stated that he would get back to the TPO board members with answers to their inquiries.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Wagner moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Capps 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 from Kirby Locklear and Michael Panarisi. Kirby Locklear and Michael Panarisi both addressed the board and gave a brief introduction.

Commissioner Ketchel moved to approve Kirby Locklear and Michael Panarisi as a member of the Okaloosa-Walton County Transportation Planning

Organization Citizens' Advisory Committee. Councilmember Smith 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*

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.

Commissioner Mixon moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-01 accepting the Smart Regions Master Plan. Mayor Pro Tem Sutton 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Sutton moved to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-02 adopting the 2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. Mayor Wagner 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 OW TPO FY 27-31 Project Priorities. Jill Nobles stated that the Priorities will be presented for adoption in May.

ENCLOSURE – CONSENT AGENDA ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution of O-W 25-06 Adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Year 2 (FY 2026) Amendment

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 450.308; Florida Statutes Chapter 339.175 (9) (a) (2); Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Unified Planning Work Program

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.

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
- Marketing Outreach and Engagement

The draft amended FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWP for Year 2 (FY 2026) is accessible via the hyperlink below.
https://ecrc.org/programs/transportation_planning/okaloosa-walton_tpo/index.php#outer-546.

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-06

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-06 adopting the FY 2025 – FY 2026 Year 2 (FY 2026) amendments pending comments from review agencies. This action is recommended because the UPWP is a required TPO document and contains the work tasks and budget for the next fiscal year. Contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, at kandase.lee@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976, Ext. 201 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE FY 2025 – FY 2026 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) YEAR 2 AMENDMENT

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 UPWP shall be adopted by the TPO and submitted to the governor of the state of Florida and to the Federal Transit (FTA) and Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA), as provided in Title 23 CRF Section 450, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government annually appropriates funds for public transportation planning (FTA Section 5305) at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) applies for these funds in the year of appropriation and allocates the funds to each TPO, according to a formula, in the following year;

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

The FY 2025 – FY 2026 UPWP Year 2 (FY 2026) amendment is hereby adopted.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 15th day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: _____

ACTION ITEMS

ENCLOSURE A

ENCLOSURE A ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-08 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to add the Right-of-Way Phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway Capacity Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$23,100,003 (**ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED**)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: FDOT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, the TPO adopts a 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 right-of-way phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway, a capacity project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$23,100,003.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-08
- 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 25-08 amending the FY 2025-2029 TIP. This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-08

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, and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation 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 Transportation Planning Organization 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 right-of-way phases for SR 85 (South Ferdon Boulevard) from Live Church Road to PJ Adams Parkway, a capacity project, for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 2201717 in FY 2024/2025 and FY 2025/2026 at a total cost of \$23,100,003.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 15^h day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY25-29 TIP Amendment Request

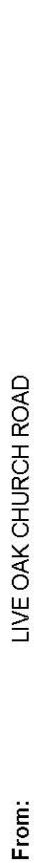
ID # Project Name/Location
Okaloosa

220171-7 SR 85 s FERDON BLVD FROM LIVE OAK CHURCH TO PJ ADAMS PARKWAY Work Mix: 0213 ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCTION
Project Length: 1.169 Miles

	Phase Code	<2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	TOTAL	Fund Code
ROW	4B		300,000	\$250,000				\$550,000	ACNP
ROW	41		100,000					\$100,000	DIH
ROW	43		2,456,819	\$5,693,184				\$8,150,003	ACNP
ROW	43		\$14,300,000					\$14,300,000	LF
		\$0	\$17,156,819	\$5,943,184	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,100,003	

ROW PHASES FOR CAPACITY PROJECT IN CRESTVIEW

S/S



From: LIVE OAK CHURCH ROAD

To: PJ ADAMS PARKWAY

Section: 2 - Capacity

Work Summary: ADD LANES & RECONSTRUCT

Lead Agency: FDOT

Length: 1.169 MI

LRTP #: Final Report p. H-7 #A-39

Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
ROW	DIH	100,000	0	0	0	0	100,000
ROW	ACNP	0	5,693,184	0	0	0	5,693,184
ROW	ACNP	300,000	250,000	0	0	0	550,000
ROW	LF	14,300,000	0	0	0	0	14,300,000
ROW	ACNP	2,456,819	0	0	0	0	2,456,819
Total		17,156,819	5,943,184	0	0	0	23,100,003

Future Cost > 2030: 0

Project Description: On May 15, 2025 TPO agenda for approval.

On May 15, 2025 TPO agenda for approval.
TPO SIS Project Priority #6.
Widening of SR 30 (US 98) from CR 30A to West of Philips Inlet Bridge to 6 lanes.

ENCLOSURE B

ENCLOSURE B ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-09 Amending the FY 2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to Add Railroad Utility Phase for the Wilson Street Railroad Crossing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4565681 in FY 2024/2025 at a Total Cost of \$287,343 **(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 railroad utility phase for the Wilson Street railroad crossing project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4565681 in FY 2024/2025 at a total cost of \$287,343.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-09
- 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 25-09 amending the FY 2025-2029 TIP. This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Contact Gary Kramer, TPO staff, at (800) 226-8914, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-09

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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, and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation 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;

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Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 15th day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: _____

FDOT
OW TPO FY25-29 TIP Amendment Request

ID # Project Name/Location
Okaloosa

456568-1 WILSON STREET RAILROAD CROSSING NO. 339799K

Work Mix: 8335 RAIL SAFETY PROJECT
Project Length: 0.00 Miles

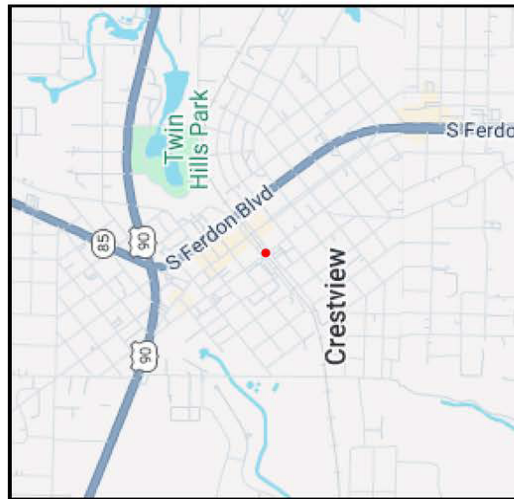
RRU	Phase Code	<2025	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	TOTAL	Fund Code
	57		287,343					\$287,343	RHH
		\$0	\$287,343	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,343	

RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY PROJECT IN CRESTVIEW

Okaloosa-Walton TPO Transportation Improvement Program - FY 2024/25 - 2028/29

4565681 - WILSON STREET

Non-SIS



From: @RAILROAD CROSSING NO. 339799K

To:

Section: 6 - Miscellaneous

Work Summary: RAIL SAFETY PROJECT

Lead Agency: FDOT

Length:

L RTP #: Final Report p. 3.5 Objective C.1

Phase	Fund Source	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	Total
CST	RHH	287,343	0	0	0	0	287,343
Total		287,343	0	0	0	0	287,343

25-29TIP Page as Amended

Prior Cost <2025: 0

Future Cost >2030: 0

Total Project Cost: 287,343

Project Description: On May 15, 2025 TPO agenda for approval
Wilson Street Safety Project at Railroad Crossing No. 339799K

ENCLOSURE C

ENCLOSURE C ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-03 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (**ROLL CALL VOTE AND PUBLIC HEARING**)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: Provide regionally significant projects that have dedicated local funds between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2030.

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

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

The draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2026-2030 TIP will be posted online prior to the May 2025 TPO and advisory committee meetings. An e-mail containing a link to the draft on the TPO website will be sent to the TPO and advisory committee members and can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

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

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

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

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

Attached is the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-03

Comments received on the draft FY 2026-2030 TIP will be presented at the May TPO and advisory committee meetings.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion to authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-03 adopting the FY 2026-2030 TIP with any changes that may have been presented.

This alternative is recommended because the TIP has been developed in coordination with FDOT and local governments and is consistent with the TPO Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Systems Management Priorities, Transportation Alternatives Program Project Priorities, and aviation and transit master plans. The TIP is required to be submitted to FDOT by July 15, 2025. Contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or at (850) 332-7976 Ext. 219 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE FY 2026-2030 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 the State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration, and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is developed in accordance with 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450 Section 134(j) and Section 339.175(8) Florida Statutes; and

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

WHEREAS, authorization for federal funding of projects within an urbanized area cannot be obtained unless the projects are included in the TPO's TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) believes the TIP 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 adopts the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program, with any changes that may have been presented.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization held on this 15th day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____

ENCLOSURE D

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ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-04 Adopting the Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities (**ROLL CALL VOTE**)

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

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

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

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

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

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

General techniques proven to be effective include:

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

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

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

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

- March 13, 2025 – TPO/TCC/CAC Committee Workshop #1 1:00 p.m. Virtual **(Completed)**
- Public Outreach **(Completed)**
- April 17, 2025 – Hybrid Public Workshop at 10:30 a.m. at the Fort Walton Beach Public Library followed by a Virtual TPO/TCC/CAC Committee Workshop #2 at 2:00 p.m. **(Completed)**
- May 15, 2025 – TCC and CAC meetings to recommend approval of FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities
- May 15, 2025 – TPO meeting approving the FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities

The draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities document will be presented at the May 2025 TPO and advisory committee meetings and is accessible at the following link: <https://www.ecrc.org/OWPriorities>.

The interactive map in the following link shows the location and the street view by category for the projects identified in the draft FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities: www.ecrc.org/TPOPrioritiesMaps

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-04
- Comments Received Through May 2, 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-04 adopting the FY 2027 – FY 2031 Project Priorities with any changes approved by the TPO board. This motion is recommended to maintain the August 1, 2025, submittal deadline to FDOT. Please contact Ms. Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, if additional information is needed at jill.nobles@ecrc.org or (850) 332-7976 Ext. 212.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA- WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING THE FY 2027- 2031 PROJECT PRIORITIES

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 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted annually by the TPO and submitted to the governor of the State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the initial step in development of the TIP is for the TPO to submit its transportation project priorities for all modes of travel to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) prior to September 1; and

WHEREAS, a virtual open house and public outreach was held from March 10 through April 25, and public workshops and TPO and advisory committee workshops were held on March 13 and April 17, 2025;

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

The TPO adopts the FY 2027 - FY 2031 Project Priorities, with any changes approved by the TPO board.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 15th day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice Chair

ATTEST: _____

**Okaloosa-Walton TPO Fiscal Years (FY) 2027-2031 Project Priorities Public Comments
(through April 25, 2025)**

TPO/TCC/CAC Workshop on March 13, 2025

1. Non-SIS Priority #6 US 98 Widening (Brooks Bridge to Gulf Islands National Seashore): Is this project in addition to the Brooks Bridge replacement project?

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

2. Non-SIS Priority #7 Crestview Bypass Northwest: Has the route of that roadway been determined yet?

The Northwest Crestview Bypass Final Alternative Corridor Evaluation Study is complete and can be found at <https://myokaloosa.com/bcc/northwest-bypass>. A PD&E Study will still need to be completed.

3. Non-SIS Priority #12 PJ Adams Parkway/Antioch Road at Crab Apple Avenue: With the ongoing and upcoming construction on PJ Adams and Antioch Road, this is an opportune time to include this project. How can we move this project forward?

The realignment is not included in the FDOT project of the new interchange. The best opportunity would be to move this project up in the priorities as a standalone project. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

4. SIS Priority #2 SR 85 from McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Parkway: This project should change positions with SIS Priority #1 US 98 from Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Lane Interchange. The Right of Way cost for SR 85 is much lower and the County has already obtained over half of that Right of Way cost, so there's a lot of momentum to get that segment to get the traffic between SR 85 and the bypass around Crestview. This is also a priority with Eglin Air Force Base. The County is also working with Hurlburt for US 98 alternatives.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

5. Is there any thought of making these roads HOV lanes to encourage carpooling and carpool parking at certain places?

For SR 85 and US 98, additional lanes are needed first before we can consider having a HOV lanes.

6. TSM Priority #9 SR 189 at Poquito Road: What's the origin of this project?

A study was requested by Commissioner Ketchel in the Fall of 2023.

Public Workshop on April 17, 2025

7. Could you explain the term Non-SIS projects?

The Strategic Intermodal System or SIS is a network of high-priority transportation facilities designated by the state. The Non-SIS network would be the other roadways in the transportation network. The TPO prioritizes state and federally funded projects on the SIS and Non-SIS networks.

8. What about the resurfacing of Eglin Parkway?

Resurfacing projects are not part of the TPO's Priorities Process. The \$15 million resurfacing project remains scheduled to be let to construction in July 2025.

9. SIS Priority #4 US 98 – FWB Around the Mound: Why has the next phase been funded?

The Project Development & Environment (PD&E) Study is still ongoing but will be wrapping up over the next year. The public hearing for the PD&E is anticipated to be held in September 2025 and the final approval of the PD&E Study is anticipated in February/March of 2026. The design phase of the project is included in the SIS Cost Feasible Plan.

10. SIS Priority #4 US 98 – FWB Around the Mound: Can this project be moved up to be in sync with the Brooks Bridge replacement project?

Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO. Based on the construction schedule of the Brooks Bridge project and the status of the Around the Mound project an advancement of that timeframe is not feasible.

11. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: There was a suggestion at the previous meeting about switching these two projects.

Yes, this was discussed at the previous workshop. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

12. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: Hurlburt Field recommends keeping US 98 as the #1 SIS Priority due to Hurlburt Field's mission.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 13. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: Fort Walton Beach Police Department would also like to keep the #1 Priority on US 98 as 98 traffic affects their employees coming into Fort Walton Beach Police Department with many living in Navarre.**

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 14. SIS Priority #4 US 98 – FWB Around the Mound: Fort Walton Beach Police Department would also like to see this project tied in with the Brooks Bridge Replacement project.**

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

Based on the construction schedule of the Brooks Bridge project and the status of the Around the Mound project an advancement of that timeframe is not feasible.

- 15. SIS Priority #4 US 98 – FWB Around the Mound: Fort Walton Beach councilmember would also like to see this project tied in with the Brooks Bridge Replacement project. If things were on optimal track, assuming this gets funded, how soon could you expect project approval or something like that?**

There are many variables that affect the timing of such a project. Each phase can take up to a few years to complete. Usually when FDOT develops their new Work Program, next phases get added to the outer years. The City of Fort Walton Beach and Okaloosa County have pledged local dollars and are also seeking out grant funding. Funding like this tends to speed up the process as the state wants to maximize matching funds.

Based on the construction schedule of the Brooks Bridge project and the status of the Around the Mound project an advancement of that timeframe is not feasible.

- 16. Non-SIS Fully Funded list: What is the planning study for SR 85 and US 98? Why is this study almost half of a study for bikes? Is there funding available to add more funding to the commute study.**

The Reverse Commute Corridor Study in Communities along SR 85 and US 98 is a study, whose Scope was approved by the TPO in December 2024, where we will look 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.

As for the cost of the two planning studies, the Reverse Commute study is for a specific couple of corridors and the Bicycle/Pedestrian/Trails study is for the entire TPO region. At this time, there is no additional funding available.

- 17. TSM Priority #12 SR 189 at 1st Street: This is a very tough intersection to make it across. This project needs to move up on this list.**

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 18. TSM Priority List: Have we thought about getting Florida Highway Patrol, County Sheriff, and Local Police here to present their problem areas that might need a look by the TPO board?**

TPO staff relies on the cities and counties to relay issues from their respective agencies. We do have a member of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office serving on the Technical Coordinating Committee. Each county has a local Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) that meets regularly to discuss such issues, which are brought forward to the TPO at times.

- 19. Fort Walton Beach Police Department has concerns about mapping applications redirecting traffic into the local roads, where families can't get out of driveways. There's also concerns about Perry Southeast. When the new Brooks Bridge is complete, the concern is that it might open up a raceway for folks underneath the bridge and go through the local roads even more to turn right on US 98. As well as Perry north of US 98 that is currently going southbound from SR 85. The mapping applications are diverting traffic away from Perry and into the neighborhoods to get underneath the bridge.**

Comments noted. The City of Fort Walton Beach staff has reached out to TPO staff to request a one-way study for converting SR 145 (Perry Avenue) to eliminate southbound movement from First Street SE to US 98. The TPO can add this study to the Non-SIS Priority #2. Any changes will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 20. Is the ongoing bike path along US 98 between Brooks Bridge and the Destin Bridge considered a SUN Trail?**

Yes, it is part of the SUN Trail Network. It was funded through Okaloosa County tourism development dollars.

- 21. Transportation Alternatives Priority List: I always thought that adding sidewalks was a city responsibility? How do sidewalks show up on this transportation project priorities? When will these projects start and/or finish?**

Typically, sidewalks like these that are on the local roadways area a local project. However, FDOT has a transportation alternatives program that offers 100% funding for pedestrian and bicycle improvements for local governments to submit applications. The TPO has adopted criteria for this program to rank the applications within the TPO area. Cities and counties go after this program to fund some of their local needs freeing up more of their dollars for other needs.

The four projects on the Transportation Alternatives Priority List were submitted earlier this year. The TPO already approved their ranking and submitted the top three projects to FDOT for consideration for funding in the next FDOT Work Program. The fully funded list shows projects from previous years that have received this funding.

**22. What is the timeline for what's going to happen next after this public hearing?
When does this go before the TPO for approval?**

The second TPO/TCC/CAC Priorities Workshop meets this afternoon (April 17). TPO staff will capture all of these comments from our outreach efforts. The TPO will consider approval of the Project Priorities with any changes at their next meeting on May 15.

TPO/TCC/CAC Workshop on April 17, 2025

23. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: Okaloosa County would be in favor of switching the priority order of these two projects.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

24. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: Hurlburt Field would be in favor of keeping these priorities ordered as is due to Hurlburt's no-notice mission. A quick reaction is needed for national security purposes, which outweighs convenience.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

25. SIS Priorities #1 US 98 (Santa Rosa County Line to E of Cody Ln Interchange) and #2 SR 85 (McWhorter Ave to PJ Adams Pkwy: The City of Crestview is also in favor of moving SR 85 project up.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

26. TSM Priority #7 SR 189 at Poquito Road: A citizen came to the previous TPO Board meeting in February to talk about their concerns at this intersection and the suggestion of putting a traffic signal there.

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

27. Do we have some insight as to what level of funding that we're going to get that we could start knocking some of these projects off the list with the legislative session?

Every year FDOT presents their Tentative Five-Year Work Program which shows all the projects they intend to fund over the next five years. The state legislature must approve

that with any changes on an annual basis. Cities and Counties can also request state appropriations to help fund projects.

Other Comments Received

- 28. Hurlburt likes Highway 98 being in the number one SIS, we had a very good visit to Tallahassee and looks very promising for study approval for HWY 98 Widening. Again, I have heard rumors that some commissioners up north would like to change the priority rankings and put HWY 85 above HWY 98, Hurlburt does not advise that because of our no notice alert mission requirements, for us it is not a convenience issue but a matter of national security. That is why we continue to foot stomp HWY 98 number one; we do not want the mission to leave this area because of the traffic issues. If the ranking switch is proposed please tell them Hurlburt's position for me.**

Comment noted. Any changes in the ranking will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 29. Wanted to share how grateful the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber is to TPO and ECRC for their continued support of Around the mound. We are very pleased to see it still positioned at number 4. Although not representing the City of FWB in this overview—my recollection is that they were requested to provide a specific \$\$ number for collaboration—and they doubled that \$\$ number—showcasing how important this project is for the City of FWB also. Please keep up the good work on Around the mound.**

Comment noted.

- 30. Non-SIS Priority #2 Transportation Planning Studies: The City of Fort Walton Beach staff is requesting to add a One-Way Study for converting SR 145 (Perry Avenue) to eliminate southbound movement from First Street SE to SR 30 (US 98), understanding the need to include it as part of the motion in May.**

The TPO can add this study to the Non-SIS Priority #2. Any changes will have to be approved by the TPO.

- 31. I was wanting to submit an idea. Connect Highway 90 to highway 85 via Wilkerson Bluff Rd with a new roadway passing by the 77th Special Forces base. This will reduce traffic on 85 near PJ Adam's Parkway and by extension Antioch Road and Highway 90 up to Highway 4 north carrying Alabama vacationer's traffic. This will also provide a swift route for potential military personnel traffic with homes on the north side of Crestview and the Holt, Baker area. Remaining traffic heading east on 85 into downtown Crestview under I-10 will also be reduced.**

Thank you for the comment. Since the project you are proposing is not on the current TPO Priority list, we'll pass it along to our Long Range Transportation Plan team as well as Okaloosa County staff. We appreciate your thoughtful input

ENCLOSURE E

ENCLOSURE E ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-05 Approving the Scope of Services for the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update and Appointment of Steering Committee Members

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(i)(2), Chapter 339.175 (6) Florida Statutes, Okaloosa-Walton TPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Task 2 Long Range Transportation Planning

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: An LRTP is a basic requirement of the TPO's continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. Federal regulations require an LRTP to be updated at least every five years in air quality attainment areas. The 2045 LRTP was adopted on December 9, 2021; therefore, the 2050 LRTP needs to be adopted by December 9, 2026. The purpose of the 2050 LRTP is to confirm the plan's validity and its consistency with current and forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends. A 20-year planning horizon at plan adoption is a requirement of the LRTP. There are three important elements in an LRTP: Goals and Objectives, Needs Plan, and Cost Feasible Plan.

As identified in the FY 2024/2025 – FY 2025/2026 UPWP, consultant services are part of the 2050 LRTP development. Tasks for FDOT, the consultant, and staff are listed in the draft Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 LRTP Scope of Services. This draft has been sent to the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida (FDOT) Division of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and environmental and tribal agencies for review and comment. All comments received have been addressed.

A steering committee will be meeting periodically to review and comment on various draft products of the LRTP. Other agencies will also be requested to be members, including but not limited to FDOT, tribal agencies, state agencies, and representatives of the freight industry responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, and historical preservation.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 25-05
- Draft 2050 LRTP Scope of Services

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-05 approving the scope of services for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 LRTP Update and appointment of steering committee members. This action is recommended to begin the Long Range Transportation Plan update as soon as possible in order to meet the December 2026 adoption date. Contact Jill Nobles, ECRC staff, jill.nobles@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976, extension 212 if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 25-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA- WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION APPROVING THE 2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SCOPE OF SERVICES

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 Long Range Transportation Plan is updated every four years in air quality non-attainment areas and every five years in air quality attainment areas; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Services was reviewed by the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Division of the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan was adopted on December 9, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan must be adopted by December 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton TPO believes that the document 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 approves the Okaloosa-Walton 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Scope of Services.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 15th day of May 2025.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
Bobby Wagner, Vice-Chair

ATTEST: _____

SCOPE OF SERVICES
OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)
2050 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) UPDATE

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I. BACKGROUND

The Florida Department of Transportation (**DEPARTMENT**), Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (**TPO**) and General Planning Consultant (**CONSULTANT**) mutually agree to furnish the respective services, information, and items, as described herein and included in the **CONSULTANT** proposal for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update.

A. FEDERAL AND STATE REQUIREMENTS

Federal and state statutes outline the general requirements for long range transportation plan updates and are incorporated in this Scope of Services. These outlines are broadly defined at the federal and state level by the following:

- Federal Act - Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA);
- 23 Code of Federal Regulations 450.216 and 450.324;
- Section 339.175, Florida Statutes;
- Florida Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning Organization Program Management Handbook (Revised: June 2023);
- Florida Department of Transportation Office of Policy Planning Fiscal Constraint of the Long Range Transportation Plan Memorandum (December 2021); and
- Federal Strategies for Implementing Requirements for LRTP Updates for the Florida TPOs (January 2018).

B. Scope of the Planning Process

Federal regulations require TPOs to develop LRTPs through a performance-driven, outcome-based approach to planning for metropolitan areas of the State. The metropolitan transportation planning process shall be continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive; and provide for consideration and implementation of projects, strategies, and services that will address the following factors: [23 C.F.R. 450.306(a) and (b)]:

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
- Increase the accessibility and mobility of people and freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and State and local planned growth and economic development patterns;

- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system across and between modes for people and freight;
- Promote efficient system management and operations;
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system;
- Improve the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system, and reduce or mitigate storm water impacts of surface transportation; and
- Enhance travel and tourism.

In addition to these planning factors, Federal law and regulation requires the LRTP shall include, at a minimum:

- The current and projected transportation demand of persons and goods in the metropolitan planning area over the period of the transportation plan. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(1)];
- Existing and proposed transportation facilities (including major roadways, public transportation facilities, intercity bus facilities, multimodal and intermodal facilities, non- motorized transportation facilities (e.g., pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities, and intermodal connectors), that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis to those facilities that serve important national and regional transportation functions over the period of the transportation plan. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(2)];
- A description of the performance measures and performance targets used in assessing the performance of the transportation system in accordance with 23 C.F.R 450.306(d). [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(3)];
- A system performance report and subsequent updates evaluating the condition and performance of the transportation system with respect to the required performance targets, including progress achieved by the TPO in meeting the performance targets in comparison with system performance recorded in previous reports, including baseline data; and, for TPOs that voluntarily elect to develop multiple scenarios, an analysis of how the preferred scenario has improved the conditions and performance of the transportation system, and how changes in local policies and investments have impacted the costs necessary to achieve the identified performance targets. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(4)];
- Operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize the safety and mobility of people and goods. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(5)];
- Consideration of the results of the congestion management process in Transportation Management Areas (TMA), including the identification of single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) projects that result from a congestion management process in TMAs that are nonattainment for ozone or carbon monoxide. [23 C.F.R.

450.324(f)(6)];

- Assessment of capital investment and other strategies to preserve the existing and projected future metropolitan transportation infrastructure, provide for multimodal capacity increases based on regional priorities and needs, and reduce the vulnerability of the existing transportation infrastructure to natural disasters. The metropolitan transportation plan may consider projects and strategies that address areas or corridors where current or projected congestion threatens the efficient functioning of key elements of the metropolitan area's transportation system. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(7)]; Transportation and transit enhancement activities, including consideration of the role that intercity buses may play in reducing congestion, pollution, and energy consumption in a cost-effective manner and strategies and investments that preserve and enhance intercity bus systems, including systems that are privately owned and operated, and including transportation alternatives, as defined in 23 U.S.C. 101(a), and associated transit improvements, as described in 49 U.S.C. 5302(a), as appropriate. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(8)];
- Descriptions of proposed improvements in appropriate detail to develop cost estimates (e.g., design concept and design scope descriptions). [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(9)];
- A discussion of types of potential environmental mitigation activities and potential areas to carry out these activities, including activities that may have the greatest potential to restore and maintain the environmental functions affected by the metropolitan transportation plan. The discussion may focus on policies, programs, or strategies, rather than at the project level. The TPO shall develop the discussion in consultation with applicable Federal, State, and Tribal land management, wildlife, and regulatory agencies. The TPO may establish reasonable timeframes for performing this consultation. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(10)];
- A financial plan that demonstrates how the adopted transportation plan can be implemented. Revenue and cost estimates must use an inflation rate(s) to reflect "year of expenditure dollars," based on reasonable financial principles and information, developed cooperatively by the TPO, State(s), and public transportation operator(s). For illustrative purposes, the financial plan may include additional projects that would be included in the adopted transportation plan if additional resources beyond those identified in the financial plan were to become available. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(11)];
- Pedestrian walkway and bicycle transportation facilities in accordance with 23 U.S.C. 217(g). [23 C.F.R. 450.324(f)(12)];
- Both long and short-range strategies/actions that provide for the development of an integrated multimodal transportation system (including accessible pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities) to facilitate the safe and efficient

movement of people and goods in addressing current and future transportation demand. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(b)];

- The TPO, the State(s), and the public transportation operator(s) shall validate data used in preparing other existing modal plans for providing input to the transportation plan. In updating the transportation plan, the TPO shall base the update on the latest available estimates and assumptions for population, land use, travel, employment, congestion, and economic activity. The TPO shall approve transportation plan contents and supporting analyses produced by a transportation plan update. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(e)]; and
- Integrate the priorities, goals, countermeasures, strategies, or projects for the metropolitan planning area contained in the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), including the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) required under 23 U.S.C. 148, the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan required under 49 U.S.C. 5329(d), or an Interim Agency Safety Plan in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 659, as in effect until completion of the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan; and may incorporate or reference applicable emergency relief and disaster preparedness plans and strategies and policies that support homeland security, as appropriate, to safeguard the personal security of all motorized and non- motorized users. [23 C.F.R. 450.324(h)] and [23 C.F.R. 450.306(d)(4)(ii)].

Federal law and regulation require the Congestion Management Process shall include, at a minimum:

- A process that provides for safe and effective integrated management and operation of the multimodal transportation system [23 C.F.R 450.322(a)];
- Incorporate multimodal system performance measures reflected in the TIP [23 C.F.R 450.322(b)];
- Incorporate strategies that manage demand, reduce single occupant vehicle travel, improve transportation system management and operations, and improve efficient service integration [23 C.F.R 450.322(c)];
- Coordination with the transportation system management and operations activities [23 C.F.R 450.322(d)];
- Methods to monitor and evaluate the performance of the multimodal transportation system [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (1)];
- Definition of congestion management objectives and performance measures [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (2)];
- A coordinated program for data collection and system performance monitoring [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (3)];
- Identification and evaluation of performance and expected benefits of congestion

management strategies [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (4)];

- Identification of an implementation schedule, responsibilities [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (5)];
- A process for periodic assessment of the effectiveness of implemented strategies [23 C.F.R 450.322(d) (6)].

Florida Statutes Section 339.175(6)(b) requires the LRTP provide consideration of projects and strategies that will:

- Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
- Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and non- motorized users;
- Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
- Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, and improve quality of life;
- Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
- Promote efficient system management and operation; and
- Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.
- Improve the resilience of transportation infrastructure.

In addition to these considerations, Florida Statutes require TPOs to develop, in cooperation with the State and public transit operators, transportation plans and programs for each metropolitan area that provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, which will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan area, based upon the prevailing principles provided in [s.339.175(1), F.S.]

The process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation; and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, to the degree appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation problems to be addressed. [s.339.175(1), F.S.]

To provide a process integrated with the statewide planning process, TPOs shall develop plans and programs that identify transportation facilities that should function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system, giving emphasis to facilities that serve important national, state, and regional transportation functions. These include the facilities on the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) designated under s.339.63, F.S. and facilities for which projects have been identified pursuant to [s.339.2819(4), F.S. [s.339.175(1), F.S.]

The LRTP must address at least a 20-year planning horizon, must include both long-range and short-range strategies, and must comply with all other State and Federal requirements. The LRTP also must consider these prevailing principles: preserving the existing transportation infrastructure, enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and improving travel choices to provide for mobility. [s.339.175(7), F.S.]

The LRTP must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with future land use elements and the goals, objectives, and policies of the approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government located within the jurisdiction of the TPO. [s.339.175(7), F.S.]

Each TPO is encouraged to consider strategies that integrate transportation and land use planning to provide for sustainable development and reduce GHG emissions. [s.339.175(7), F.S.]

The approved LRTP must be considered by local governments in the development of the transportation elements in local government comprehensive plans and any amendments thereto. [s.339.175(7), F.S.]

The LRTP must, at a minimum:

- Identify transportation facilities, including, but not limited to, major roadways, airports, seaports, spaceports, commuter rail systems, transit systems, and intermodal or multimodal terminals that will function as an integrated metropolitan transportation system. [s.339.175(7)(a), F.S.];
- Give emphasis to those transportation facilities that serve national, statewide, or regional functions; and must consider the goals and objectives identified in the Florida Transportation Plan. If a project is located within the boundaries of more than one TPO, the TPOs must coordinate plans regarding the project in their LRTPs. [s.339.175(7)(a), F.S.];
- Include a financial plan that demonstrates how the plan can be implemented, indicating resources from public and private sources that are reasonably expected to be available to carry out the plan, and recommends any additional financing strategies for needed projects and programs. The financial plan may include, for illustrative purposes, additional projects that would be included in the adopted LRTP if reasonable additional resources beyond those identified in the financial plan were available. [s.339.175(7)(b), F.S.];
- Assess capital investment and other measures necessary to provide the preservation of the existing metropolitan transportation system, including requirements for the operation, resurfacing, restoration, and rehabilitation of major roadways and requirements for the operation, maintenance, modernization, and rehabilitation of public transportation facilities. [s.339.175(7)(c)(1), F.S.];
- Assess capital investment and other measures necessary to make the most efficient use of existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicular congestion, improve

safety, and maximize the mobility of people and goods. Such efforts must include, but are not limited to, consideration of infrastructure and technological improvements necessary to accommodate advances in vehicle technology, such as autonomous technology and other developments. [s.339.175(7)(c)(2), F.S.];

- Indicate, as appropriate, proposed transportation enhancement activities, including, but not limited to, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, scenic easements, landscaping, historic preservation, mitigation of water pollution due to highway runoff, and control of outdoor advertising. [s.339.175(7)(d), F.S.]; and
- Be approved by each TPO on a recorded roll-call vote or hand-counted vote of the majority of the TPO membership present. [s.339.175(13), F.S.].
- Incorporate the Federal Strategies for Implementing Requirements for LRTP Updates for the Florida TPOs (January 2018):
- Current Requirements – FHWA has identified current requirements to highlight the following notable areas for improvement.
- Stakeholder Coordination – provide outreach strategies that are clear, transparent, and disclose opportunities for involvement. Include appropriate Tribal governments, Federal land management agencies, state and local land use management and environmental agencies including historic preservation. Review the effectiveness of the public involvement.
- Fiscal Constraint – Identify the primary project phases and document source of funding for first 10 years. Include at least a 20-year horizon.
- Technical Topics – Address safety of all users consistent with the Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and the performance measures and targets of the Highway Safety Improvement Plan. Refer to the outcomes of the Safe Streets for All and Smart Regions Plans. Consult with appropriate agencies and officials for freight movement consistent with the State Freight Plan. Discuss potential environmental mitigation opportunities. Demonstrate that the congestion management process is incorporated with the LRTP. Identify opportunities for ADA compliance.
- Administrative Topics – Provide the final plan within 90 days after adoption. Provide the STIP and TIP are consistent with the LRTP.
- New Requirements – Address planning factors, specifically resiliency and reliability and enhancing travel and tourism. Incorporate a performance-based approach as required, including a system performance report. Address both long-range and short-range strategies and actions that provide for an integrated multimodal transportation system. Incorporate transit asset management performance targets.
- Emerging Issues – Address a forward-looking strategy for Mobility on Demand encompassing automated vehicles, automated driving systems, and connected vehicles as appropriate.

- Proactive Improvements – Include consultation with agencies responsible for tourism and natural disaster risk reduction. Summarize the public involvement outreach. Provide effective outreach to environmental justice communities. Incorporate FDOT Revenue Forecast in an appendix. Identify strategies that contribute to comprehensive livability and multimodal connectivity. Identify contextual solutions for appropriate transportation corridors. Scenario planning will not be incorporated.

C. Schedule

The schedule for the 2050 LRTP Update is between 14 and 20 months. The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan shall be approved by December 9, 2026. The **TPO Staff** will work with the **CONSULTANT** in a three-month advanced window in order to comply with the December 9, 2026 deadline for the required tasks identified in the Scope of Services. The **TPO Staff** will define the project schedule with Notice to Proceed. The Florida Department of Transportation District III will code, develop, and run the 2020 Base Year, the Existing Plus Committed Network, the 2050 Needs Plan, and the 2050 Cost Feasible Plan as well as any amendments to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan for the **CONSULTANT** and the **TPO staff**.

II. Work Tasks

In order to address the federal and state requirements for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's 2050 LRTP, the following tasks will be completed.

Task 1: Public Participation - The public involvement aspect of this update will feature a broad range of targeted techniques to gather input from a diverse demographics and population within the project area. Public involvement efforts will conform to federal and state guidelines and provide ample opportunity for the public to review and provide input as well as comment on the development of the plan.

Task 2: Congestion Management Process - The Congestion Management Process is a state and federally mandated document designed to support the transportation planning process. By collecting and mapping safety information annually, this update to the Congestion Management Process will formulate safety recommendations for inclusion in the planning process.

Task 3: Goals Objectives, and Performance Measures - The goals, objectives, and policies adopted at the outset of the long range transportation plan update will guide the study and will play a critical role in project ranking and systems evaluation. Performance measures and targets will be used in accordance with the required performance management approach.

Task 4: Evaluation Criteria - To provide projects in the Needs Plan that are evaluated with a common set of criteria, a series of evaluation criteria will be developed that reflect the Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Performance Measures in Task 3.

Task 5: Financial Resources - Development of the Financial Resources – This task will

produce information regarding existing and projected funding sources to be used in developing the Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan.

Task 6: Year 2050 Transportation Needs Plan - This task includes development of the Year 2050 Needs Plan as well as Purpose and Needs Statements for each project in the 2050 Needs Plan. The plan will consider how the existing and proposed transportation facilities will function as an integrated, multi-modal system.

Task 7: Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan - Elements of this task provide for the development of the Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. Cost and Year of Expenditure will be developed.

Task 8: Summary and Final Report - Elements of this task provide for the development of the Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. Cost and Year of Expenditure will be developed.

A. TASK 1: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation is a critical component of the long range transportation planning process. Therefore, **TPO staff**, with assistance, from the **CONSULTANT**, shall proactively implement the long range transportation plan strategies and procedures of the Public Participation Plan so that the public shall have early and continuing involvement in the plan development process. This public participation process is intended to provide opportunity for involvement of public officials (including elected officials) and the public at large in the development of the long range transportation plan before its approval by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (**TPO**). Special public participation efforts will be targeted to priority groups and communities based on community analysis.

The **TPO Staff** will develop the Public Participation Plan (PPP) specifically for the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. This document will be the guide for conducting public outreach in support of the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. Elements of the PIP outline the following:

- What communication tools will be used
- The various points in the long range transportation plan where public involvement will be sought
- Direction on how public meetings will be conducted

The utilization of key communication tools will enhance the public outreach process, provide proper documentation of public responses, educate the public at every phase on the process and contribute to the development of a transportation plan that reflects the values, visions, and ideals of the community.

Based on the PPP, the LRTP Update Team will utilize the following strategies to reach the public with information about the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update:

- Development of a slogan
- Coordinating with partners

- Development and distribution of E-Blasts
- Strategic use of traditional and social media
- Development of effective visual aids such as maps, charts, graphs, and a video
- Use of surveys and comments cards
- Promotion of the long range transportation plan update
- Public workshops at key points in the development of the long range transportation plan

TPO staff shall be responsible for conducting the following public involvement activities, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**:

- Develop and appoint a Steering Committee to serve for the duration of the 2050 LRTP Plan update process;
- Development of the Public Participation Plan;
- Development of a slogan and logo representing the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Update;
- Development of a list of contacts for various community organizations with the goal of engaging these groups throughout the LRTP update process;
- Development of a schedule of outreach to targeted groups;
- Development of a media contact list with the goal of providing the media with accurate and timely information on the LRTP update allowing them to report on the update efforts;
- Development and maintenance of social media and project webpage;
- Development of public notices, to include: eblasts, news releases, newsletter articles, paid legal notices, social media post, etc.;
- Development of effective visual aids such as maps, charts, and graphs;
- Development and administration of surveys at public meetings, workshops, other public events, and online;
- Preparation of materials for community engagement opportunities, such as presentations, events, etc.;
- Arrange for long range transportation plan presentations to be made at local government and community organizations' meetings;
- Determine which agencies/organizations publishes a newsletter; place workshop information in those newsletters;
- Coordinate with agency partners to promote workshops on their website, local TV, etc.;

- **TPO staff**, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**, shall participate in up to six (6) briefings each that shall be held for the Transportation Planning Organization (**TPO**) for the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC), Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and Transportation Planning Organization (**TPO**) for the Navarre-Miramar Beach-Destin, FL Urban Area, including representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation at key points in the Long Range Transportation Plan update process;
- **TPO staff**, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**, shall prepare for and conduct public workshop #1 (assumed to be in-person) early in the plan update process to give a status report on the current long range transportation plan implementation and to discuss the development of the vision statement, mission statement, goals, and objectives. **CONSULTANT** prepares materials for the workshop, and **TPO staff** carries out the workshop with the **CONSULTANT** participating in meeting delivery.
- **TPO staff**, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**, shall prepare for and conduct public workshop #2 (assumed to be in-person) on the results of testing and evaluating alternative projects and refinement of the draft Needs Plan. **CONSULTANT** prepares materials for the workshop, and **TPO staff** carries out the workshop with the **CONSULTANT** participating in meeting delivery.
- **TPO staff**, shall prepare for and conduct Year 2050 Needs Plan public comment period prior to **TPO** adoption;
- **TPO staff**, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**, shall prepare for and conduct public workshop #3 (assumed to be in-person) on the adopted Year 2050 Needs Plan to obtain public input on projects that should be selected for the draft Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. **CONSULTANT** prepares materials for the workshop, and **TPO staff** carries out the workshop with the **CONSULTANT** participating in meeting delivery.
- **TPO staff**, shall prepare for and conduct Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan public comment period prior to **TPO** adoption.

The public participation schedule shall provide for outreach to Federal, State, Tribal, military, land management and regulatory agencies. In addition, the public participation schedule shall also provide for outreach to citizens, affected public agencies, agencies responsible for natural resources, environmental protection, conservation and historic preservation, representatives of public transportation employees, freight shippers, providers of freight transportation services, private providers of transportation, representatives of users of public transportation, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, representatives of the disabled, local/regional housing authorities, and other interested parties with responsible opportunities to be involved in the development of the long range transportation plan.

TPO staff shall implement the Public Participation Plan strategies for the long range transportation plan update, with assistance from the **CONSULTANT**. The Public

Participation Plan strategies include outreach to the elderly, persons with disabilities, minorities and low-income communities and other groups traditionally under-represented in the plan update process. Strategies to solicit input from the business, environmental, military, housing, tourism, emergency response, and other communities of local significance, such as focus groups, shall also be implemented.

TPO staff will verify that the **TPO** complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 13166, and FTA Circular FTA C 4702.1B, October 2012, and that it fulfills the requirements under 4702.1B of the Limited English Proficiency (LEP) provisions. The **TPO** will provide those services for the development of the Draft and Final Long Range Transportation Plan as established within the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Language Assistance Plan. The **TPO** will include the following language on public notices and outreach material:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), reasonable accommodations to access information, meetings, and services for individuals with Limited English Proficiency are available upon request. Individuals requiring special accommodations under the ADA or translation services should contact us toll-free at 1-800-226-8914, ext. 203, or use TTY-Florida at 1-800-995-8771 at least 48 hours in advance.

Participation is encouraged without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, disability, or family status. Individuals who believe they have experienced discrimination based on any of these conditions may file a complaint with Leandra Meredith, Title VI Coordinator, at leandra.meredith@ECRC.org or call 850-332-7976, ext. 203.

Se solicita la participación del público sin importar la raza, el color, la nacionalidad, la edad, el género, la religión, la discapacidad o la situación familiar. Las personas que requieran acomodaciones especiales conforme a la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades o las personas que requieran servicios de traducción deben comunicarse con Ada Clark al 850-332-7976, ext. 278 or ada.clark@ECRC.org al menos 48 hours de anticipación. Las personas con deficiencias auditivas deben llamar al 1-800-955-8771 (TTY).

TPO staff shall develop an LRTP video with local b-roll footage. The LRTP video will leverage content from other LRTP videos developed in the ECRC region. If needed, new narration or narrative content will be generated to make the video more regionally appropriate for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area.

LRTP Steering Committee: A LRTP Steering Committee will be established by TPO Staff for the purpose of providing direction and oversight of the development of the 2050 LRTP. This committee will be made up of members from the CAC, the TCC, and other interested persons as identified by the **TPO**. The Steering Committee will meet up to ten

(10) times (in some cases, once a month) in a hybrid, virtual, or as appropriate format such as Teams to review elements of the LRTP and provide direction to the **CONSULTANT** and **TPO Staff**. The Steering Committee will be most active during the development of the Needs and Cost Feasible Plan elements of the LRTP. They will also assist in the development/refinement of the Goals and Objectives and the project evaluation criteria.

The level of **CONSULTANT** assistance envisioned within the Public Participation task includes review of content prepared by **TPO staff**, preparation and facilitation for up to five (5) meetings each with the CAC, TCC, and **TPO Board**, assistance with content and meeting support for the three (3) public workshops, and preparation and facilitation for up to ten (10) hybrid or virtual Steering Committee workshops.

DELIVERABLE: **TPO staff**, shall develop a Public Participation Plan Report, which will document all aspects of the public involvement efforts during the development of the 2050 Plan Update. The **TPO**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Public Participation Plan Report. This report will not require **TPO Board** action as it will be included in the Final Report.

B. TASK 2: CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE

The first step in the Congestion Management Process is the development of the CMP objectives. The context of the Congestion Management Process objectives is set by the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The vision and the goals of the 2050 LRTP will be used as guidance for the TPO's regional mobility. Before adoption, the LRTP vision statement and goals will be presented to the general public for review, comment, and recommendations (as discussed in Task 3). The **CONSULTANT** will be responsible for updating Congestion Management Process objectives and congestion mitigation strategies.

The **CONSULTANT** shall review and update the Congestion Management Process networks. The following networks will be identified in the Congestion Management Process report: Roadway; Transit; Travel Demand; Bicycle/Pedestrian; and Freight. The transportation network that is analyzed for the Congestion Management Process is comprised of state and major county roads well as an integrated system of airports, rail systems, multi-modal, and inter-modal facilities.

The roadway network shall be based on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Functional Classification System (post 2020 Census).

EC Rider provides a fixed-route service to Okaloosa County. The EC Rider routes operating at the time of the update will be utilized for the Congestion Management Process Report.

The Commuter Assistance program, funded by FDOT and staffed by the Emerald Coast Regional Council, offers employer-based programs to assist in reducing single occupant vehicle travel to work sites. The Commuter Assistance Program coordinates users on a computer database with mapping capabilities to assist in forming carpools and

vanpools. The current service area will be used for the Congestion Management Process Report.

The on-road bicycle network and the pedestrian network to be considered as part of the Congestion Management Process will be identical to the Congestion Management Process network. For the purposes of the update, bike lanes and paved shoulders will be considered on-road facilities.

The freight network is composed of the Congestion Management Process network. Although rail, water, and air cargo are available, the movement of goods is primarily by truck. Depending on vehicle type, some freight movement is restricted on certain roadways.

The **CONSULTANT** shall review and update the Congestion Management Process performance measures and develop targets for performance-based planning based on what was included in the previous Long Range Transportation Plan. Implementing performance measures provides a threshold of what levels of congestion are acceptable and what levels of congestion are not acceptable. The use of performance measures is a quantifiable method for analyzing the performance of the transportation system and the effectiveness of congestion management strategies. The employment of performance measures illustrates to what degree the Congestion Management Process is achieving its objectives. In addition, the **CONSULTANT** shall prepare a *Systems Performance Report following the template provided by FDOT*. A limited amount of new data may be needed for this effort beyond what is available through the previous LRTP, the regional travel demand model, and through the ongoing 7-layer cake projects being prepared for the ECRC. Where possible, solutions identified through the 7-layer cake projects will be leveraged within the Congestion Management Process. The Congestion Management Process will be an integral part of the TPO's planning process, including the LRTP, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program, (UPWP), and the Public Participation Plan (PPP). The Congestion Management Process guides the planning process by:

- Identifying operations and management projects that can be included in the TPO's TIP and LRTP; and
- Identifying a set of congestion mitigation strategies that can be applied to congested corridors.

DELIVERABLE: The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare the Congestion Management Process Plan Report in Word and PDF format, supported by Excel spreadsheets, summarizing the efforts and findings under this task. The **TPO**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Congestion Management Process Plan Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Congestion Management Process Plan Report.

C. TASK 3: GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The vision statement and mission statement along with the goals, objectives and

policies adopted at the outset of the long range transportation plan update will guide the study and will play a critical role in project ranking. It is important that these goals consider (not listed in priority order):

- The need for integration and interconnectivity of non-motorized transportation alternatives for pedestrians and cyclists including sidewalks, bike lanes and recreational trails.
- The potential benefits of operations and management strategies to improve the overall operations of facilities.
- Transportation equity with special effort to engage the traditionally underserved.
- Information and data from the Community Impact Assessment.
- Assessing the distribution of benefits and adverse environmental impacts at both the plan and project level.
- FDOT's Florida Transportation Plan and Strategic Intermodal System Plans.
- USDOT (FHWA and FTA) Goals and Planning Emphasis Areas.
- Emerging Issues identified by FHWA (January 2018): Mobility on Demand (MOD), including Automated Driving Systems (ADS) and Connected Vehicles (CV); and new planning factors, transportation performance management, multimodal feasibility, and transit asset management.
- Performance-based planning incorporating performance targets and measures.
- Information from FDOT's Source Book.

DELIVERABLE: The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare a Goals, Objectives, Policies Report; and a Performance Measures Report, in Word and PDF format, which summarizes this task. The **TPO**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Goals, Objectives, Policies Report; and the Performance Measures Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Goals, Objectives, Policies Report; and Performance Measures Report.

D. TASK 4: EVALUATION CRITERIA

In order to provide projects in the Needs Plan that are evaluated with a common set of criteria, a series of evaluation criteria will be developed that reflect the Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Performance Measures. The **CONSULTANT** and **TPO STAFF** will develop the evaluation criteria based on the adopted Goals and Objectives to evaluate projects identified in the Needs Plan alternatives. The Evaluation Criteria shall be approved by the **TPO** with input from the TCC and CAC through the Steering Committee. The **CONSULTANT** and **TPO STAFF** will coordinate together to apply the evaluation criteria to the adopted Needs Plan to assist in developing a Cost Feasible Plan scenario.

DELIVERABLE: The **TPO STAFF** shall prepare an Evaluation Criteria Report, which summarizes this task. The FDOT, FHWA, and the **CONSULTANT** shall review the Evaluation Criteria Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Evaluation

Criteria Report.

E. TASK 5: ESTIMATING FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Revenues expected to be available for transportation projects through the Plan horizon year, 2050, will be provided by FDOT. This revenue forecast will set parameters for what projects will be identified as cost feasible. For a project to be included in the cost feasible plan, an estimate of the cost and source of funding (in Year of Expenditure dollars) for each phase of the project being funded must be included. The phases to be shown in LRTPs include Preliminary Engineering, ROW and Construction (FHWA and FTA support the option of combining PD&E and Design phases into Preliminary Engineering).

FDOT will provide the appropriate inflation factors which will be used to inflate current year costs to Year of Expenditure costs.

The costs of operating and maintaining the existing and future transportation system must also be clearly stated in the cost feasible plan, in a manner agreed upon by FDOT and FHWA/FTA.

FDOT shall provide information to the **TPO** showing operation and maintenance costs for state maintained facilities for inclusion in the LRTP. Local agencies, working with the **TPO**, need to provide cost estimates for locally maintained facilities covered in the Plan. The Operations and Maintenance (O&M) cost estimates need to be provided for each of the first ten years of the plan. For example, beyond the first ten years, if using five-year cost bands in the outer years, costs may be shown for each of the five-year cost bands. The LRTP will also need to demonstrate the source of funding for the O&M activities. A clear separation of costs for operations and maintenance activities from other grouped and/or regionally significant projects will need to be shown in order to demonstrate fiscal constraint.

FDOT, in cooperation with the MPOAC and Florida's TPOs, prepares long range revenue forecasts for state and federal funds that flow through the FDOT Work Program and other financial planning guidance. FDOT, in cooperation with the MPOAC and Florida's TPOs, have developed an updated revenue forecast through 2050 and guidance for the updates of metropolitan transportation plans and the Florida Transportation Plan (FTP).

The Time Period for estimates between the Base Year and the year 2050 will be as follows:

- 2023/24 – 2029/30 (Revenues identified in the Transportation Improvement Program)
- 2030/31 – 2034/35
- 2035/36 – 2039/40
- 2040/41 – 2049/50

This is essentially consistent with previous forecasts and simplifies reporting. The use of 5- and 10-year periods increases flexibility and reduces the need to fine tune project priorities.

For estimates of State and Federal Revenues:

- FDOT will provide Year of Expenditure (YOE) estimates for state capacity programs including the Strategic Intermodal System, for individual TPOs, similar to prior forecasts.
- FDOT will provide system level estimates of the cost of operating and maintaining the State Highway System at the DOT District level. (TPOs should include the material in long range transportation plan documentation.)

The cost feasible portion of the 2050 LRTP will use FY 2019/2020 as the base year and FY 2049/2050 as the horizon year.

The recommended Base and Horizon Years are for financial reporting purposes only and do not impact individual TPO selection of alternative Base and Horizon Years for socioeconomic, modeling, and other purposes.

DELIVERABLE: The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare a Financial Resources Report, which summarizes this task. The **TPO**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Financial Resources Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Financial Resources Report.

F. TASK 6: NEEDS PLAN

The purpose of this task is to develop a long range transportation plan that identifies projects (including major roadways, transit, multimodal and intermodal facilities, non-motorized transportation facilities, and intermodal connectors) to function as an integrated system. Emphasis will be given to those projects that serve important national and regional transportation functions. In addition, the long range transportation plan shall preserve existing transportation infrastructure, enhance economic competitiveness, improve travel choices to provide for mobility and integrate transportation and land use planning to provide for sustainable development, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and include needs for Environmental Justice communities.

The assessment of needs will lead to the development of the 2050 Needs Plan. The Needs Plan will adhere to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council's (MPOAC) criteria for developing "needs" that are realistic, which recognizes that some facilities are constrained or otherwise have environmental or community impacts that make it impractical for them to be expanded.

A Preliminary Needs Plan shall be developed by considering the Northwest Florida Regional Planning Model data provided by the **Department** under a separate consultant task to run 2050 zonal data (ZDATA) with the 2019/20 to 2028/29 Existing Plus Committed Network and identifying facilities with a volume/capacity ratio of 0.9 or greater. The **CONSULTANT** and **TPO STAFF** shall review the facilities identified during this task and make recommendations for capacity projects to reduce projected deficiencies. The **Department** and their consultant will be responsible for identifying the E+C Network, running the model, and integrating the recommended capacity deficiencies into the model to produce model output maps and GIS shape files. In addition to capacity

deficiencies, Needs Plan projects may originate from other adopted plans and needs identified through the Steering Committee and public outreach.

The **TPO** has established a Community Impact Assessment (CIA) database. From this database, a community profile was developed. TPO Staff is responsible for public outreach consistent with the Public Participation Plan. The **CONSULTANT** will prepare an updated Area Profile as part of the Needs Plan development based on available data. An economic impact assessment is not within the scope of the Area Profile.

The **CONSULTANT** shall develop a Needs Plans to meet the future mobility demands based on existing or forecasted deficiencies and input from the Steering Committee. The Needs Plan may include one or more of the following types of improvements (not shown in priority order):

- Transit improvements;
- Roadway widening or new roadway corridors;
- Bicycle improvements;
- Pedestrian improvements (which may include ADA improvements);
- Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) improvements;
- Operational improvements; and
- Transportation Management Strategies.

It will be imperative that the projects work in concert to improve mobility throughout the region. The improvements should complement each other and provide mobility choices for the diverse population of 2050. The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan will be a balanced mobility plan that considers the needs of people as well as the need to move goods and services efficiently.

Through the Steering Committees, **TPO STAFF and CONSULTANT** shall coordinate with State and Federal Agencies, the military, the local governments, and other stakeholders such as tourism, housing, and emergency management, to identify needed transportation projects consistent with adopted Mobility Plans, Comprehensive Plans, and other locally-adopted planning documents, that preserve and enhance scenic, aesthetic, historic, community and environmental resources, while improving or maintaining safety, mobility, and infrastructure conditions.

The **CONSULTANT** shall identify projects to include in the Needs Plan that enhance intermodal connections between various modes of travel, such as the automobile, bus, bicycle, and pedestrian.

The Needs Plan shall include data and information to define the identified need. The **CONSULTANT** shall include an estimate of unfunded needs plan costs in base year dollars in the adopted long range transportation plan. Estimated needs shall be reported by projects categories provided by **TPO STAFF**.

For total project costs, each phase of a project must be described in enough detail to estimate total project cost and explain how the project is expected to be implemented. Any project which will go beyond the horizon year of the LRTP must include an explanation of the project elements beyond the horizon year and what phases/work will be performed beyond the horizon year of the plan. The costs of work and phases beyond the horizon year of the plan must be estimated using Year of Expenditure (YOE) methodologies and may be described as a band (i.e., Construction expected 2046-2050). FHWA does not expect this will apply to routine system preservation or maintenance activities. Total project costs will be shown for capacity expansion projects. System operations and management strategies such as ITS projects will be expected to show total project costs.

Needs Assessment Projects for 2050 shall be organized in GIS and Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets by the **CONSULTANT** and reviewed by the **TPO** and FDOT. A high-level purpose and need statement for each capacity project shall be completed by the **CONSULTANT**. The **CONSULTANT** shall complete the cost estimates of the proposed projects.

The **CONSULTANT** shall develop the Needs Plan projects in a GIS format to assist the **TPO staff** in mapping the 2050 Needs Plan Projects in GIS.

The Steering Committee, which was established in Task 1 Public Participation, shall have an opportunity to initiate, review, and comment on the Goals, Objectives, and draft 2050 Needs Plan Projects. The Steering Committee will also assist in the development/refinement of the Goals and Objectives and the project evaluation criteria.

DELIVERABLE: The **TPO staff** shall prepare a Needs Plan Report, which summarizes this task. The **CONSULTANT**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Needs Plan Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Needs Plan Report and specifically the list of Needs Plan projects.

G. TASK 7: COST FEASIBLE PLAN

Upon approval of the Year 2050 Needs Plan by the **TPO**, the **CONSULTANT** shall develop up to three (3) Cost Feasible Plan Alternatives based on the financial resources identified in Task 5. The **CONSULTANT** shall include an estimate of the cost of all projects and all phases, regardless of mode, in year of expenditure dollars. The **CONSULTANT** shall use FDOT adopted estimates of inflation to adjust costs from present day costs to year of expenditure costs. The **CONSULTANT** shall also clearly state in the proposed Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan the costs of operating and maintaining the existing and future transportation system.

Based upon this process, the **CONSULTANT** shall develop three (3) Alternative Cost Feasible Plan Scenarios (Existing Priorities, Evaluation Criteria, and Multi-Modal) that establish a basis for identifying a final hybrid Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan for a total of 4 Cost Feasible Plan scenarios. These scenarios shall consider input received from the public and shall represent three proposals to address transportation system needs

through the Year 2050, with the fourth hybrid option representing the final CFP as determined by the TPO Board.

The **TPO staff** shall develop maps for the four 2050 Cost Feasible Plan alternatives and the final adopted Cost Feasible Plan.

The **FDOT** will provide the Operations and Maintenance Costs of the Roadway Capacity Projects.

The **CONSULTANT** will demonstrate Fiscal Constraint for the adopted 2050 Cost Feasible Plan as documented in the Florida Department of Transportation Office of Policy Planning Fiscal Constraint of the Long Range Transportation Plan Memorandum (December 2021). The FHWA approved Fiscal Constraint summary table will be included as provided by FHWA.

Because projects in a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are required to demonstrate planning consistency with the LRTP, the requirements for project inclusion in a TIP must also be considered when developing the LRTP. As a reminder, projects that need to be included in the TIP are: all projects utilizing FHWA and/or Federal Transit Agency (FTA) funds; all regionally significant projects requiring a FHWA or FTA action regardless of funding source; and regionally significant projects to be funded with other Federal funds than those administered by FHWA or FTA or regionally significant projects funded with non-federal funds (23 CFR 450.324(d)).

For highway projects, the long range transportation plan must include a discussion on environmental mitigation that is developed in consultation with Federal, State, and Tribal entities, as well as agencies that regulate wildlife and manage lands. This discussion should occur at more of a system-wide level to identify areas where mitigation may be undertaken (perhaps illustrated on a map) and what kinds of mitigation strategies, policies and/or programs may be used. This discussion in the long range transportation plan would identify broader environmental mitigation needs and opportunities that could be applied to individual transportation projects. FDOT's Efficient Transportation Decision Making (ETDM) system provides a web-based, system-wide environmental screening tool for initial agency review of Cost Feasible projects to be screened by **TPO Staff**. This screening leads to further review and consultation on the required Class of Action and any proposed mitigation necessary for environmental approval. Documentation of the consultation with the relevant agencies should be maintained by the **TPO**. (23 CFR 450.322(g))

For highway projects, FHWA seeks strategies that improve the linkage between planning and environmental processes. During the development of regionally significant capacity projects in a long range transportation plan, the **CONSULTANT** will include a preliminary purpose and need for the project in the LRTP. This purpose and need will be carried into the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and will be one way to enhance the linkage between planning and NEPA. For example, a purpose and need statement could briefly provide the rationale as to why the project warranted

inclusion in the long range transportation plan. Prior to federal approval of an environmental document (Class of Action) - Categorical Exclusion (CE), Environmental Assessment (EA), or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and thereby granting location design concept approval, the project must be consistent within the long range transportation plan, the TIP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The project consistency refers to the description (for example project name, termini, and work activity) between the long range transportation plan, the TIP and the STIP (23 CFR 450.216). The NEPA document must also describe how the project is going to be implemented and funded. The project implementation description in the NEPA document needs to be consistent with the implementation schedule in the long range transportation plan and TIP/STIP as well. (450 Appendix A to Part 450, Section II Substantive Issues, 8)

For public transportation or transit projects, which may develop as part of a discretionary grant process and award, the environmental class of action is usually considered by FTA regional offices in concert with transit grantees as the projects are analyzed and developed. Transit maintenance and transfer facilities and major capacity projects like light, heavy or commuter rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), etcetera may require a separate NEPA document while acquisition of vehicles, provision of repairs, planning studies, engineering, etcetera, would not require a document. As such, environmental mitigation issues would tend to be developed as part of the NEPA document for specific projects with a NEPA decision made prior to the award of FTA funds. Likewise, environmental benefits for public transportation or transit options, like reduction in Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) trips and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT), reduction in greenhouse gases, pedestrian and bicycle linkages, transit oriented/compact development (which is more walkable) may need to be stated within the broad parameters in the LRTP.

The **TPO Board** and all advisory committees shall have an opportunity to review and comment on the draft Cost Feasible Plan Projects prior to adoption in accordance with the Public Participation Plan developed by **TPO STAFF**.

DELIVERABLE: Following adoption of the Cost Feasible Plan, the **TPO STAFF** shall prepare a Cost Feasible Plan Report, which summarizes this task. The **CONSULTANT**, FDOT, and FHWA shall review the Cost Feasible Plan Report. The **TPO Board** will be asked to approve the Cost Feasible Plan Report. The Cost Feasible Plan shall be adopted by December 9, 2026.

H. TASK 8: SUMMARY AND FINAL REPORTS

The **CONSULTANT** shall provide a Word and PDF electronic document of the Summary and Final Report for review by the **TPO STAFF**.

The Adopted Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan shall be published or otherwise made readily available by the **TPO** in electronically accessible formats and means, such as the internet. Consistent with the FHWA guidance issued in January 2018, the final

documentation will be completed within 90 days of the **TPO** action adopting the final element of the LRTP Update, the Cost Feasible Plan. Within 90 days after adoption, the final report will be reviewed by the reviewing agencies, edited by the **CONSULTANT**, and made available online by **TPO Staff**. The **CONSULTANT** will reply to one round of consolidated comments on the Summary and Final reports.

The **CONSULTANT** shall provide all documents in Word and PDF format, and spreadsheets in Excel format, and Needs/Cost Feasible projects in GIS shapefile format. This will allow the **TPO** to make future edits to the documents and maps, as necessary.

I. SUMMARY REPORT

The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare the summary report with input from the **TPO Staff**. The final 2050 long range transportation plan Summary Report shall also include a folded, full color poster of the adopted Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan. Summary information in the Summary Report shall include the vision statement, mission statement, graphic representations of the Year 2050 Cost Feasible Plan and a table representation of the project list. Other information may include the goals and objectives of the plan. The **CONSULTANT** shall provide to the **TPO** two hundred fifty (250) copies of the printed Summary Report upon final approval of the **TPO STAFF**. The Summary Report is due to TPO Staff within 90 days after adoption of the Cost Feasible Plan.

J. FINAL REPORT

The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report shall include tables of the legislative requirements listed at the beginning of this report and how they were addressed. The 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan Final Report shall be provided in Word and PDF format. The Final Report is due to TPO Staff within 90 days after adoption of the Cost Feasible Plan. The **CONSULTANT** shall provide ten (10) color printed and bound copies of the Final Report.

III. REPORTING

Several reporting activities are required within this contract. These will include the following:

- Progress Reports,
- Task Reports,
- Summary Report, and
- Final Report.

All the reports, except for the Progress Reports, were discussed earlier in the scope. The development of these reports will require close coordination between the **TPO**, the **CONSULTANT**, and FDOT.

The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare monthly Progress Reports to the **TPO** for their phase of the work. The **TPO staff** will prepare monthly Progress Reports to FDOT for the entire

project. Progress Reports will document progress in the previous month, problems encountered and solutions found, adherence to schedules, and activities planned for the next month. Invoices for the previous month's service will be attached. Invoices will be based upon estimates of percent work completed within each task. The **CONSULTANT** will provide Progress Reports to the **TPO staff** by the **10th day of each month** for their phase of the work. The **TPO staff** will provide Progress Reports to FDOT by the **20th day of each month**. The **TPO staff** and **CONSULTANT** will be available to discuss with FDOT any issues that are encountered.

IV. MEETINGS

The **TPO** and the **CONSULTANT** will conduct three types of meetings during this project. Conference calls or Teams can replace some of the meetings.

- Briefings: Through the course of the update, it will be necessary for FDOT and the **TPO staff** to meet with the **CONSULTANT**. During the Plan Update process, some meetings will have to occur between the three parties. The purpose will be for the **CONSULTANT** to brief the **DEPARTMENT** and **TPO staff** on project progress and any problems encountered. These meetings may also be completed through Teams.
- Technical Presentations: Technical presentations to the transportation planning committee structure (**TPO**, TCC, and CAC) will be made a minimum of eight (8) times (per committee) and maximum of fifteen (15) times (per committee) by the **CONSULTANT** during this project. These presentations at a minimum will be scheduled to occur at the beginning of this effort and development of major tasks during development of the long range transportation plan update. These meetings will be scheduled by the **TPO**, to the extent possible, in such a way as to permit presentations to more than one committee during a single trip in the area. Some of these meetings may be completed through GoTo.
- Public Meetings: The **CONSULTANT** will make presentations to the public throughout the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan. Three (3) rounds of public workshops (assumed to be in-person) are called for in Task 1. Public meetings may be held in conjunction with TPO board meeting days.

V. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

The **DEPARTMENT** will:

- Develop socioeconomic data for the years 2020 and 2050;
- Develop and validate the 2050 Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Model to the Year 2020;
- Model and Code the 2020 Base Year, Existing Plus Committed Network, 2050 Needs Plan, and 2050 Cost Feasible Plan, and any amendments to the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan;
- Run the 2050 Needs Plan and 2050 Cost Feasible Plan Alternatives with the

Transportation Model;

- Meet with **TPO** to develop a Transportation Cost Report and Year of Expenditure Estimates;
- Appoint a Project Manager to work on the update with the **TPO**;
- Develop the Operations and Maintenance Costs.
- Provide SIS projects in Year of Expenditure costs.

VI. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TPO STAFF

The **TPO** will:

- Provide the available transportation reports for the area,
- Coordinate various technical meetings and the public involvement process
- Organize and facilitate meetings,
- Develop a Public Participation Plan, a Public Participation Report, Evaluation Criteria Report, Needs Assessment Report, and Cost Feasible Report,
- Provide timely reviews of all material and documents as submitted by the **CONSULTANT** as specified herein,
- Assist in the development of the Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Performance Measures,
- Assist in the development of the Financial Resources,
- Assist in the development of the Needs Plan,
- Assist in the development of the Cost Feasible Plan,
- Assist in the development of the Summary Report,
- Assist in the development of the Final Report,
- Assist in the development of Transportation Projects Costs,
- Develop mapping for 2050 LRTP update,
- Assist in the development of the Congestion Management Process, and
- Prepare monthly progress reports to FDOT.

VII. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONSULTANT

The **CONSULTANT** will:

- Assist in staffing all meetings and outreach,
- Develop the Area Profile,
- Assist in facilitating Public workshops and Steering Committee Meetings,

- Assist with development of the Public Participation Report,
- Update the Congestion Management Process Plan,
- Develop the 2050 Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Performance Measures Reports,
- Assist **TPO staff** in applying Evaluation Criteria to rank Needs Plan projects,
- Prepare Needs and Cost Feasible Plan projects in GIS, and Excel and Word formats
- Update and prepare Purpose and Needs Statements for capacity projects,
- Prepare project Costs,
- Collect the necessary financial data from the **TPO** member governments and produce the financial resources report,
- Develop three Cost Feasible Plan Alternatives and a fourth hybrid option,
- Document Fiscal Constraint for the adopted 2050 Cost Feasible Plan,
- Provide technical information, with applicable graphics, to be included in presentations to local committees and the public for input in plan evaluation and for plan selection and adoption,
- Provide the **TPO** with task reports electronically,
- Prepare a Summary Report,
- Prepare a Final Report, and
- Prepare monthly progress reports to the **TPO**.

VIII. MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF MILITARY and LOCAL AGENCIES

The **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS** are expected to:

- Provide Comprehensive Plans, Mobility Plans, Capital Improvement Programs, and other adopted planning documents to the **TPO** as well as Operations and Maintenance Costs and how they were developed.

The **LOCAL MILITARY INSTLLATIONS** are expected to:

- Provide copies of their Installation Master Plans and relevant adopted planning studies to the **TPO**.

IX. DOCUMENTATION

A. Task Reports

All products provided by the **CONSULTANT** to the **TPO** shall be sent electronically. The task reports shall be completed in Microsoft Word. The **TPO Staff** will put the Final Task Reports, the Summary Report, and the Final Report on the Long Range Plan Web Site.

The **TPO** shall prepare the following:

- TASK REPORT #1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- TASK REPORT #4 EVALUATION CRITERIA (**TPO** Approval; TCC, CAC Review)
- TASK REPORT #5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT (**TPO** Approval; TCC, CAC Review)
- TASK REPORT #6 COST FEASIBLE PLAN (**TPO** Approval; TCC, CAC Review).

The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare the following (**TPO** Approval; TCC, CAC Review).

- TASK REPORT #2 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS
- TASK REPORT #3 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT, and PERFORMANCE MEASURES REPORT.
- TASK REPORT #4 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

B. Summary Report

The **CONSULTANT** shall prepare two hundred fifty (250) copies of the final summary report and shall be printed by the **CONSULTANT** and provide an electronic format of the document which may be developed in Word or InDesign.

C. Final Report

The **CONSULTANT** shall provide ten (10) color printed copies, and an electronic copy of the final report files electronically.

D. Monthly Progress Reports

The **CONSULTANT** shall provide a progress report to the **TPO** each month submitted electronically. The **TPO** shall provide FDOT with a progress report each month. The report is required regardless of project status or payment request.

ENCLOSURE F

ENCLOSURE F ALL COMMITTEES

SUBJECT: Nomination and Election of TPO Board, TCC, and CAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2026

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: TPO Bylaws

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: The TPO and advisory committee bylaws state that a chair and a vice chair shall be named to serve for the coming fiscal year prior to July 1 of each year. Officers for the coming fiscal year will serve from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026.

Attached are the following:

- TPO Roster
- TCC Roster
- CAC Roster

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion electing a chair and a vice chair for FY 2026 for the TPO, TCC and CAC. This action is recommended to have newly elected officers in place by July 1, 2025, to serve throughout FY 2026. Contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO, at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

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Vacant	Crestview	Mayor Pro Tem Doug Capps		
Vacant	Crestview	Council Member Shannon Hayes		
Vacant	DeFuniak Springs	Council Member Todd Bierbaum		
Vacant	Destin	Council Member Bobby Wagner		
Vacant	Destin	Council Member Torey Geile		
Vacant	Fort Walton Beach	Bryce Jeter		
Vacant	Fort Walton Beach	David Schmidt		

Citizens' Advisory Committee Membership

NAME	REPRESENTING	APPOINTED BY	EMAIL	PHONE
Vacant	Freeport	Council Member Tracey Dickey		
Vacant	Mary Esther	Council Member April Sutton		
Michael T. Panarisi	Niceville	Council Member Bill Schaetzl	mpanarisi@gmail.com	(850) 460-5166
Vacant	Okaloosa County	Vacant		
Vacant	Okaloosa County	Commisisoner Carolyn Ketchel		
Vacant	Okaloosa County	Vacant		
Harrison Harsch	Okaloosa County	Commissioner Pat Mixon	Harrison.Harsch@gmail.com	(850) 331-8566
Vacant	Valpariso	Commissioner Christine Wasdin		
Vacant	Walton County	Commissioner Donna Johns		
Neill O'Connell	Walton County	Commissioner Danny Glidewell	neill@oconnellengineers.com	(850) 403-4555
Vacant	Walton County	Vacant		

ENCLOSURE G

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TPO ONLY

SUBJECT: Appointment of a TPO Member to Serve on the MPOAC for the Remainder of CY 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. In December 2024, the TPO appointed Mayor Dick Ryneerson, Fort Walton Beach, with the alternate as Mayor J.B. Whitten, Crestview. Mayor Ryneerson is no longer an elected official or on the TPO Board, therefore a replacement needs to be appointed.

The MPOAC generally meets quarterly. ECRC staff will make travel and hotel arrangements, and all expenses will be paid by the TPO.

Attached is the following:

- O-W TPO Roster

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appointment of a TPO member to serve on the MPOAC for the remainder of CY 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. Contact Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO at kandase.lee@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

Board Membership

TITLE	NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Mayor	Bobby Wagner, Vice Chair	Destin	bwagner@cityofdestin.com	(850) 837-4242
Mayor	J.B. Whitten	Crestview	bwhitten@cityofcrestview.org	(850) 682-3812
Mayor Pro Tem	Doug Capps	Crestview	cappsd@cityofcrestview.org	(850) 682-3812
Council Member	Shannon Hayes	Crestview	shannonhayes@cityofcrestview.org	(850) 902-6717
Council Member	Todd Bierbaum	DeFuniak Springs	councilseat1@defuniaksprings.net	(850) 892-8500
Council Member	Torey Geile	Destin	tgeile@cityofdestin.com	(850) 837-4242
Council Member	Bryce Jeter	Fort Walton Beach	bjeter@fwb.org	(850) 833-9510
Council Member	David Schmidt	Fort Walton Beach	dschmidt@fwb.org	(850) 833-9510
Council Member	Tracey Dickey	Freeport	tdickey@freeportflorida.gov	(850) 835-2822
Council Member	April Sutton	Mary Esther	cmbrsutton@cityofmaryesther.com	(850) 865-3326

Board Membership

TITLE	NAME	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL	PHONE
Mr.	James T. Wood	MidBay Bridge Authority	armyguyindestin@embarqmail.com	
Council Member	Doug Tolbert	Niceville	dtolbert@niceville.org	(850) 884-2412
Commissioner	Drew Palmer	Okaloosa County Commission	dpalmer@myokaloosa.com	(850) 461-7471
Commissioner	Carolyn Ketchel	Okaloosa County Commission	cketchel@myokaloosa.com	(850) 651-7105
Commissioner	Trey Goodwin	Okaloosa County Commission	tgoodwin@myokaloosa.com	(850) 651-7105
Commissioner	Paul Mixon	Okaloosa County Commission	pmixon@myokaloosa.com	(850) 689-5030
Commissioner	Christine Wasdin	Valparaiso	cwasdin@valp.org	(703) 304-4890
Commissioner	Donna Johns	Walton County Commission	donna.johns@mywaltonfl.gov	(850) 835-4834
Commissioner	Danny Glidewell	Walton County Commission	danny.glidewell@mywaltonfl.gov	(850) 890-4020
Commissioner	Tony Anderson	Walton County Commission	tony.anderson@mywaltonfl.gov	(850) 231-2978
NON-VOTING	Cheryl Sawyers	Eglin AFB - Community Planning	cheryl.sawyers4@us.af.mil	(850) 882-8078

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. TCC and CAC February 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. O-W TPO Annual Joint Certification Letter
3. Florida Department of Commerce Letter Re: TIP
4. 2025 O-W TPO Schedule

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 Frassetto	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:

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.

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ADJOURNMENT

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:

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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
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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:

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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.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

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.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MPO JOINT CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

525-010-05c
 POLICY PLANNING
 02/18

Pursuant to the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(5) and 23 CFR 450.334(a), the Department and the MPO have performed a review of the certification status of the metropolitan transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO with respect to the requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303;
2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 C.F.R. Part 21
3. 49 U.S.C. 5332 prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
4. Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act and 49 C.F.R. Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;
5. 23 C.F.R. Part 230 regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
6. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. Parts 27, 37, and 38;
7. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101) prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
8. Section 324 of 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender; and
9. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 C.F.R. Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

Included in this certification package is a summary of noteworthy achievements by the MPO, attachments associated with these achievements, and (if applicable) a list of any recommendations and/or corrective actions. The contents of this Joint Certification Package have been reviewed by the MPO and accurately reflect the results of the joint certification review meeting held on April 3, 2025.

Based on a joint review and evaluation, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Okaloosa-Walton TPO recommend that the Metropolitan Planning Process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO be certified.

DocuSigned by:

Tim Smith, Director of Transportation Development

Name: Tim Smith, P.E

Title: Transportation Development Director

04/24/2025 | 2:31 PM EDT

Date

Signed by:

Kandase Lee

Name: Kandase Lee

Title: Chief Executive Officer, Emerald Coast Regional Council

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Date

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February 7, 2025

The Honorable Anthony Vallee, Chairman
Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization
Emerald Coast Regional Council
Post Office Box 11399
Pensacola, Florida 32524

Dear Chairman Vallee:

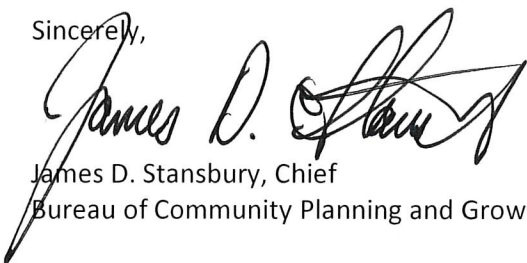
Thank you for submitting the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2024/2025 through 2028/2029. In accordance with Section 339.175(8)(g), Florida Statutes, FloridaCommerce reviews each TPO's annual TIP for consistency with the comprehensive plans of affected local governments for the purpose of identifying projects that are inconsistent with those plans.

Consistency of the TIP with local government comprehensive plans is important: transportation projects developed with federal aid require consistency with local plans to the extent feasible; and inclusion of TIP projects in local government comprehensive plans serves as an acknowledgement of those local governments' support for the projects.

Our review of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO TIP indicates that it is consistent with the comprehensive plans for each of the TPO's member local governments.

We appreciate your ongoing efforts to coordinate with your member local governments to ensure that the transportation projects in your TIP are consistent with local government comprehensive plans. Should you have any questions concerning this determination or the review process, please contact Matt Preston, Planning Analyst, by telephone at (850) 717-8490, or by email at matt.preston@commerce.fl.gov.

Sincerely,



James D. Stansbury, Chief
Bureau of Community Planning and Growth

JDS/mp

cc: Austin Mount, Chief Executive Officer, Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization

2025 TPO BOARD MEETINGS

FEB 20

TPO Board Meeting

- 📍 **Niceville Community Center**, 204-C Partin Dr N, Niceville, FL 32578
- 🕒 **CAC @ 9:30 AM | TCC @ 1:30 PM | TPO @ 3:00 PM**
- 📄 **Expected TPO Items:** Opening Project Priorities & Ranking TA Applications

MAY 15

TPO Board Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **CAC @ 9:30 AM | TCC @ 1:30 PM | TPO @ 3:00 PM**
- 📄 **Expected TPO Items:** Adopting Project Priorities, Chair/Vice Chair Elections, & Adopting the TIP

AUG 21

TPO Board Meeting

- 📍 **Chautauqua Hall**, 95 Circle Dr, Defuniak Springs, FL 32435
- 🕒 **CAC @ 9:30 AM | TCC @ 1:30 PM | TPO @ 3:00 PM**
- 📄 **Expected TPO Items:** To Be Announced

NOV 20

TPO Board Meeting

- 📍 **Location To Be Announced**
- 🕒 **CAC @ 9:30 AM | TCC @ 1:30 PM | TPO @ 3:00 PM**
- 📄 **Expected TPO Items:** FDOT Work Program & MPOAC Committee Member Selections

Revised: February 10, 2025