

OKALOOSA - WALTON TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)

MEETING MINUTES

City of Destin, 4200 Indian Bayou Trail, Destin, FL

November 20, 2025

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kristen Shell, Chair	Okaloosa County
Latilda Hughes-Neel - VICE CHAIR	Freeport
Jeff Cozadd	Destin
Chris Frasseti	Niceville
Tim Gibson	Fort Walton Beach
Scott Davidson	Hurlburt Field
Joseph J. Fulghum	Okaloosa County
Roy Petrey	Okaloosa County
Anna Hudson	Walton County

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jayce Vanderford	Crestview
Kyle Lusk	Crestview
Chris Wallace	DeFuniak Springs
Cheryl Sawyers	Eglin Air Force Base
Robert Herbsteith	Mary Esther
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Johnathan Laird	Niceville
Elliot Kampert	Okaloosa County
Tracy Stage	Okaloosa County Airports
Robert Rogers	Okaloosa County Airports
Bill Smith	Okaloosa County School District
Joel Paul	Tri-County Community Council
Joseph Preston	Walton County
Chance Powell	Walton County
Michelle B. Doggett	Walton County School District

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Mary Beth Washnock	GMG
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Kelsea Roberts	FWB Planner
<i>Virtual Attendance</i>	
Colby Cleveland	FDOT
Gordon King	
Lexi Harris	
Rob Schiffer	

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF:

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

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE

Chair Shell called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC FORUM

FDOT UPDATES:

Bryant Paulk provided two major project updates. The first update focused on the U.S. 98 PD&E Study, known locally as the "Around the Mound" study. Bryant Paulk announced that the study is being completed, and a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, to present the preferred alternative. The study evaluated an at-grade improvement versus an elevated roadway, and the preferred alternative is the at-grade improvement. A public hearing will be held at the Destin-Fort Walton Beach Convention Center, with a virtual participation option available through the NW Florida Roads website.

The second update addressed a resurfacing project along Highway 20 in the City of Freeport. Bryant Paulk explained that while FDOT continues efforts to implement long-term widening and safety improvements at State Road 20 and U.S. 331, FDOT was able to incorporate an additional northbound left-turn lane from U.S. 331 onto State Road 20 into the resurfacing project. Completion of this resurfacing project, expected after the December 2026 letting, will result in two westbound left-turn lanes on SR 20. Bryant Paulk concluded the update and invited questions.

One committee member asked about a previously discussed turn lane serving the loop road near Black Creek. Bryant Paulk confirmed that the resurfacing project includes additional left-turn lanes at Black Creek Boulevard and Windswept, which will address that concern.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of the August 2025 Meeting Minutes**
- 2. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Addition of Quest Corporation of America,**

Inc. as a Subcontractor to the TPO's Planning Consultant Contract

- 3. ALL COMMITTEES: Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-07 Adopting the Long Range Transportation 2050 Public Participation Plan (PPP)**
- 4. TPO ONLY: Consideration of Membership Certifications for the Okaloosa County and Walton County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards**
- 5. TPO AND CAC ONLY - Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Applications**

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to approve the TCC consent agenda. Joseph J. Fulghum seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. ENCLOSURE A - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-15 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Utility Phase for SR 20 from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive Lighting Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4568701 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$13,196 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 25-15, which proposed amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to add the Utility Phase for the SR 20 lighting project from Merchants Way to Peter Kuth Drive. The amendment identified Financial Project Identification Number 4568701 and reflected a total cost of \$13,196 for FY 2025/2026. Bryant Paulk stated that this phase would support lighting improvements along the corridor and represented a small but necessary addition to the program. The committee decided to consider Enclosure A and B in one motion.

- 2. ENCLOSURE B - ALL COMMITTEES - ROLL CALL VOTE - Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-16 Amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program to Add the Design Phase for I-10 from 1.146 Miles West of SR 285 to the Holmes County Line, Walton County I-10 Median Barrier Project, Financial Project Identification (FPID) Number 4556972 in FY 2025/2026 at a Total Cost of \$967,173 - *Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT***

Bryant Paulk presented Resolution O-W 25-16, which proposed adding the Design Phase for the I-10 Median Barrier Project in Walton County, covering the segment from 1.146 miles west of SR 285 to the Holmes County line. The amendment identified Financial Project Identification Number 4556972 with a total cost of \$967,173 for FY 2025/2026. Bryant Paulk noted that this project aims to improve safety on I-10 through the installation of median barriers.

There were no questions or comments regarding either amendment. Following discussion, a single roll call vote was conducted to approve both resolutions.

Joseph J. Fulghum moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolutions O-W 25-15 and 25-16 amending the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program. Latilda Hughes-Neel seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-12 Accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program- *Carla Hodges, FDOT or Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT*

Bryant Paulk walked the committee through the tentative work program documents placed at each seat. Bryant Paulk noted that FDOT District 3 encompasses 16 counties and highlighted the \$4.2 billion total for the district, with approximately \$320 million dedicated to the Okaloosa-Walton TPO area.

Several new resurfacing and landscaping projects were noted, including improvements at the I-10 Antioch Road interchange and US 98 at Cody Avenue near Hurlburt Field. The largest addition involves dividing the long-standing US 98 capacity project into three segments, enabling FDOT to move forward with right-of-way acquisition and updated design phases.

A question was asked about extending exit ramps at Hurlburt Field to alleviate backups caused by base access procedures. Bryant Paulk acknowledged that improvements are anticipated but will take time due to the required construction funding cycle. The TPO continues to maintain this project on the Transportation Systems Management list.

Anna Hudson moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-12 accepting the FDOT FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program. The motion was seconded by Latilda Hughes-Neel, and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE D – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-13 Adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures – *Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff*

Gary Kramer explained the requirement to adopt annual safety performance measure targets by February 27. Gary Kramer described the categories, past board action, and the recommendation to continue adopting FDOT statewide targets, consistent with previous years and supported earlier in the day by the CAC.

Joseph J. Fulghum moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-13 adopting Targets for Safety Performance Measures. The motion was seconded by Tim Gibson, and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE E – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution O-W 25-14 Adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles presented the annual CMPP minor update and explained that major updates coincide with LRTP cycles. Jill Nobles reviewed the shift from static level-of-service tables to FDOT interactive mapping tools and highlighted a series of performance metrics used to monitor congestion, safety, demand reduction, and system preservation.

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 25-14 adopting the Congestion Management Process Plan (CMPP) Minor Update. The motion was seconded by Joseph J. Fulghum, and it was unanimously approved.

6. ENCLOSURE F – ALL COMMITTEES – Consideration of Resolution of O-W 25-11 Adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (ICAR) – *Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff*

Jill Nobles outlined the updated ICAR agreement, which establishes coordination responsibilities among FDOT, the TPO, the Emerald Coast Regional Council, Okaloosa County, Walton County, and public transportation providers, including airports. The update reflects name changes and statutory references but maintains the longstanding framework for coordinated planning.

Latilda Hughes-Neel moved to recommend the TPO authorize the TPO chair to sign Resolution of O-W 25-11 adopting the Intergovernmental Coordination and Review and Public Transportation Coordination Joint Participation Agreement (ICAR). The motion was seconded by Anna Hudson, and it was unanimously approved.

7. ENCLOSURE G – TPO ONLY – Appointment of Okaloosa - Walton TPO Board Member and Alternate to the MPOAC Governing Board for Calendar Year 2026 – *Kandase Lee, ECRC CEO*

PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. ENCLOSURE I - ALL COMMITTEES- Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program and the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation – *Jill Nobles,*

ECRC Staff

Jill Nobles delivered a detailed presentation on the Transportation Alternatives and TRIP programs. Jill Nobles explained the application limits, eligible project types, submittal procedures through FDOT's GAP system, and upcoming deadlines. Jill Nobles reviewed the distinctions between TPO-level and ECRC-level application review based on project location and emphasized the importance of verifying eligibility on the regional network map. Committee members asked about previous TRIP submissions, including the "Around the Mound" project. Jill Nobles encouraged coordination with FDOT staff to strengthen applications, particularly when resubmitting unfunded projects.

INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary):

1. TCC and CAC August 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Amendment to the FY 2025-2029 TIP Letters
3. Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Annual Report

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.