



**Emerald Coast Regional Council
Regional Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 - 2:00 P.M.

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A. Call To Order

B. Welcome and Introductions - Chair, Jeff Massey

C. Presentations

I. FDOT Tentative Work Program Presentation, Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

II. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Presentation, Jill Nobles and Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff

III. Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation, Jill Nobles and Roshita Taylor, ECRC Staff

IV. Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Presentation, Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff and Tanya Sanders Branton, FDOT

V. Florida Transportation Plan 2055 Presentation, Tanya Sanders Branton, FDOT

VI. Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan, Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

D. Adjournment

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: I

SUBJECT: FDOT Tentative Work Program Presentation

FDOT presented a virtual (online) and in-person public hearing for the FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program on December 5, 2024. The Tentative Work Programs are open for public comment and review, and will be refined, within budgetary limitations, to reflect the recommendations of the TPOs. The proposed Work Program will then be submitted to the Florida Legislature for adoption. Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities will be updated in 2025 using the Tentative Work Programs.

County Summary Reports have been posted to the website and can be found here: <https://www.fdot.gov/topics/fdot-work-program/district-3-wp-public-hearings/district-3-documents>

ECRC staff will provide an overview of the FDOT Tentative Work Program, highlighting the Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities at this meeting.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is for information only. Please contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at gary.kramer@ecrc.org or 850-332-7976 ext. 219 if additional information is needed.



RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: II

SUBJECT: Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Presentation

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

The TA Set-Aside is intended to fund a variety of small-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These set-aside funds include all projects and activities defined as TA: on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation, community improvement activities, environmental mitigation, and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of formerly divided highways.

Projects located within the Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, or Bay County Transportation Planning Organizations (TPOs) will need to be prioritized by their respective TPO. Projects located outside the TPO areas will need to be prioritized by the ECRC. **Applications are due in FDOT's Grant Application Program (GAP) by Friday, January 17, 2025.**

Click here to learn more about the [Transportation Alternatives Program \(fdot.gov\)](https://fdot.gov/transportation-alternatives-program).

ECRC and FDOT staff will be in attendance to discuss the program and the application requirements.

Attached:

- Transportation Alternatives Program Application Flyer

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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (TA)

Apply Now

[Click Here](#)

What is it?

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

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



Where can I find more information on how to apply?

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

Or

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

Who is eligible to participate?

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

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: III

SUBJECT: Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Presentation

On November 1, 2024, FDOT District 3 announced the annual TRIP application cycle for FDOT's next Tentative Work Program.

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

As the Regional Transportation Planning Organization, ECRC ranks and prioritizes all TRIP applications in the ECRC region. **Applications are due in GAP by Friday, January 17, 2025, for ECRC prioritization.**

ECRC and FDOT staff will be in attendance to discuss the program and the application requirements.

Attached:

- FDOT TRIP Flyer
- TRIP Network Map
- TRIP Criteria

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TRANSPORTATION REGIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TRIP)

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What is it?

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

Who is eligible to participate?

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

Where can I find more information on how to apply?

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

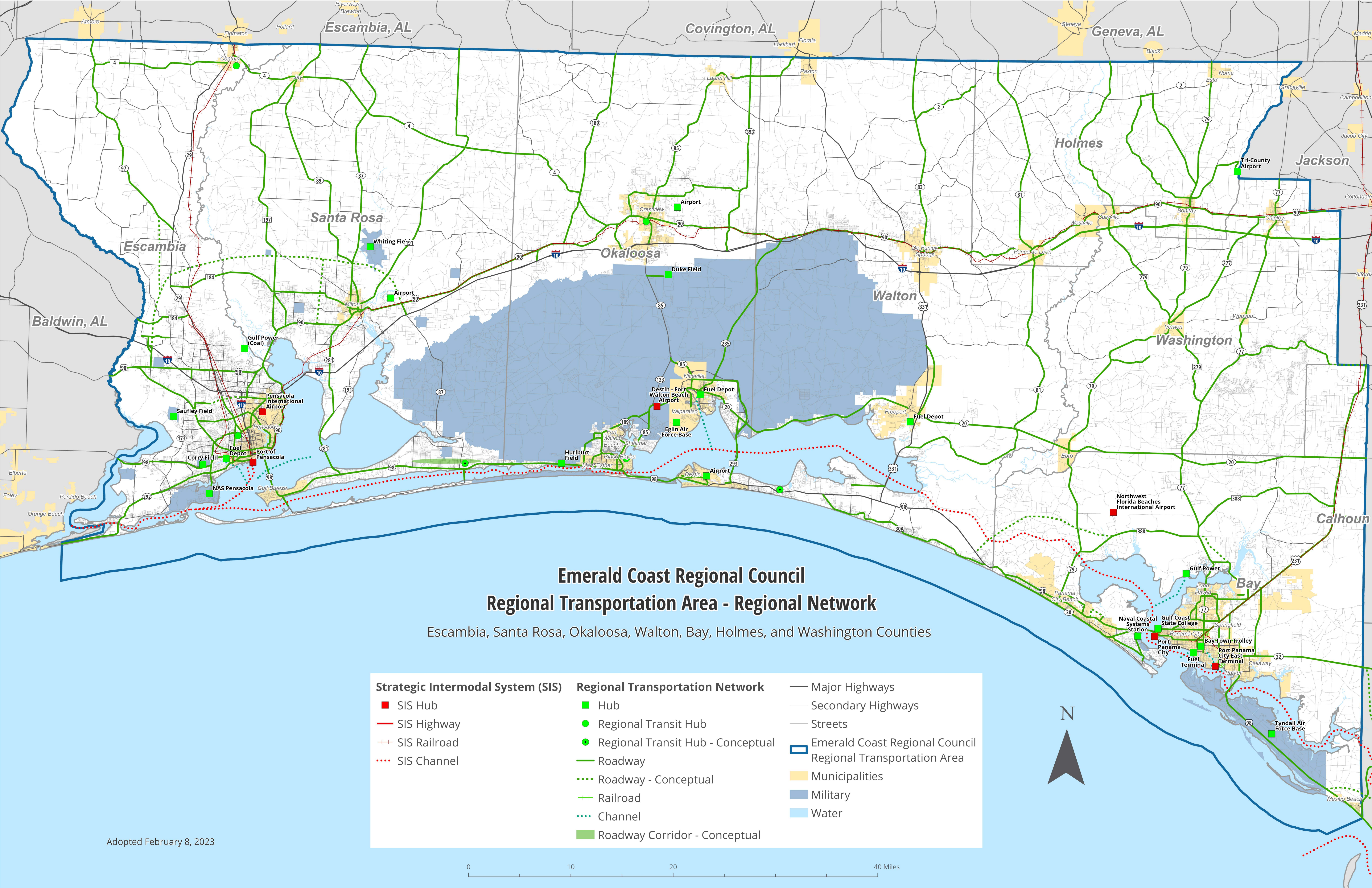
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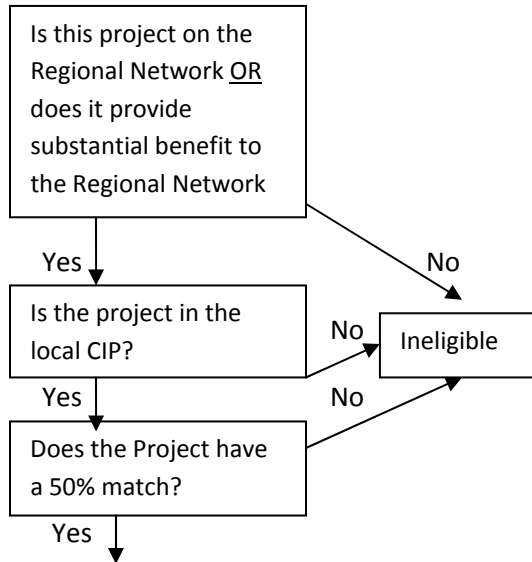
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**Emerald Coast Regional Council
Regional Transportation Planning Organization
TRIP PROJECT RANKING CRITERIA**

A.



Project Name: _____

Date: _____

Total Points: _____

F.-STRAHNET or STRACNET Designation?

1 pt ____ Yes

0 pt ____ No

G. Project Cost Sharing Beyond 50% Local Match Requirement

6 pts ____ 80% or more of application cost is included in local government CIP

5 pts ____ 70% to 79% of application cost is included in local government CIP

4 pts ____ 60% to 69% of application cost is included in local government CIP

3 pts ____ 51% to 59% of application cost is included in local government CIP

1 pts ____ 50% or less of application cost is included in local government CIP

B. SIS relativity

3 pts ____ SIS Road or connector

2 pts ____ Connects to SIS

1 pt ____ Compliments SIS

0 pts ____ No relativity

C. Supports Economic Development & Goods Movement in Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern

1 pt ____ Yes

0 pt ____ No

D. Subject to local Ordinance for Corridor Management

2 pts ____ Specific Ordinance Attached

1 pt ____ General Ordinance Attached

0 pt ____ Ordinance Not Attained

E. Status of Project (Phases Needed)

4 pts ____ Construction-ready

3 pts ____ ROW needed

2pts ____ Design needed

1pt ____ PD&E need

Opt ____ All phases needed

H. Trip Project Is Part of an Evacuation Route

Critical roadway segments and intersections identified in the 2010 Statewide Regional Evacuation Study for the West Florida Region.

1 pt ____ Yes 0 pt ____ No

Adopted January 2021



RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: IV

SUBJECT: Shared Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Program Presentation

SUN Trail projects are to be submitted through the Grant Application Process (GAP) for FDOT. The eligibility requirements for SUN Trail are attached. For more information on SUN Trail, please visit: <https://www.fdot.gov/planning/systems/systems-management/SUNTrail>. SUN Trail applications are due Thursday, December 19, 2024 by 1:00 p.m.

ATTACHED:

- FDOT SUN Trail Flyer

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Shared-Use Nonmotorized (SUN) Trail Program

Application Deadline Thursday, December 19
2 PM EST / 1 PM CST



RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: V

SUBJECT: 2055 Florida Transportation Plan Presentation

The 2055 Florida Transportation Plan update process is going on now and FDOT encourages all its communities and partners to participate in the process! The 2055 FTP will be a comprehensive statewide blueprint guiding Florida's 30-year transportation future. The FTP will have statewide goals and regional objectives, empowering our communities to develop local strategies around the FTP's common framework. This way, the local strategies will be able to fit within the fabric of each community's unique needs. The plan will be developed through Steering Committee guidance, Focus Group support, and comprehensive community engagement (both partner and public engagement).

Not sure what the FTP is all about or want to learn more? Please Visit FloridaFTP.com to see how you can participate: Join a Focus Group, attend a webinar or regional workshop, or simply provide your comments and feedback. Join us as we Build Our Transportation Future Together!

A promotional banner for the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan. The banner has a blue and yellow wavy header. On the left, it says "2055 Florida Transportation Plan" with a logo. On the right, it says "FDOT" with a logo. In the center, it says "Engage with the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan" and "www.FloridaFTP.com". Below this, there is a list of actions: "See What's New", "Take the Survey", "Sign up for Alerts", and "Make a Comment". To the right of the list is a computer monitor displaying the website, a QR code, and a hand holding a smartphone with a QR code on the screen.

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RRTP TAC Agenda Item Number: VI

SUBJECT: Emerald Coast Safety Action Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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