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

**Wednesday, April 17th, 9:30 a.m. (Before ECRC Board
Meeting)**

In-Person

Location is 1250 N Eglin Pkwy, Shalimar, Florida 32579)

A. CALL TO ORDER / - Chairperson

B. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME- Angela Bradley, ECRC

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1. *ENCLOSURE A* – Angela Bradley, ECRC- Recommendation of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Applications FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities**
- 2. *ENCLOSURE B* – Angela Bradley, ECRC- Recommendation of the Regional 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FY 2026-2030 Tentative Work Program**

D. Discussion/NEXT STEPS

- a. Meeting and Workshop for Priorities**
- b. Discussion of Other Items**

E. ADJOURNMENT

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ENCLOSURE A

Agenda Item Number: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration Recommendation Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) Application FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities

BACKGROUND: ECRC is the designated Regional Transportation Area to serve the regional needs of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes counties. ECRC receives applications for TRIP projects and prioritizes them for submission to the FDOT when funds are available. Only projects on the regional network for the seven counties qualify for these funds through the ECRC.

Five (5) TRIP applications were submitted. Projects are listed in alphabetical order by local jurisdiction:

- **Bay County** – West Bay Parkway – Design Phase (Bay County Segment)

The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following:

The proposed project involves the design of the West Bay Parkway, including but not limited to, the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimate package as a precursor to the advertisement and award of the eventual roadway construction project that will extend from the Walton County line to SR 79 in Bay County. Upon completion, the resultant roadway design is to be in consideration for the adopted project development and environment (PD&E) study and to be fully consistent with prevailing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) standards and specifications, such that the eventual roadway constructed will be eligible for addition the FDOT State Highway System (SHS).

- **City of Destin-** Between Beach Drive and Benning Drive

The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following:

Construction of a roadway between Beach Drive and Benning Drive will fill the only remaining gap in the City's Crosstown Connector; an east-west corridor intended to relieve traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 98 (SR 30). The project will incorporate multi-modal features that meet the goals, objectives, and policies of the Multi-modal Transportation District element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, resulting in more efficient transportation and improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

- **Escambia County** – Quintette Road (CR 184 and CR 95-A Intersection)

The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following: Re-align the west end of East Quintette Road slightly north to better align with West Quintette Road across the intersection with CR 95-A. A signal will be installed at the intersection. East

Quintette Road is a major corridor for the logging industry as it serves most, if not all of the logging truck traffic northeast of this intersection that transports loads of pulpwood to the International Paper Mill in Cantonment. East Quintette Road served as the only available

connection from Escambia County to Santa Rosa County immediately following Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Intersection improvements will improve safety and reduce delays.

- **Okaloosa County** – S.R. 85 From Live Oak Church Road to PJ Adams Road

The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following: Crestview Evening Relief project is a small piece to add a 3rd northbound lane with a stormwater pond; however, of the much larger SR 85 6-laning project. While the SR 85 6-laning project is #2 on the LRTP SIS list, the cost

to fully implement the 6-lane project between Live Oak Church Road and I-10 is Right-of-Way and \$28M for Construction. The Right-of-Way acquisition is not currently in the 5-year work plan for the 6-laning project. This TRIP application will allow one small piece of the 6-laneing project to proceed ahead of schedule and be constructed in time to support the \$200M Crestview bypass project already under construction.

- **Washington County** – Hartford Boulevard

The proposed project is described by the applicant as accomplishing the following:

Hartford Boulevard is roughly a 2-mile stretch of dirt road with some deteriorating asphalt roughly half a mile long in the middle of the project. The County wishes to reconstruct this segment of roadway which will consist of reclaiming the asphalt, adding OBG-6 (lime rock) to the road, and paving 2 travel lanes 11' wide with 2" of SP-12.5. Along with the reconstruction of this roadway, drainage improvements will be constructed as well as other safety measures. Proper signage and striping will be constructed as well. This project will be phased out in 2 phases. The County will receive design modification money in fiscal year 2025 for the redesign of an old set of plans done years ago. During that time, the design firm will also complete a set of plans, find an ending point for phase I and apply for phase II in the next cycle to complete the project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommendation to ECRC Board for the ranking of the Transportation Regional Incentive Program (TRIP) applications for the FY 2026-2030 Project Priorities. Please contact Angela Bradley, TPO staff, at angela.bradley@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

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FY 2026-2030 Draft TRIP Priority List

Project Sponsor	Project Name	Points Awarded from Criteria	DRAFT Priority Ranking
Okaloosa County	SR 85 Evening Bypass from Live Oak to PJ Adams	12	1
City of Destin	<i>Destin Cross Town Connector</i>	11	2
Escambia County	<i>Quintette Road</i>	9	3
Bay County	<i>West Bay Parkway – Design Phase (Bay County Segment)</i>	8	4
Washington County	<i>Hartford Boulevard</i>	8	4

ENCLOSURE B

Agenda Item Number: 2

SUBJECT: Consideration of a Recommendation for the 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program

BACKGROUND: The Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside provides funding for programs and projects consistent with Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act under 23 U.S.C. 133 (h). 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.

FDOT Guidance: FDOT District 3 issued guidance on the 2024 TA Set-Aside cycle for the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program on November 1, 2023. The guidance specified each TPO may submit up to six (6) prioritized projects from each TPO area.

The following project was submitted to be ranked and submitted to FDOT:

- US 331 North- 8-foot Asphalt Multi-Use Path and Intersection Improvements from US 331 North to CR 147 to Adams Street.

ECRC Submittal: Following action by the ECRC, the final priority ranking is due to FDOT on April 26, 2024. ECRC staff will submit the final ranking from ECRC to FDOT.

ATTACHED:

- Project Scores and Ranking
- Project Locations Maps

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Consideration of to the ECRC Board for the 2024 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Ranked Projects for FDOT District 3 Fiscal Year 2026 – 2030 Tentative Work Program If additional information is needed, please contact Angela Bradley, ECRC staff, at 850-281-4090, or angela.bradley@ecrc.org

Walton County
Multiuse Path and Intersection Improvements

	0
Fatalities	0
Connectivity	0
Proximity to Parks, Recreational Facilities, Schools, and Emergency Services	1
Rural Areas of Opportunity	1
Rural Plan	1
Rural Area Transportation Plan	1

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Rural Area - TA Project Locations - Walton County

