

Emerald Coast Regional Council Regional Rural Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 – 9:30 A.M.

Chautauqua Building

95 Circle Drive

DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

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Call To Order
Welcome and Introductions - Chair, Jeff Massey
FDOT Updates, Tanya Sanders Branton, FDOT

ACTION ITEMS

1. Adoption of Priorities

Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff

INFORMATION ITEMS

2. Vulnerability Assessment and Resilient Florida Funding Eric Christianson, ECRC Staff

3. Safe Streets for All Funding Cycle/Projects

Jill Nobles, ECRC Staff

4. Information Items/Changes in ECRC Membership Dues

Kandase Lee. ECRC Staff

5. Adjournment

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Agenda Item Number: 1

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution ECRC 2025-06 Adopting the Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities for FY 2027-2031

BACKGROUND: In February of 2023, a Regional Rural Transportation Plan (RRTP) was adopted. With the adoption of the RRTP Long Range Transportation Plan, a project priorities list was also adopted. This plan and process occurs every five years; however, each year, as with the TPO, the rural area project priorities will be reviewed and adopted.

At the April 17, 2024 meeting, the ECRC Board opened the cycle for the RRTP process to move toward mirroring the TPOs' Project Priorities process. This will allow FDOT to fold the rural area projects into the FDOT five-year work program. Three (3) Regional Rural Transportation Project Priorities workshops were held virtually and/or in person throughout the region.

The Project Priorities consist of the top ten priorities in each category. The RRTP Project Priorities were updated based on the FY 2026-2030 FDOT Work Program. The following is the FY 2027-3031 Regional Rural Project Priorities schedule:

- March 19, 2025 RRTP TAC Committee Workshop 10:00 a.m. Virtual (Completed)
- Public Outreach (Completed)
- April 24, 2025 Public Workshop 10:30 a.m. Hybrid Crestview Library 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, FL 32539-6944 (Completed)
- April 24, 2025 RRTP TAC Committee Workshop 2:00 p.m. Hybrid Crestview Library 1445 Commerce Drive, Crestview, FL 32539-6944 *(Completed)*
- May 21, 2025 RRTP TAC meeting to recommend approval of FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities. 9:30 a.m. Chautauqua Building 95 Circle Dr, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435-2542
- May 21, 2025 ECRC meeting approval of FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities. 11:30 a.m. Chautauqua Building 95 Circle Dr, DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435-2542

ATTACHED:

- Resolution ECRC 2025 06
- March 19, 2025 RRTP TAC Committee Workshop Summary
- April 24, 2025 Public Workshop Summary
- April 24, 2025 RRTP TAC Committee Workshop Summary
- Draft FY 2027-2031 Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities

RECOMMENDED ACTION: A motion authorizing the ECRC chair to sign Resolution ECRC **2025-06** adopting the FY **2027-2031** Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities. This motion is recommended to maintain the July 1, 2025 submittal deadline to FDOT. Please contact Gary Kramer, ECRC staff, at 850-332-7976, Ext. 219 or gary.kramer@ecrc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION ECRC 2025-06 A RESOLUTION OF THE EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTING THE FY 20272031 REGIONAL RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, the Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) is partnering the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) to develop a comprehensive Smart Regions Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Rural Transportation Plan was adopted in February 2023; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities are based on the Regional Rural Transportation Plan;

WHEREAS, the FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities were presented to two Transportation Advisory Committee Workshops and a Public Workshop;

WHEREAS, the FY 2027-2031 Project Priorities will be submitted to the Florida Department of Transportation to use a guide to build their FY 2027-2031 Tentative Work Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Emerald Coast Regional Council that:

The Emerald Coast Regional Council (ECRC) adopts the FY 2027-2031 Regional Rural Transportation Plan Project Priorities.

Duly passed and adopted by the Emerald Coast Regional Council on this 21st day of May 2025.

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ATTEST: Kandase Lee, ECRC Chief Executive Officer	REGIONAL COUNCIL

March 19, 2025 - RRTP TAC Committee Workshop Summary

1. Resurfacing Table Priority #8 – Highway 196 (Barrineau Park Road) from US 29 to Highway 95A. It was mentioned that this project has been completed by Escambia County.

This project will be removed from the list and priorities that were below this project priority will each be moved up one spot in the Resurfacing Project Priorities. Number 9 will become Number 8. Number 10 will become number 10. The new number 10 will be Pecan Street in Washington County from US 90 to East Church Avenue.

April 24, 2025 - Public Workshop Summary

No comments received.		

April 24, 2025 - RRTP TAC Committee Workshop Summary

1. Capacity Table Priority #9 – Paxton Bypass from US 331 to Alabama State Line. The location of the project at the Alabama State Line was requested.

This project is anticipated to be in the vicinity of the existing US 331/East 3rd Street crossing at the Alabama State Line.

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RRTP 2027-2031 Capacity Priorities

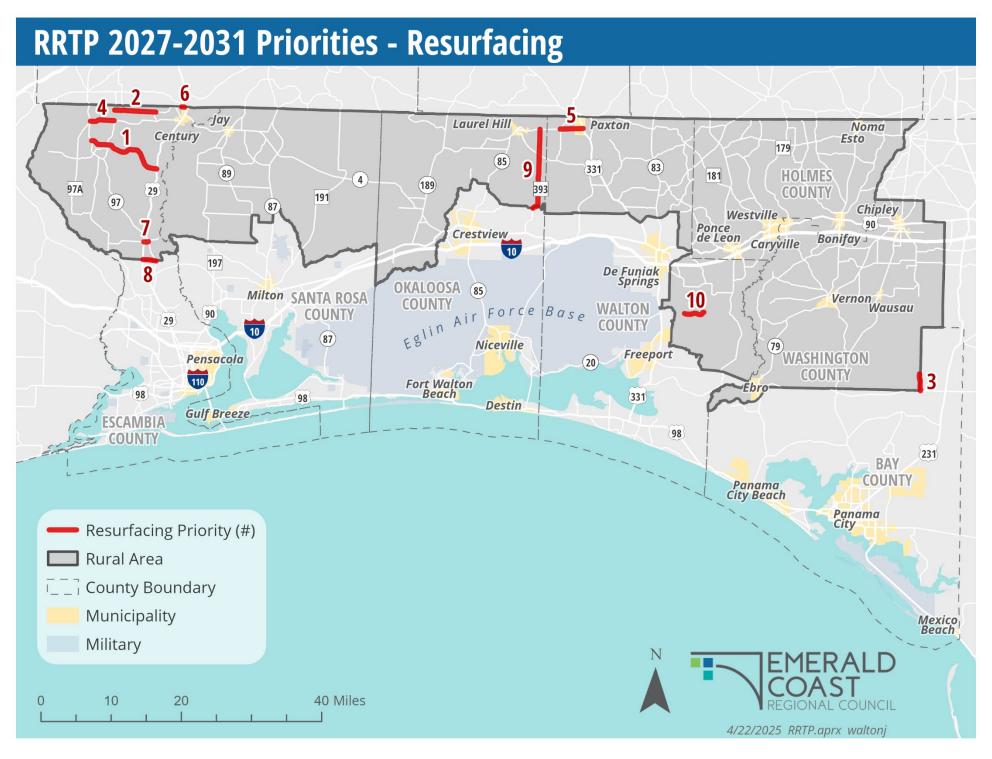
Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID		Pro	gramme	ed Fundi	ing		Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
1	SR 4 (Okaloosa) From: SR 189 To: US 90 (Milligan) west of Crestview	204	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes FDOT Feasibility Study 2021	4.6	PD&E
									2021		
2	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 6 Lanes FDOT WP-Safety Project:		Feasibility
	From: I-10 To: State Line	451057-1							SR 95 from Pond St to AL State Line, PE 2025/CST 2027	37.2	Study
				2027	2020	2020	2020	2024			
3	I-10 Connector (Bay/Washington) From: Panama City To: State Line	516	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	New 4 Lane	64.6	Feasibility Study
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4	SR 83 (Walton) From: Sunrise/SR 1883 To: SR 2	164	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes	8.5	PD&E
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5	SR 189 (Okaloosa)	510	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes FDOT -Feasibility Study	14.4	PD&E
	From: SR 4 To: State Line								2021	14.4	PDQE
6	SR 97 (Escambia)	506	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes		
	From: US 29 To: State Line	450821-1							FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project: SR 87 from SR 95	22	PD&E
									to AL State Line, CST 2026		
7	Holmes/Washington US 90 (Holmes/Washington)	513	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes		
,	From: Holmes/Okaloosa Line To: Jackson County	436269-2;							FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project: SR 10 from Banfill		
		455414-1							Ave to Hubbard St, CST 2025	37	Feasibility
									FDOT WP-Bike Path/Trail		Study
									Project: SR 10 from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's		
									Office, PD&E 2027		

RRTP 2027-2031 Capacity Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	DOT Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
8	SR 4 (Escambia/Santa Rosa/Okaloosa)		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Widen to 4 Lanes	39	Feasiblity
	From: US 29 To: SR 189								Wideli to 4 Lailes	39	Study
9	Paxton By-Pass (Walton)	126	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Nav. 2 Lana	2.0	DD 8 E
	From: US 331 To: Alabama State Line								New 2 Lane	2.9	PD&E
10	SR 83 (Walton)	205	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Mida Alama	5.0	DD 0 F
	From: SR 2 To: Alabama State Line								Widen to 4 Lanes	5.9	PD&E

PD&E – Project Development and Environment Study; PE – Preliminary Engineering (Design); ROW – Right-of-Way; CST – Construction; SIS – Strategic Intermodal System (FDOT roadway designation)

Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/FDOT WPID	Phase		Progra	ammed F	unding		Project/Strategy/Notes	Notes
			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		



RRTP 2027-2031 Resurfacing Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID		Progr	rammed	Funding	g		Project/Strategy/Notes		Funding Sought
	Hwy 164 (Escambia)	35	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	11.5	PE
	From: Hwy 97 To: US 29								ŭ		
2	Hwy 168 (Escambia)	42	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
	From: Hwy 99 To: Hwy 4A	_							Resurfacing	5.9	PE
	Singer Road (Washington)	192	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	2.5	PE
	From: Silver Lake Road To: Hwy 20										
			61	2027	2020	2022	2222	2024			
	Hwy 4 (Escambia) From: Hwy 97 To: Hwy 99	44	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	3.4	PE
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5	Hwy 147 (Walton)	123	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
	From: US 331 To: SR 85	123							Resurfacing	3.3	PE
6	State Line Road (Escambia)	13	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	0.4	PE
	From: Century Town Limits To: End of Town Limits								Resurracing	0.4	PE
	Hwy 182/Molino Rd (Escambia)	27	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	0.67	PE
	From: US 29 To: Hwy 95A								11000110011176	0.07	
	Hwy 196 (Escambia)	32	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	1.89	PE
	From: US 29 To: Hwy 95A								_		
			Dhasa	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
	CR 393 (Okaloosa) From: Poverty Creek Rd To: SR 85	87	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Resurfacing	11.68	PE
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RRTP 2027-2031 Resurfacing Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID		Progr	rammed	Funding	g		Project/Strategy/Notes	0	Funding Sought
10	Rock Hill Rd (Walton) From: High Lonesome Rd To: Walton Bridge Rd	309	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Request is Resurfacing for Construction. 3 Phases. Another phase will need to be addressed. Phase 3- Walton Bridge Rd to SR 81. Design finished all 3 phases.	2.98	CST

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Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/FDOT WPID	Phase	P	rogramme	d Fundi	ing		Project/Strategy/Notes	Notes
Walton Rock Hill Road From: US 331 To: High Lonesome Road	308 440627-2	CST (2024)	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Almost Complete (FDOT ARPA Grant); Currently under Construction	Was #3; Other Projects Moved Up
Escambia SR 97 From: CR 95-A To: Alabama State Line	24 450821-1	CST	2026 \$22,030,815	2027	2028	2029	2030	Letting Winter 2025 Resurfacing	Was #2; Other Projects Moved Up
Walton CR 1883 From: SR 83 To: CR 183B	219 448615-1	PE & CST (2024)	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Under Design and Funded for Construction (FDOT SCRAP/ARPA)	Was #10; Other Projects Moved Up
Escambia US 29 From: Hwy 4 To: Town Limits	12 451057-1	CST	2026	2027 \$439,912	2028	2029	2030	Safety Project Letting Summer 2026	Was #1; Other Projects Moved Up



	RRTP 2027-2031 Safety Priorities												
Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Funding						Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought		
	I-10 @ Main Street-Chipley (Washington) Intersection Improvements	524	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration	NA	Safety Study		
	Hwy 20 @Hwy 79 (Washington) Intersection Improvements	191	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Need Turn Lane & Turn Arrow	NA	PE		
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3	US 29 & SR 97 @ Crabtree (Escambia) Intersection Improvements	517 450821-1	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Area FDOT WP Resurfacing Project: SR 97	NA	Safety		
	intersection improvements	430821-1							Atmore Hwy from SR 95 to AL Line, CST 2026	IVA	Study		
	Munson Hwy (Santa Rosa) From: East Gate Rd To: SR 4	127	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Paved Shoulders Will Improve Safety Line Of Sight (12.51 Beyond Rural Area)	15.1	Paved Shoulders		
5	US 90 @ SR 79 Bonifay (Holmes)	523	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project: US 90		Safety		
	Intersection Improvements	455414-1							from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's Office, PD&E 2029	NA	Study		
	SR 4 @ Galliver Cut Off (Okaloosa) Intersection Improvements	200	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Traffic Signal Needed	NA	Signal Warrant Study		
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	SR 87 N @ Country Mill Rd (Santa Rosa) Intersection Improvements	144	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Left and Right Turn Lanes on SR 87 N	NA	PE		
	US 90 @ SR 4 near Milligan (Okaloosa)	519	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	High Crash Concentration	NA	Safety		
	Intersection Improvements										Study		

	RRTP 2027-2031 Safety Priorities												
Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	Programmed Filinding Project/Strategy/Notes							Length (miles)	Funding Sought		
	SR 89 N @ CR 197/Chumuckla Hwy (Santa Rosa) Intersection Improvements	135 452944-1	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Left and Right Turn Lanes on SR 89 N FDOT WP Resurfacing Project: SR 89 from CR 178 to SR 4, CST 2027	NA	PE		
i	US 90 @ SR 81 (Holmes) Intersection Improvements	235	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Stop Light Needed; High Traffic/Crash Area	NA	Safety Study		

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			2026	2027	2028	2029	2030		



RRTP 2027-2031 Bike/Ped/Trails Priorities

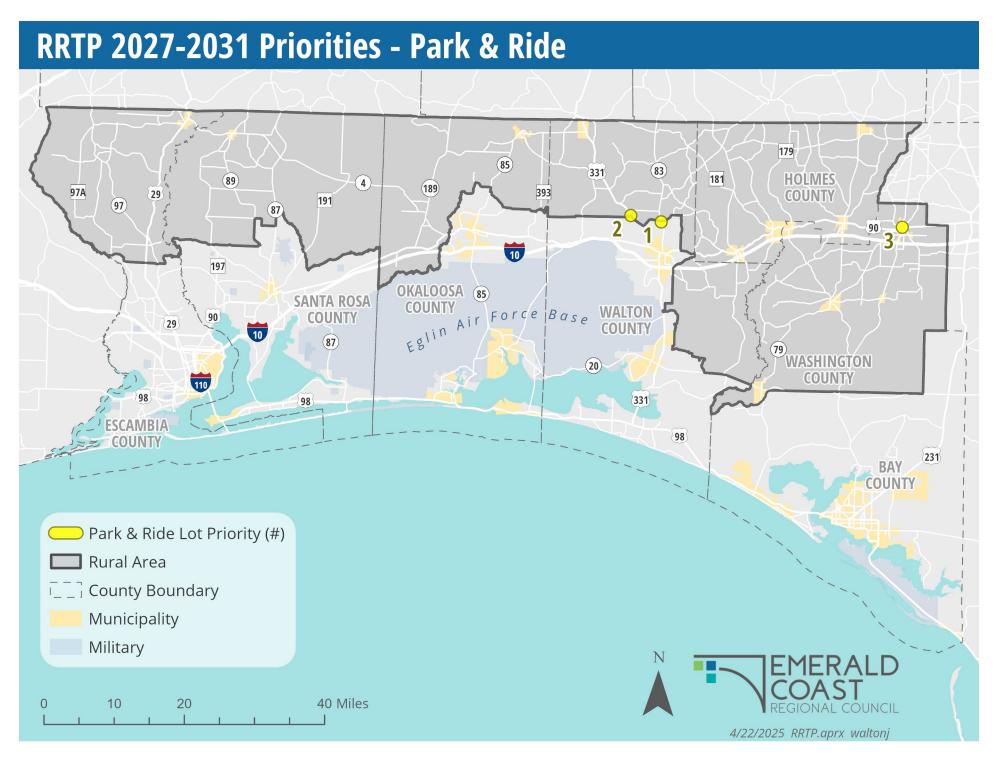
Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	ı	Progra	mmed	Fundi	ng		Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
	US 90 (Washington) From: East End of Bridge To: Caryville City Limits	1	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Bike/Ped Improvements	1.8	TBD
	US 90 (Okaloosa) From: Okaloosa County Line To: TPO Boundary	201 452971-1; 452971-2	Phase 1-PDE 2-Design	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Multi-Use Path -FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project: SR 10 from Cooper Ln to Holt Community Center, PE 2027 PDE-Consultant Contract (2.4 miles)	11	TBD
	SR 4 (Okaloosa) From: SR 189 (Baker) To: US 90	202	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Multi-Use Path PE 2026	4.6	TBD
	CR 191 (Santa Rosa) From: SR 87 To: State Line	529	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	- Shared Use Path	30	TBD
	US 90 (Holmes/Washington) From: Holmes/Okaloosa County Line To: Jackson County Line	504 <i>436269-2</i> 455414-1	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Shared Use Path SUN-Trail FDOT WP-Resurfacing Project: SR 10 from Banfill Ave to Hubbard St, CST 2025 FDOT WP Bike Path/Trail Project: US 90 from Banfill Ave to Holmes Sheriff's Office, PD&E 2029	37	TBD
6	SR 4 (Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa) From: US 29 (Century) To: SR 189	530	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Shared Use Path	39	TBD
	Clear Springs Road (Walton) From: US 331 To: SR 85	217	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Bike/Ped Feasibility Study	2.4	TBD

RRTP 2027-2031 Bike/Ped/Trails Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	ı	Progra	mmed	Fundi	ng		Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
	Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path (Walton) From: County Line To: Lake Drive	120	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Multi-Use Trail	1	TA Grant (See TA Priorities)
	Waits Ave/CR 279 (Washington) From: US 90 To: Caryville City Limits	2	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Sidewalks or Bike Paths	1	TBD
	US 331 N (Walton) From: Paxton By-Pass To: Alabama State Line	125	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	TA Grant Submitted 2024 for Multi- Use Path CR 147 & Clear Springs Rd & Sidewalk US 331; CR 147-Adams St-US 331; US 331-Clear Springs Rd; Clear Springs Rd-Ghentville Park-PE,CST,CEI	2.8	TA Grant

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RRTP 2027-2031 Park & Ride Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID		Progi	rammed	Fundin	g		Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought
1	Walton SR 83 Near Sunrise Road	527	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	New Park & Ride Lot	NA	PE and CST
2	Walton US 331 Near King Lake Road	526	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	New Park & Ride Lot	NA	PE and CST
3	Washington N. 4th Street @ Railroad Ave.	197	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	New Park & Ride Lot	NA	PE and CST

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Note: Only 3 projects were identified

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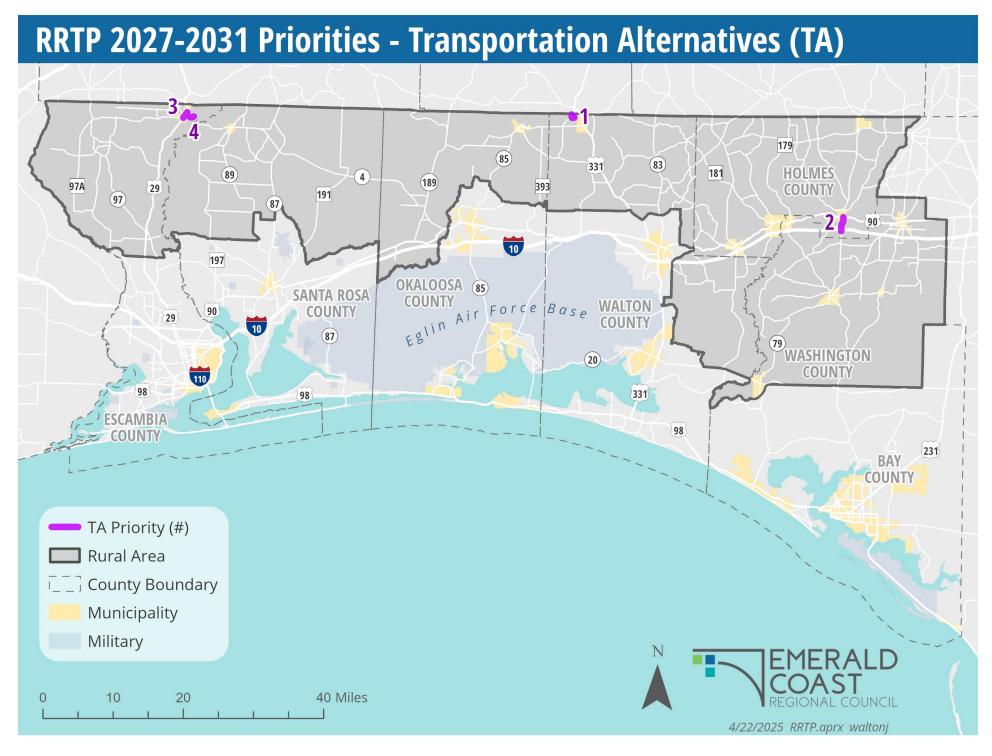
RRTP 2027-2031 Freight Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID		Progr	ammed	l Fundir	ng	Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought	
	SR 4 (Santa Rosa) From: Escambia County Line To: Okaloosa Line	525	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Freight Study	29.1	Freight Study
2	US 29 near Pine Oak Lane (Escambia)	528	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Commercial Truck Parking	NA	PE
	Escambia AL & Gulf Coast Rail	514	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Track and Tie Rehab	51.3	PE
	Washington Washington County Industrial Park	311	Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Rail Spur	0.4	PE

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Note: Only 4 projects were identified

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RRTP 2027-2031 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Priorities

Priority Rank	Project Name/Limits	GIS ID/ FDOT WPID	' Programmed Funding Project/Strategy/Note				Project/Strategy/Notes	Length (miles)	Funding Sought		
	Lake Jackson Multi-Use Path Phase II (Walton County) Lake Drive From: SR 85 To: 0.5 mi east of Lake Rd		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Multi-Use Path	1.0	PE \$286,000
	SR 79 Shared-Use Path Project (Bonifay) From: Thomas Dr To: US 90		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Shared-Use Path	2.1	All Phases except ROW \$2,800,000
	Complete Streets Master Plan (Century) US 29 From: SR 4 to CR 4		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Complete Streets Master Plan	5.5	PE, CST, CEI, Other \$125,000
	Freedom Rd Safety Enhancement Project (Century) From: Highway 4 To: Jefferson Ave		Phase	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Sidewalks, Curb Ramps, Bike Lanes, Sharrows	0.6	PE, CST, CEI, Other \$1,500,000

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