Members in Attendance:
Jeff Bergosh, Chair
Sam Parker, Vice Chair
Cherry Fitch
Heather Lindsay
Jerry Johnson
Charles Gruber
Doug Underhill
Robert Bender
Steven Barry
Ann Hill
Gerald Wingate
Jared Cannada-Wynn
Jared Moore
P. C. WU
Dave Piech
Don Salter
Lane Lynchard

Escambia County Commission
Santa Rosa County Commission
Gulf Breeze Mayor
Milton Mayor
Orange Beach City Council
Baldwin County Commission
Escambia County Commission
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Others in Attendance
Bryant Paulk
Christy Johnson
Matt Ericksen
Helen Gibson
Cory Wilkinson
Shawn Ward
Colby Brown
David Forte
Terri V. Malone
Leslie Statler
Tonya Ellis
Joe Emerson
James. L Gulley
Barbara Mayall
Patrick McClellan
Charles Krupner
Ryan Novita
Jeff Snow
Sherri Myers
Cathy Kendall
Kim Aderholdt
Drew Buchanan
Kevin Wade

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ALDOT
City of Pensacola
HDR
Santa Rosa County
Escambia County
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Escambia County
City of Pensacola
Escambia County/ECAT
Citizen
Citizen
Citizen
PKA
City of Pensacola
Milton City Council
Pensacola City Council
FWHA
Navy Federal Credit Union
City of Pensacola
NPARC
A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE / INVOCATION- Chairman Jeff Bergosh
Chairman Bergosh led the prayer and pledge and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Ms. Bates stated that an incorrect scope was put into Enclosure G but that a corrected copy was provided.

Commissioner Bender moved to approve the December 2018 agenda. Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

C. PUBLIC FORUM
Ms. Sherri Myers, Pensacola City Councilwoman, spoke regarding her concerns of the lack of attention to the safety issue and lack of lighting on 9th Avenue, specifically the northern portion. Councilwoman Myers stated that she and a few citizens made a video of themselves trying to cross 9th Avenue at Brent Lane while it was dark outside. Councilwoman Myers stated that the video shows that it was nearly impossible to see when crossing 9th Avenue due to the lack of street lighting.

Ms. Barbara Mayall, FL-AL CAC member, discussed the Escambia County Youth Committee. Ms. Mayall also discussed the new changes to the day and time of the CAC meeting. Ms. Mayall stated that having the CAC meeting on a different day than the TCC made it inconvenient for those who wanted to attend both meetings.

D. FHWA/FDOT/ALDOT PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES:
1. ENCLOSURE A- TPO ONLY: FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA): Presentation of Certification Results by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Ms. Cathy Kendall, AICP, FWHA Florida Division Planning Team Leader

Ms. Cathy Kendall presented and stated that there was a site visit and public meeting on August 14, 2018. Ms. Kendall stated that there was one noteworthy practice, which was the
RideOn initiatives and partnership for multi-regional coordination. The one corrective action was that mandatory elements of the Public Participation Plan are not addressed in the TPO’s PPP. The recommendations for outreach and public participation included an update of the TPO’s website to make information more readily accessible, strategize to help the TPO demonstrate equity and nondiscrimination in project planning, and to ensure general PPP and specific public involvement plans for LRTP are consistent. There was a recommendation made to strengthen the distinct identity of the FL-AL TPO to improve MPO structure, and regular coordination with area transit providers, and an update to citations when renewing agreements.

2. ENCLOSURE B- TPO ONLY: ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ALDOT)
Consideration to Authorize the Chairman to Sign an Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Application Support Letter for I-10 Congestion Relief, Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project- Mr. Matthew Ericksen, P.E., ALDOT Mobile River Bridge & Bayway Project Director

Mr. Matt Ericksen, ALDOT project director, gave a brief presentation on the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway. Mr. Ericksen discussed the George Wallace Tunnel traffic projections and stated that the built capacity for the tunnel was originally 35,000 in 1983 and is now an average of 75,000 daily traffic volume. The Bayway replacement would replace the existing 7-mile bridges above the 100-year storm surge level. It would have eight lanes of travel at approximately 10 feet higher than the existing.

The project would be funded by an all-electronic tolling system. The rates are still to be determined but are estimated to cost ~$3-$6 dollars. The toll collection is to start when the project is complete (2025). Commissioner Underhill stated that he was in going to vote in opposition to this measure and that he was not in favor of the toll.

Commissioner Gruber moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign a letter of support for the I-10 Congestion Relief, Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project grant application. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed.

3. ALDOT UPDATE: Mr. Vincent Beebe, P.E., Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT)

Mr. Gary Kramer stated that Vince Beebe is in Montgomery this week and apologizes for not being able to attend the TPO and advisory committees this month. Mr. Kramer provided the briefing of 4 projects in the Orange Beach area and he will provide any follow-up information on the projects if necessary.

Utilities are currently being relocated for the SR-180 (Canal Road) Widening from Foley Beach Express to SR-161 (Orange Beach Boulevard) project. Plans for roadway construction are expected to be bid and let on April 26, 2019.

Plans are approximately 60% complete and ALDOT is working to obtain ROW for the SR-180 (Canal Road) at SR-161 (Orange Beach Boulevard) Intersection Improvement (Curve project) project. The project is expected to be let for construction in Early 2020.
Mr. Kramer reported that mainline paving has been completed for the SR-182 (Perdido Beach Boulevard) resurfacing project from Perdido Pass Bridge to AL-FL state line. ALDOT is finalizing driveway and side street tie-in paving and final roadway paint will be applied in approximately 2 weeks.

Mr. Kramer gave several updates on the new roadway and bridge from SR-180 (Canal Rd.) to Foley Beach Express (FBE) also known as the “Waterways” project. Mr. Kramer stated that ALDOT is working with the Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard to obtain environmental clearances / permits. Plan revisions are being considered based on public comments received during the public involvement meeting. The current schedule will likely allow the northern roadway portion to be let for construction before the bridge portion. Utility and right-of-way coordination are ongoing.

4. FDOT UPDATE: Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Ms. Christy Johnson, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons

Mr. Paulk stated that he only had one item to update the board on. Mr. Paulk stated that Mr. Kevin J. Thibault had been chosen the new Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation. Mr. Paulk stated that Mr. Thibault has extensive experience in the private and public sectors and has previously served for many years at FDOT. Mr. Paulk added that he also has extensive experience in state government, having previously served in senior leadership positions with the Florida Department of Transportation for more than 16 years.

E. CONSENT: ALL COMMITTEES: Approval of December 2018 Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the 2018 December meeting minutes. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

F. ACTION:

1. ENCLOSURE C- ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-02 to Approve the Scope of Services for the Florida-Alabama TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update- Mr. Gary Kramer, WFRPC Staff.

Mr. Kramer presented the Scope of Services for the Florida-Alabama TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation plan update. Mr. Kramer stated that this action is recommended to begin the Long-Range Plan update as soon as possible in order meet the November 3, 2020 adoption date.

Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 19-02 to approve the scope of services for the Florida-Alabama TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan update. Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Barre’ presented the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside ranked projects. Ms. Barre’ stated that a total of 11 applications from the Florida-Alabama TPO area were submitted by the January 4, 2019 deadline and the applications were ranked according to adopted ranking criteria. Ms. Barre’ gave a brief background on the project scoring criteria and the requirements.

Commissioner Underhill stated that he was very disturbed to see that 3 projects that were not even ranked in 2018 are now the top 3 projects and that the project in his district that has long been a priority of the board, Perdido Key Path, moved from #2 to #8. Commissioner Underhill stated that there was discussion held in the TCC meeting regarding the scoring process and that he would like to hear from Escambia County staff member David Forte as to how the Escambia County projects came to rank so low.

David Forte, Escambia County Public Works, stated that the submission is the same as last year that the new projects submitted this year have higher scores and therefore ranked above the rest. Mr. Forte stated that the TCC discussed having a workshop that discussed the projects scoring and rankings prior to being presented and adopted. Commissioner Underhill stated that he wanted to echo the TCC’s concerns about the scoring criteria.

Commissioner Underhill stated that he is very supportive of the city making it a more walkable city, but that it cannot come at the expense of the rest of the county. He stated that the city is hitting just about every funding source they possibly can right now and that they must remember that tax payers’ dollars are a zero-sum game. Commissioner Underhill stated that other areas in the county who have pleaded and waited for projects to get funded cannot get bumped simply because the city has come up with new options. Commissioner Underhill stated that he would like to see this item tabled and to have a public discourse.

Councilman Wu stated that it has been a long time since the City of Pensacola received any TAP funding. Commissioner Barry asked how much money was available for these projects. Commissioner Bergosh stated that it was 3 million dollars throughout district 3.

Councilwoman Hill asked if the criteria have been the same since the it was adopted in 2015. Mr. Barre’ stated that it has not changed. Councilwoman Hill asked if there were any criteria that took in consideration and gave more point to projects that had been submitted the longest. Ms. Barre’ stated that there were no criteria that gave points for how many years a project is submitted. Councilwoman Hill recommended that the criteria be reevaluated. Councilwoman Hill stated that she believed it was a very fair process and that the project was ranked on very good criteria.

Councilman Wingate moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 19-03 adopting the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-aside ranked projects. Councilwoman Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposed.

3. ENCLOSURE E- ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-05 Approving TPO Staff to Coordinate with the City of Pensacola and Escambia County Staff to Finalize a Scope of Services and Enter into a Contract with the TPO’s General Planning
Consultant for the West Cervantes Street Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study - Ms. Jill Lavender, WFRPC Staff.
Ms. Lavender stated that at the TPO’s December 12, 2018 meeting, FDOT staff recommended that the county and city allow the TPO’s general planning consultant to perform the study. On January 10, 2019, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution supporting the FDOT’s recommendation to retain the TPO’s general planning consultant to perform the West Cervantes Street Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study.

Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 19-50 approving TPO staff to coordinate with the City of Pensacola and Escambia County staff to finalize a scope of services and enter into a contract with the TPO’s general planning consultant for the West Cervantes Street Corridor Traffic Feasibility Study. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

4. ENCLOSURE F - ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-01 to Adopt Targets for Safety Performance Measures - Mr. Gary Kramer, WFRPC Staff

Mr. Kramer presented and stated that this action is recommended to comply with the February 27, 2019 deadline to remain in compliance with the federal and state regulations for transportation planning. Mr. Kramer stated that the board could either move forward with the state’s target or establish their own. Mr. Kramer stated that during the December TPO and advisory committee meetings, the members were advised that if there was desire to set targets for Safety which are different from FDOT and ALDOT, comments were to be emailed by December 19, 2018. Mr. Kramer stated that no e-mails were received by that deadline.

Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 19-01 to adopt targets for Safety Performance Measures. Commissioner Bender seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE G - ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-04 to Sign Notice to Proceed for Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Bus Stop Assessment Plan - Mr. Rob Mahan, WFRPC Staff.

Mr. Mahan stated that this action is recommended to comply with ADA Bus Stop accessibility requirements. Mr. Mahan explained that the FTA requires providers of fixed route service to have a plan to bring bus stops into ADA compliance and to actively implement that plan. During development of the TPO’s State Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), ECAT and TPO staff discussed programming $65,000 of the TPO’s public transportation planning funds in the FY 2019 UPWP for the TPO’s general planning consultant to develop a Bus Stop Assessment Plan that would evaluate the ADA compliance of all ECAT stops and create a plan to bring non-compliant stops into compliance.

Mr. Mahan stated that the TPO’s general planning consultant developed a scope of services for this project and TPO staff developed a Notice to Proceed, the Task Work Order, and UPWP task budget showing the $65,000 budgeted for consulting services.
Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO Chairman to sign a Notice to Proceed for the TPO’s general planning consultant, HDR to develop a Bus Stop Assessment Plan according to the attached Task Work Order. Councilwoman Cannada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

G. WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT- TPO ONLY- Mr. Austin Mount, WFRPC Executive Director.

Mr. Mount discussed two items with the board. Mr. Mount stated that there was a request from Walton and Washington counties to look at trying to expand a corridor feasibility study for the Old Spanish Trail. Mr. Mount stated that the eastern part of the region and beyond has already conducted several feasibility studies looking at the development of that trail. Those counties have pursued the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Technical Assistance fund to be able to conduct those studies. Mr. Mount stated that he will be reaching out to Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Escambia counties to see if there is any interest in pursuing the grant funding through DEO to be able to conduct a study.

Mr. Mount reminded the board about the Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium that will be held on February 25th and 26th at the Springhill Suites in Navarre Florida.

H. MULTI MODAL UPDATE

There was no update.

I. PRESENTATIONS (no action):

1. ENCLOSURE H- ALL COMMITTEES Review of Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (Year 2)- Ms. Mary Beth Washnock, WFRPC Transportation Planning Manager.

Ms. Washnock stated that the Florida-Alabama TPO UPWP defines the tasks, activities, responsible parties, and anticipated budget for planning activities to be undertaken in the MPA served by the TPO for FY 2019 (July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019) and FY 2020 (July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020.) TPO members, advisory committee members, staff, and the public are encouraged to review the new two-year UPWP for any potential updates and revisions. Ms. Washnock informed the board that comments are due by March 15, 2019. Ms. Washnock stated that the link to the DRAFT UPWP was sent out separately in an email.


Ms. Ellers presented the CAC appointment process. Ms. Ellers stated that at the June 14, 2017 TPO meeting, the board requested staff review and refine the CAC recruitment process to attempt to engage a wider demographic in the transportation planning process. At the April 9, 2018 CAC meeting, the committee created a subcommittee responsible for determining a recruitment process for citizens who accurately represent the demographics of the Florida-Alabama TPO study area. This subcommittee met in June and November to discuss the recruitment process. Ms. Ellers stated that as a direct result of the CAC subcommittee, the CAC appointment process was adopted as part of the CAC bylaws by both the CAC and TPO.
in December 2018. This process empowers TPO board members to appoint engaged citizens to the CAC from their respective jurisdictions to ensure that the geography and census-based demographics of the study area are represented.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary)
   1. ENCLOSURE J- ALL COMMITTEES
      • TCC and CAC December Meeting Minutes
      • FL-AL TPO December Actions Report
      • FDOT Changes to the Tentative Work Program for FY 2020-2024
      • FDOT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification Letters
      • Note of Appreciation from Britney Moore, Florida Greenways and Trails
      • 2019 FL-AL TPO Schedule

K. OTHER BUSINESS - The next Florida-Alabama TPO meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tiger Point Community Center, Gulf Breeze, Florida. Advisory committee meetings are to be held at Pensacola City Hall, 222 West Main Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502. TCC will meet on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The CAC will meet on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

L. ADJOURNMENT

   The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 P.M.