MEMORANDUM

To: Florida-Alabama TPO and Advisory Committee Members
From: Mary Beth Washnock, Transportation Planning Manager
Date: May 24, 2016
Subject: Updated Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization Membership

RE: Updated Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization Membership

Resolution FL-AL 16-15 has been filed with Baldwin County, Alabama, and Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties in Florida. This resolution was approved by the Florida-Alabama TPO at their April 13, 2016 meeting accepting the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) recommendation to remove Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) as a representative on the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization.

The interlocal agreement between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, Baldwin County, the cities of Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Milton and Orange Beach, and ECAT for the purpose of creating the TPO and appointing a governing board consisting of twenty voting members was approved by the TPO on October 7, 2015.

The addition of ECAT as a member on the TPO was a result of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) Act in 2012, and subsequently a notification from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) at the 2014 federal certification for the Florida-Alabama TPO. When Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act became law in 2015, new language stated that “subject to the bylaws or enabling legislation of metropolitan planning organization, a representative of a provider of public transportation may serve as a representative of a local municipality”. This new legislative language would allow Escambia County Commissioners, as the recipients of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, to serve as adequate representation on this governing board.

Escambia County approved a resolution at their BOCC April 7, 2016 meeting recommending removal of ECAT as a representative on the Florida-Alabama TPO. Subsequently, the Florida-Alabama TPO approved Resolution FL-AL 16-15.

The result of this change affects the number of TPO members (now 19) and the quorum requirement which is now 10. Should you have any questions regarding this change please contact me at marybeth.washnock@wfrpc.org or 850-332-7976, extension 228.
RESOLUTION FL-AL 16-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION ACCEPTING THE ESCAMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE ESCAMBIA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT AS A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the organization designated by the Governors of Florida and Alabama as being responsible, together with the States of Florida and Alabama, for carrying out the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, as amended by Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Acts; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2015, Escambia County entered into an interlocal agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT), Santa Rosa County, Baldwin County, the cities of Pensacola, Gulf Breeze, Milton and Orange Beach, and Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) for the purpose of creating the TPO and appointing a governing board consisting of twenty (20) voting members; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of the MAP-21 Act, which became law in July of 2012, the agreement included one representative from ECAT as a voting member of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the subsequently enacted FAST Act, which became law in December of 2015, states that “subject to the bylaws or enabling legislation of the metropolitan planning organization, a representative of a provider of public transportation MAY also serve as a representative of a local municipality”; and

WHEREAS, the five elected members of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners are voting members of the TPO, and ECAT is a department of Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners represent Escambia County’s interest as voting members of the TPO; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT has agreed that the county may adopt a resolution requesting removal of the ECAT representative from the membership of the TPO and thereby reduce the number of voting members to nineteen (19); and

WHEREAS, Escambia County has approved a resolution that requests the removal of an ECAT representative from the membership of the TPO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA-ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The Florida Alabama Transportation Planning Organization approves removal of an Escambia County Area Transit representative from its membership and authorizes staff to revise the interlocal agreement and proceed with the presentation of this change to all parties to the agreement.
Passed and duly adopted by the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization on this 13th day of April 2016.

FLORIDA- ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BY: 
Jayer Williamson, Chairman

ATTEST: ___________________________