FLORIDA - ALABAMA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TPO MEETING MINUTES
EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL (Designated staff)
December 11, 2019

Members in Attendance:
Sam Parker, Chairman  Santa Rosa County Commission
Steven Barry, Vice Chairman  Escambia County Commission
Cherry Fitch  Gulf Breeze Mayor
Ann Hill  Pensacola City Council
Jared Moore  Pensacola City Council
Lane Lynchard  Santa Rosa County Commission
Dave Piech  Santa Rosa County Commission
Robert Bender  Escambia County Commission
P. C. WU  Pensacola City Council
Charles Gruber  Baldwin County Commission

Members Not in Attendance:
Mary Ellen Johnson  Milton City Council
Jewel Cannada-Wynn  Pensacola City Council
Jerry Johnson  Orange Beach City Council
Jeff Bergosh  Escambia County Commission
Doug Underhill  Escambia County Commission
Lumon May  Escambia County Commission
Don Salter  Santa Rosa County Commission
Robert Cole  Santa Rosa County Commission

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Bryant Paulk  FDOT
Christy Johnson  FDOT
Vince Beebe  ALDOT
David Forte  Escambia County
Zakkiyyah Osuigwe  Santa Rosa County
Jennifer Waters  Gulf Breeze
Tommy White  Citizen
Mark D. Wright  Navarre
Colby Brown  Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Jonathan Owens  BOCC
Scott Mosely  ALDOT
James. L Gulley  Citizen
Thomas McLendon  Mott MacDonald
Lawrence S. Powell  City of Pensacola
Terri Malone  Escambia County
A. **CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE / INVOCATION –**

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order. Commissioner Barry led the pledge and Chairman Parker led the prayer. Chairman Parker stated that a quorum was not present and that they would proceed with the meeting without action.

B. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Washnock stated that an item needed to be added under Enclosure D and that Enclosure B needed to be pulled.

C. **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. James Gulley stated that he attended the U.S. 90 (West Cervantes Street) Pedestrian Safety Improvements public hearing that was held last night at the Fricker Community Center. Mr. Gulley stated that the citizens of West Cervantes are not happy and that FDOT under estimated the grid in that area.

Ms. Hill asked what the procedure would be if the citizens oppose the design recommended by FDOT. Ms. Hill asked if she could meet with Mr. Mount and ECRC staff to see what steps would need to be taken to make the road diet. Mr. Mount agreed. Mr. Mount stated that the interim safety improvements are an actual project that will be delivered, and the road diet is still in concept stage. Mr. Mount stated if the board chose to make the road diet an actual project, it would need to be put into the LRTP and prioritize it to compete for funding.

D. **FDOT/ALDOT UPDATES:**

1. **FDOT UPDATE** Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Ms. Christy Johnson, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons.
Mr. Paulk updated the board on the U.S. 90 (West Cervantes Street) Pedestrian Safety Improvements project. He provided a flyer to the board that was distributed at the public hearing. Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT anticipated accepting bids on the project in August 2020 with construction complete in early spring of 2022. Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT has worked closely with the City of Pensacola and Escambia County and the citizens groups along the corridor and have made many changes from the initial concept. Mr. Paulk stated that all the improvements together will produce a much safer corridor.

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

Mr. Beebe gave an update on the SR-180 widening from Foley Beach Express to west of SR-181. He reported that utility relocations are on-going, drainage items is being installed, and that roadway widening work is under construction. Mr. Beebe stated that ALDOT is currently expecting to have the project complete December 2020.

Mr. Beebe also reported on the new road and bridge from SR-180 to Foley Beach Express. He stated that ALDOT is continuing to finalize design, obtain right-of-way, and obtain environmental permits and clearances. He stated that the project is expected to be let in 2 parts – one for the bridge portion, and the other for the roadway portion. Mr. Beebe concluded by stating the construction lettings are currently anticipated for early to mid-2020. Mr. Paulk stated the FDOT is committed to continuing improvements along the corridor as the TPO prioritizes it.

Due to lack of a quorum sections E and F were not addressed.

E. CONSENT:
   1. ALL COMMITTEES Approval of October 2019 Meeting Minutes.

   2. TPO AND CAC CONSENT Consideration of Citizens’ Advisory Committee (CAC) Application

F. ACTION:
   1. ENCLOSURE A- ALL COMMITTEES (TPO ROLL CALL VOTE) Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-26 amending the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add the PE Phase for SR 95 (US 29) from SR 10A (US 90) Cervantes Street to Old Chemstrand Road Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4460341 in FY 2019/2020 for a total cost of $162,156- Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison
2. ENCLOSURE B- ALL COMMITTEES (TPO ROLL CALL VOTE) Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-27 amending the FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program to add the PE Phase for SR 750 (Airport Boulevard) from SR 95 (US 29) to I-110 North Bound on/off Ramps Lighting Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4460351 in FY 2019/2020 for a total cost of $61,595 - Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison


4. ENCLOSURE D- TPO ONLY Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-28 to Recommend Escambia County as the Single Designated Community Transportation Coordinator (CTC) for Escambia County – Mr. Howard Vanselow, ECRC Staff

5. ENCLOSURE E – TPO ONLY Appointment of a Florida-Alabama TPO Member and Alternate to Serve on the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) for Calendar Year 2020 – Ms. Mary Beth Washnock, ECRC Transportation Manager

6. ENCLOSURE F – TPO ONLY Appointment of a FL-AL TPO Board Member Attend the Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) Institute Workshop for Elected Officials in Calendar Year 2020 – Ms. Mary Beth Washnock, ECRC Transportation Manager

G. MULTI MODAL UPDATE – Florida Alabama TPO Mobility Week Ride Along Update - ECRC Staff.

Ms. Washnock briefly discussed the FL-AL TPO's Mobility Week ride along. Ms. Washnock stated that the event was a big success and that they hope to continue it in years to come. Councilwoman Hill said she enjoyed being able to ride the bus and talk to passengers who use the service daily. Councilwoman Hill stated that public transit a very valuable resource for the community and that she hopes to see it continue to grow. Councilman Moore stated that he had a very pleasant experience participating in the ride along event and was very grateful for the opportunity. Commissioner Bender agreed that the service is an asset to the community.

H. PRESENTATIONS (no action):

Mr. Kramer presented. He stated that this a review item this month and for consideration for approval in February.

2. ENCLOSURE H – TPO ONLY - Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization Roster Review – Ms. Caitlin Cerame, AICP, ECRC Staff

Ms. Cerame discussed the NWFL RTPO roster review. Mr. Mount discussed the possibility of amending the process and dissolving the regional TPOs and absorbing them into the ECRC board.

3. ENCLOSURE I – ALL COMMITTEE- Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group – Ms. Caitlin Cerame, AICP, ECRC Staff.

Ms. Cerame discussed the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Working Group. She stated that the purpose of the group would be to facilitate regional collaboration with diverse stakeholders in planning bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure among the three Transportation Planning Organizations in the region. The focus would primarily be on projects of regional significance such as the Old Spanish Trail and the Great Northwest Regional Connector.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS:
- TCC and CAC October Meeting Minutes
- FL-AL October Actions Report
- TIP Amendment Letter – 5305
- TIP Amendment Letter – Airport Boulevard
- TIP Amendment Letter -Performance Measures
- TIP Modification Letter - UPWP
- Transportation Alternatives Workshop Flyer
- 2020 Legislative Priorities -MPOAC
- 2020 FL-AL TPO Schedule

J. OTHER BUSINESS- The next Florida-Alabama TPO meeting will be Wednesday, February 12 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pace Community Center, 5976 Chumuckla Hwy, Pace, Florida. This is a new location. Advisory committee meetings will be held at Pensacola City Hall, 222 West Main Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502. TCC will meet on Monday, February 10, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The CAC will meet on Tuesday, February 11, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bender stated that he will be unable to attend the February 2020 FL-AL TPO meeting.
Potential new FL-AL CAC members, Mr. Tommy White and Mr. Mark Wright separately addressed the board. Both introduced themselves and briefly discussed their background in the region. Mr. White stated that he was appointed by Councilwoman Hill and Mr. Wright stated that he was appointed by Commissioner Piech.

Zakkiyyah Osuigwe addressed the board and stated that she took over Shawn Ward’s position as the transportation planner for Santa Rosa County and that she would be serving on the FL-AL TCC.

K. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.