MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Parker, Chairman                           Santa Rosa County Commission
Steven Barry, Vice Chairman                    Escambia County Commission
Cherry Fitch                                     Gulf Breeze Mayor
Mary Ellen Johnson                              Milton City Council
Ann Hill                                          Pensacola City Council
Jewel Cannada-Wynn                              Pensacola City Council
P. C. WU                                          Pensacola City Council
Jared Moore                                      Pensacola City Council
Don Salter                                      Santa Rosa County Commission
Lane Lynchard                                    Santa Rosa County Commission
Dave Piech                                       Santa Rosa County Commission
Jerry Johnson                                    Orange Beach City Council
Lumon May                                        Escambia County Commission
Doug Underhill                                   Escambia County Commission
Robert Bender                                    Escambia County Commission
Jeff Bergosh                                     Escambia County Commission

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Gerald Wingate                                   Pensacola City Council
Charles Gruber                                   Baldwin County Commission
Robert Cole                                      Santa Rosa County Commission

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bryant Paulk                                      FDOT
Christy Johnson                                  FDOT
Jared Perdue                                      FDOT
Ian Satter                                        FDOT
Mark Brock                                        FDOT
Tim Smith                                         FDOT
Tonya Branton                                    FDOT
John Reece                                       ALDOT
Brian Waterman                                   HDR
Buz Eddy                                         City of Gulf Breeze
Chips Kirshenfeld                                 Escambia County
Cory Wilkinson                                   HDR
David Forte                                      Escambia County
George Jordon                                    City of Milton
Jamie Gentry    Navarre Press
Randy Jorgenson   City of Milton
Romi White      South SR News
Ryan Novota     City of Pensacola
Shawn Ward      Santa Rosa County
Suellen Wilkins   Quest
Tim Milstead    City of Milton
Tonya Ellis      ECAT
Art Parrish     Citizen
Carol Johnstone  Citizen
Carol Jordan     Citizen
Caroline Penfield Citizen
Cassandra Sharp  Citizen
Charles Creel   Citizen
Denise McDonald  Citizen
Don Cede        Citizen
Jack Sanborn    Citizen
Janet McKenzie   Citizen
Jennifer Waters  Citizen
Jerry Mitchell   Citizen
Jimmy Messick   Citizen
Keith Wise       Citizen
Kelly Martinez   Citizen
Kim Macarthy    Citizen
Lisa Dampier    Citizen
Lynn Rogers      Citizen
Mike Folzman     Citizen
Mike Lewis       Citizen
Orrin L. Smith   Citizen
Pam Mitchell     Citizen
Pat McClellan    Citizen
Peggy Hilton     Citizen
Sharon Holley    Citizen
Susan Creel      Citizen
Theresa Messick  Citizen
Tommy Penfield  Citizen
Vernon Compton   Citizen
Vicki Campbell   Citizen

EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL STAFF
Austin Mount
Mary Beth Washnock
A. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE / INVOCATION - Chairman Sam Parker

Mr. Bryant Paulk led the pledge. Commissioner Parker led the prayer and called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Parker congratulated Commissioner Bergosh on his successful year as chair and presented him with a plaque for his service and time as chairman.

Chairman Parker approved the July 2019 agenda without any objections.

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Chairman Parker asked that due to the amount of speaker cards submitted, comments be kept to 3 minutes or less.

Mr. Art Parrish discussed his concerns on the signal cycle lengths at the intersection of Hwy. 98 and Tiger Point Boulevard by the Sacred Heart Medical Park. Mr. Parrish stated that the green light signal to turn onto Hwy. 98 was extremely short and only allowed close to 7 cars to turn per cycle. Commissioner Lynchard stated that he once timed the light at that intersection, and the total time it was green was 8 seconds. Commissioner Lynchard stated that the transportation planner spoke with the signalization maintenance operator and concluded that the intersection needed to be monitored for changes. Commissioner Lynchard agreed that the widening of Hwy. 98 would be a good time to address the needs at that location.

Ms. Kelley Martinez stated that she worked for the Center for Independent Living and Disability Resources. Ms. Martinez discussed the importance of ADA and stated that many people with disabilities depend on public transportation to get around. Ms.
Martinez asked that ADA laws be kept in mind while developing and executing transportation plans.

Ms. Vicki Campbell requested that Project Priority #22. Sorrento Road and Innerarity Point to Blue Angel Parkway (SR 292), be moved up on the priority list. Ms. Campbell stated that the strip of road was referred to as "Dead Man's Curve". Ms. Campbell said that large amount of wrecks occurs in that area. Ms. Campbell asked that this project be moved up due to the staggering amount of deaths that occur in that location and the unsafe conditions.

Mr. Orrin Smith read a letter on behalf of the City of Milton's Mayor, Heather Lindsey. Mr. Smith stated that the letter was written as a citizen and not as the Mayor of Milton. The letter was in support of the expansion of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. The letter read that Mayor Lindsey believes that the appropriate balancing of competing interests has been reached through the extensive PD&E study. The letter further discussed FDOT’s commitment to minimize the impact on historical structures in downtown Milton and to maximize safety with the Complete Streets concept. Mayor Lindsey stated in her letter that in her capacity as mayor, she signed Resolution 1463-19 opposing the route through downtown Milton, but as an individual she disagrees with the resolution. Mayor Lindsey wrote that as a citizen of Milton, she respectively urged the TPO to fund the improvements according to the PD&E study's findings.

Ms. Susan Creel spoke in opposition to the widening of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. She stated that she believed it would ruin the quality of downtown Milton.

Ms. Sharon Holley stated that she was on the Milton City Council but was speaking as a resident and tax payer of Santa Rosa County. Ms. Holley discussed the traffic issue on Hwy. 90 and spoke in support of widening Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton.

Mr. Jack Sanborn spoke in opposition to the expansion of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. Mr. Sanborn stated that 4 lanes through downtown Milton would destroy the walk-ability and bike-ability of downtown. Mr. Sanborn stated that if the 87-Connector project was moved up, a lot of traffic would be diverted from Milton.

Ms. Kim Macarthy stated that she was a member of the Santa Rosa County Historical Society. Ms. Macarthy described her observations of the traffic patterns on Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. Ms. Macarthy asked that the expansion of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton be moved down on the priority list to allow time for the City of Milton to work with FDOT to find a better alternative. She also asked that the 87-Connector be moved up on the list.
Ms. Carol Johnstone stated that she was on the Historic Preservation board in Milton and was a member of the Santa Rosa County Historical Society. Ms. Johnstone spoke in opposition of the expansion of lanes on Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. Ms. Johnstone stated that the Hamilton Fisher building is the oldest brick building in the panhandle and that it needs to stay where it is. Ms. Johnstone stated that she would like to see the 87-Connector project to move up in priority and the expansion of Hwy. 90 through Milton move down.

Mr. George Jordan spoke as a citizen and not as a Milton City Council member regarding Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. (See letter provided on pg.12)

Ms. Teressa Messick stated that she served on the Historic Preservation Board in Milton for 8 years. Ms. Messick stated that she had studied in detail the proposed plan by FDOT to expand Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton and that she was in favor of the plan. Ms. Messick asked that this project move up in the priorities.

Mr. Vernon Compton stated that he was a member on the FL-AL CAC but was speaking as a citizen of Milton. Mr. Compton stated that he supported the City of Milton in opposing the proposed expansion of lanes through downtown Milton. Mr. Compton stated that there are other ways to achieve connectivity in order to get traffic off Hwy. 90. He stated that he also agreed with moving the 87 Connector up on the priorities.

Mr. Messick stated that he lives in the historical district of downtown Milton. Mr. Messick stated that FDOT recognized the serious traffic issues on Hwy. 90 and had moved up the PD&E study to begin in 2015 rather than 2035. Mr. Messick stated that he supports FDOT’s study and supported leaving the project as is in the priority list.

Ms. Pam Mitchell spoke in support of the PD&E study. Ms. Mitchell stated that the Complete Streets program that FDOT has pledged, will revitalize the downtown. Ms. Mitchell stated that there needs to be traffic relief on Hwy. 90 as soon as possible.

Mr. Mike Folzman spoke in support of the proposed expansion of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. Mr. Folzman discussed that businesses are suffering from lost revenue due to drivers sitting in traffic. Mr. Folzman stated that the car counts continue to rise and that the traffic problem needs to be solved.

Ms. Lisa Dampier spoke in favor of the Hwy. 90 expansion. Ms. Dampier stated that this project began as an evacuation route study and that it cannot stop at a point and still serve that purpose. Ms. Dampier discussed the difficulties of traveling East to West in Milton. Ms. Dampier stated that while there are small sections of this project that serve special interests, she'd hope officials would not let those few stand in the way of serving the many.
Mr. Pat McClellan discussed the safety issues of Sorrento Road (SR 292). Mr. McClellan stated that he would like to see priority 22 moved up on the priority list not because of traffic, but for safety.

Ms. Jennifer Waters spoke supporting the idea of adding a right turn lane off of Hwy. 98 at Tiger Point East. Ms. Waters also spoke in support of adding a light being added at Soundside Drive and Hwy. 98. Ms. Waters advocated for adding more multi modal options in the Tiger Point area.

Ms. Cassandra Sharp spoke in opposition of the Hwy. 90 widening through downtown Milton. Ms. Sharp read, for the record several comment cards opposing the project from fellow Milton citizens. Ms. Sharp ask that Milton be granted the gift of time to find a better solution for the traffic problems in downtown Milton.

D. FDOT/ALDOT UPDATES:

1. FDOT UPDATE: Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, or Ms. Christy Johnson, AICP, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Urban Liaisons.
   No Update

2. ALDOT Update

   Mr. John Reece, ALDOT, gave a brief update on the SR 180 widening project from Foley Beach Express to 161. He stated that the project had been let and construction should start sometime after Labor Day. Mr. Reece stated that ALDOT was still waiting on Coast Guard and Corp of Engineers permits for the bridge portion of the Waterways project. The roadway portion still has some final design updates that should be ready in November.

E. CONSENT:


2. ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-17 Adopting the Berryhill Road Corridor Management Plan (CMP) from Locklin Technical College to Dogwood Drive (SR 89) and Endorsing Implementation of Transportation Strategies and Projects Identified in the Plan.

3. ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-14 Adopting the FY 2019 Transportation Alternatives Set Aside Scoring Criteria.
Commissioner Underhill moved to approve the Consent agenda items. Commissioner May seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

F. ACTION:

1. ENCLOSURE A- ALL COMMITTEES (TPO ROLL CALL VOTE) Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-18 Amending the FY 2019-2023 Transportation Improvement Program to Increase the Construction Cost for SR 87 from South of Clear Creek to North of SR 4, Resurfacing Project for Financial Project Identification (FPID) number 4397211 in FY 2019/2020 from $5,711,868 to $8,804,142 - Mr. Bryant Paulk, AICP, FDOT Urban Liaison.

Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT had requested this item due to the increased cost of construction and to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. He reported that it is scheduled for letting in January 2020.

Commissioner Lynchard moved to authorize the TPO chairman to sign Resolution FL-AL 19-18 to amend the FY 2019-2023 TIP. Commissioner Bergosh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Sam Parker, Chairman    Yes
Steven Barry, Vice Chairman  Yes
Cherry Fitch    Yes
Mary Ellen Johnson    Yes
Ann Hill    Yes
Jewel Cannada-Wynn    Yes
P. C. WU    Yes
Jared Moore    Yes
Don Salter    Yes
Lane Lynchard    Yes
Dave Piech    Yes
Jerry Johnson    Yes
Lumon May    Yes
Doug Underhill    Yes
Robert Bender    Yes
Jeff Bergosh    Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

2. ENCLOSURE B- ALL COMMITTEES (TPO ROLL CALL VOTE) Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-19 Amending the FY 2019-2023 and FY 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs to Show all Federal Funds Being

Commissioner Lynchard moved to authorize the TPO chairman sign Resolution FL-AL 19-19 to amend the FY 2019-2023 TIP and the FY 2020-2024 TIP. Commissioner Bergosh seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:
Sam Parker, Chairman    Yes
Steven Barry, Vice Chairman  Yes
Cherry Fitch    Yes
Mary Ellen Johnson    Yes
Ann Hill    Yes
Jewel Cannada-Wynn    Yes
P. C. WU    Yes
Jared Moore    Yes
Don Salter    Yes
Lane Lynchard    Yes
Dave Piech    Yes
Jerry Johnson    Yes
Lumon May    Yes
Doug Underhill    Yes
Robert Bender    Yes
Jeff Bergosh    Yes

The motion was unanimously approved.

3. ENCLOSURE C- ALL COMMITTEES (TPO ROLL CALL VOTE) Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-15 Adopting the FL-AL FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities-Mr. Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff.

Mr. Kramer presented the proposed recommendations.

The recommendations were as follows:
• #3 Non-SIS Priority ($1,500,000) for Mobility Management Program Projects
  - Escambia County recommends Detroit/Johnson Improvements
  - $300,000 (Sidewalks north and south of Johnson)
  - $1,200,000 (Mill and Resurface and add paved shoulders and sidewalks from Chemstrand Road to Cody Lane)
- #12 Non-SIS US 90 from Stewart Street to Ward Basin Road. Comments from June 17, 2019 Public Workshop in Bagdad are listed in the agenda enclosure.
- #25 Non-SIS Priority (US 90 from Scenic Highway to US 90) Priority should be for 6 lanes not 4 lanes
- #26, #27, #30, #31 and Fully Funded US 98 Non-SIS Priorities should be removed since they have been included on the SIS and are also SIS Priorities
- #35 Non-SIS Priority Pinestead-Longleaf Connector. Priority should only be for Longleaf from Pine Forest Road to Kemp Road
- Non-SIS Fully Funded List. The Design money for Complete Streets for Project ID #4409041 for West Main Street from Barrancas to S. Clubbs Street is funded in FY 2021-2022, it needs to be included in the fully funded table as it was a Non-SIS Project Priority for FY 2020-2024
- #2 US 90 and West Spencer Field Road and #3 US 98 and Soundside Drive TSM Priorities. Should these priorities be switched?
- Label a row “Fully Funded Projects Not Yet Constructed” after the #4 TSM Priority
- #8 Transportation Alternatives Priority Perdido Key Drive. Replace 10 feet with 8 feet and delete the words “SR (292) along with 5 feet concrete sidewalks on the southside connecting heavily developed areas on Perdido Key.”
- Add Pedestrian-Bicycle Plan Projects on the Project Priority List?

Mr. Kramer stated that the FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities are due to FDOT/ALDOT by on August 01, 2019. Mr. Kramer said that in October 2019, FDOT will present the tentative FY 2021-2025 Work Program.

Commissioner Bender spoke on priority 25 and asked that residents on the south side of US 90 be kept in mind as changes are made.

There was discussion about the segment of Sorrento Road discussed by Ms. Vicki Campbell and if that segment could be studied separately to speed up improvements on that corridor. Mr. Paulk stated that the PD&E is at approximately 60 percent and it would be more judicious to continue to pursue the development of the existing PD&E verses trying to justify the reduction of it to study individual segments. Commissioner Underhill stated that in the interim to improvements, there will be some fixes going into place such as resurfacing to help with some of the issues in that area.

Commissioner Bergosh asked what the $5 million would go towards. Mr. Paulk answered that one million would go to the remainder of the PD&E study and the
other 4 million is for the design and preliminary engineering for that segment. Commissioner Bergosh asked when the project went on pause and why. Mr. Paulk stated that Escambia County turned the project over to FDOT and that FDOT continued the project until all funds were expended.

Commissioner Underhill stated that in closing, it does not make any sense to move up the Sorrento Road PD&E because it will not change anything and will not advance the project. Commissioner Underhill stated that it is in the hands of Escambia County to allocate the funds to get the project moving again and moving it up on the priority list, would only move other projects down.

Commissioner Salter spoke in support of the expansion of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton. Commissioner Salter stated that this project had been discussed for over 30 years and it was finally time to make a commitment to solving the issues. He explained that it is a major corridor that goes to the industrial park and that there are 3,085 jobs in East Milton in the industrial parks. Commissioner Salter stated that the Hwy. 87 Connector is approx. 12 miles and the total project cost would be 170 million dollars with 1.5 miles of bridges. He stated that the Hwy 90 through downtown Milton project is 1.5 miles and would be 52 million dollars. Commissioner Salter stated that it is time to decide for the better good of Santa Rosa County. He stated that he was recommending keeping the list as it is.

Commissioner Lynchard and Commissioner Piech echoed the comments of Commissioner Salter.

Commissioner Underhill stated that there must be a strategic plan that shows a better alternative and that there have been no better alternatives presented. Commissioner Underhill stated that he will support maintaining the 87 Connect as well as the expansion through downtown Milton at their current positions because there is no better alternative presented.

Councilwoman Canada-Wynn asked if adding 4 lanes through downtown Milton would cause the same kind of problems that have been seen in Pensacola, for example on Cervantes Street through the Brownsville community.

Chairman Parker discussed that the segment of Hwy. 90 through downtown Milton has a very different make up than Cervantes Street. He stated that he spent 10 years of his life in the Cervantes area and stated that they are drastically different areas. Chairman Parker stated that Cervantes is a densely residential area with a lot of foot traffic. He stated that Cervantes is also part of a robust grid system. The Hwy 90 segment that goes through downtown Milton is a
historic/downtown area with few residents directly on the section. Chairman Parker stated that it is the only road going through downtown Milton, there are no alternative routes through the area. Chairman Parker wanted to get across that they are dramatically different roads as far as demographics, use, and lack of alternate routes.

Councilwoman Hill stated that she has gotten many emails and hopes that if it is moved up, the citizens and their needs are kept in mind.

Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT's study made several commitments such as keeping it a low speed corridor and applying the Complete Streets principals. Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT intends to engage with the City of Milton when it comes to the design and put forth a plan with their input of what they would like to see.

Councilwoman Johnson requested that there be more time for the City of Milton to discuss the design with FDOT. Mr. Paulk stated that FDOT would discuss the design depending on the alternative chosen from the PD&E study.

The final changes were as follows:

TABLE 1-NON-SIS PROJECTS:

- #3 Non-SIS Priority ($1,500,000) for Mobility Management Program Projects: Detroit/Johnson Improvements:
  - $300,000 (Sidewalks north and south of Johnson)
  - $1,200,000 (Mill, resurface and add paved shoulders and sidewalks from Chemstrand Road to Cody Lane)

- #11 Non-SIS Priority Glover Lane/Old U.S. 90 to SR 87 N. Stewart Street moved to #12

- #12 Non-SIS Priority SR 87 N Stewart Street to CR 89/Ward Basin moved to #11

- #25 Non-SIS Priority (US 90 from Scenic Highway to US 90) priority changed to 6 lanes from 4 lanes

- #26, #27, #30, #31 and fully funded US 98 Non-SIS Priorities were removed and have been included on the SIS and are also SIS Priorities
• #35 Pinestead-Longleaf Connector priority changed to Longleaf from Pine Forest Road to Kemp Road

• Non-SIS Fully Funded List: The Design money for Complete Streets for Project ID #4409041 for West Main Street from Barrancas to S. Clubbs Street funded in FY 2021-2022 as it was a Non-SIS Project Priority for FY 2020-2024

• #15 Non-SIS Priority (Pine Forest Road from I-10 to CR 297A) moved to priority #7, shifting all following projects down one spot

**TABLE 4-TSM PROJECTS:**
- TSM Priorities: #2 US 90 and West Spencer Field Road and #3 US 98 and Soundside Drive TSM Priorities were switched in ranking

**TABLE 5-TAP PROJECTS:**
- #8 Non-SIS Priority Transportation Alternatives Priority Perdido Key Drive. Ten feet was replaced with 8 feet and the words “SR (292) along with 5 feet concrete sidewalks on the southside connecting heavily developed areas on Perdido Key” were deleted in the project description

**Commissioner Salter moved to authorize the TPO chairman sign Resolution FL-AL 19-15 adopting the FL-AL FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities with the changes. Commissioner Underhill seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call Vote:**
Sam Parker, Chairman  Yes
Steven Barry, Vice Chairman  Yes
Cherry Fitch  Yes
Mary Ellen Johnson  Yes
Ann Hill  Yes
Jewel Cannada-Wynn  Yes
P. C. WU  Yes
Jared Moore  Yes
Don Salter  Yes
Lane Lynchard  Yes
Dave Piech  Yes
Jerry Johnson  Yes
Lumon May  Yes
Doug Underhill  Yes
Robert Bender  Yes

**The motion was unanimously approved.**
4. ENCLOSURE D- ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-16
Adopting the Florida-Alabama TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals and Objectives Mr. Gary Kramer, ECRC Staff.
Mr. Kramer presented.

Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO chairman sign Resolution FL-AL 19-16 adopting the Florida-Alabama TPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Goals and Objectives. Councilwoman Canada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

5. ENCLOSURE E- ALL COMMITTEES Consideration of Resolution FL-AL 19-13
Adopting the East Bay Boulevard Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Scope of Services to Start After August 1, 2019 and Authorizing Execution of Consultant Task Order- Ms. Caitlin Cerame, ECRC Staff.
Ms. Cerame presented.

Commissioner Underhill moved to authorize the TPO chairman sign Resolution FL-AL 19-13 adopting the East Bay Boulevard Corridor Management Plan (CMP) Scope of Services to start after August 1, 2019 and authorizing execution of the consultant task order. Councilwoman Canada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Ms. Washnock stated that at the CAC recommenced the chairman sign a letter to be sent to FDOT expressing support for a safety analysis to be conducted for Sorrento Road from Innerarity Point Road to Bauer Road in Escambia County. Ms. Washnock stated that this action was taken due to concerns by the Citizens’ Advisory Committee and their request for action.

Commissioner Bergosh moved to authorize the chairman to sign a letter to be sent to FDOT expressing support for a safety analysis to be conducted for Sorrento Road from Innerarity Point Road to Bauer Road in Escambia County. Councilwoman Canada-Wynn seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Escambia County Commissioners were excused from the meeting due to a conflicting meeting.

G. EMERALD COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT- TPO ONLY Mr. Austin Mount, ECRC Chief Executive Officer
No update.
H. MULTI MODAL UPDATE

   No update.

I. PRESENTATIONS (no action):
   1. ENCLOSURE F- ALL COMMITTEES Update on State Road 10A (US 90) West Cervantes Street from Dominguez Street to “A” Street Pedestrian Safety Study- Mr. M. Brad Collins, P.E., HDR Project Manager.

      The presentation was tabled until the next meeting due to the Escambia County Commissioners absence Mr. Wilkinson stated that there is a public meeting on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. at the Brownsville Community Center.

   2. ENCLOSURE G- ALL COMMITTEES Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT) Bus Stop Assessment Plan Progress Update- Mr. Brian Waterman, Senior Transportation/Transit Planner, HDR Inc.

      Mr. Waterman reported that they are halfway through the analysis and a full report will be presented at the October meeting with recommendations.

   3. ENCLOSURE H- ALL COMMITTEES Review of the 2019 Florida-Alabama Title VI Program Major Update- Ms. Brittany Ellers, ECRC Staff

      Ms. Ellers stated that this program specifically addresses reducing barriers for people who speak different languages, ADA accessibility, and nondiscrimination for public outreach. Ms. Ellers requested that all comments be submitted by Friday, September 20, 2019.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS (no presentation necessary)
   1. ENCLOSURE I- ALL COMMITTEES
      • TCC and CAC June Meeting Minutes
      • FL-AL June Actions Report
      • FDOT Joint Certification Statement
      • Regional Rural Transportation Plan Notice to Proceed
      • 2019 FL-AL TPO Schedule

K. OTHER BUSINESS- The next Florida-Alabama TPO meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the West Florida Regional Library, 239 North Spring Street, Pensacola, Florida. Advisory committee meetings will be held at Pensacola City Hall, 222 West Main Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502. TCC will meet on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. The CAC will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.
L. ADJOURNMENT
   The meeting was adjourned
George Jordan  
Milton City Councilman  

TPO Meeting—Tiger Point  

Dear Board  

I speak today as a citizen of Milton, not representing the Milton City Council or the official position of the City of Milton as mandated by Council.  

On June 12 at the TPO meeting in Pensacola, Commissioner Bob Cole posed an interesting, unanswered question: He said he would like to know how many people wanted to just say: “Dam the torpedoes, full speed ahead and bulldoze down Historic Milton.” Since taking office in December of 2018 I have had uncounted 1 on 1 conversations with citizens and attended some 250 meetings and events. I know the people of Milton and have dependable estimates of the numbers Bob ask about. Using 10,000 as Milton’s base population:  

- Those who want to bulldoze historic down town: Less than 1%. Less than 100 persons out of 10,000 fall in this category.  
- Those who want to keep Milton as it is and stifle economic development: Less than 1%. Less than 100 persons out of 10,000 fall into this category.  
- 80% or 8,000 people want to preserve the historic nature of our city and at the same time maintain economic growth in Milton and the surrounding area. The majority of these accept that increasing the traffic capacity by expanding the present route of highway 90 is the best option to achieve this goal.  
- 18% or 1,800 people aren’t going to be involved and don’t care.  
- There are also two Force Multipliers groups in the mix: Group 1 – Investors in property along the Hwy 87/1-10 corridor. Group 2 Persons and Non-Profits acquiring real estate in the City of Milton. Not all, but a small number of people in these two groups are keeping as many of the 80% as possible focused on the historic down town in an attempt to keep the light off the real issues.  

The belief keeping Hwy 90 a two lane is just about maintaining the historic nature of downtown Milton is very narrow minded. It is about the 3,085 jobs now at the East Milton Industrial Park and how limiting traffic capacity will stifle the anticipated economic development in the area. Milton will stop being The City Where Good Living Flows if workers can’t flow through Milton to get to the industrial areas. Milton, Pace, Allentown, Bagdad, all the feeder communities will suffer. Reducing the priority level of the Hwy 90 four-lane through Milton will allow some speculators to achieve returns on their investments sooner but it will be at the expense of the average citizen of Milton and the economic health of Santa Rosa County.  

As chair of Growth and Development in Milton I have been having talking with developers for months now concerning project opportunities on our river front off Broad Street in Milton. Interest has been created but none I have met with are willing to commit to a project until the Hwy 90 issue is settled. The economic development of Milton and this entire region is dependent on you pushing this project forward as rapidly as possible.  

Expanding traffic capacity for emergency evacuation is a must. With our population increasing at some 2% per year and much of that in the costal evacuation area we have need for greater and greater evacuation capacity.  

This is not just a Milton issue it’s a regional issue and I and a great number of Miltonians want you to do the right thing for us and make this traffic capacity expansion of the highest priority.  

I avoided quoting a number of voters specifically for or against the four lane thru downtown for one reason. That number changes daily dependent on the force multipliers and social media.  

Thank You  

George Jordan  
850/368-5240