

**PUBLIC WORKS/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 - 5:30 PM
DESTIN CITY HALL BOARDROOM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wood called the Public Works/Public Safety Committee to order on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance immediately following.

2. ROLL CALL:

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>
James T. Wood, Jr.	Marcie Bell	Kim Montgomery Deputy City Clerk
John Green	John Stephens	Michael Burgess PW Director
Tom Weidenhamer		JT Hart PW Deputy Director
Sam Perman		
Curtis Smith		

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 9, 2022

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 meeting, as amended was made by Committee member Perman with Committee member Green providing the second. The motion passed 5-0.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A) Presentation by Emerald Coast Regional Council – Marybeth Washnok

The Chairman explained he asked Mrs. Washnok to present to them the

Mrs. Washnok presented the members with a brief Power Point Presentation detailing the role of the ECRC.

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The role of the
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING
ORGANIZATION (MPO)**

To preserve and enhance the quality of life in northwest Florida.

**We refer to the MPOs as the
Transportation Planning Organizations (TPO).**



There are 27 Metropolitan Planning
Organizations (MPOs) in Florida

Federal and State Law require a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be designated...

...in each urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more.



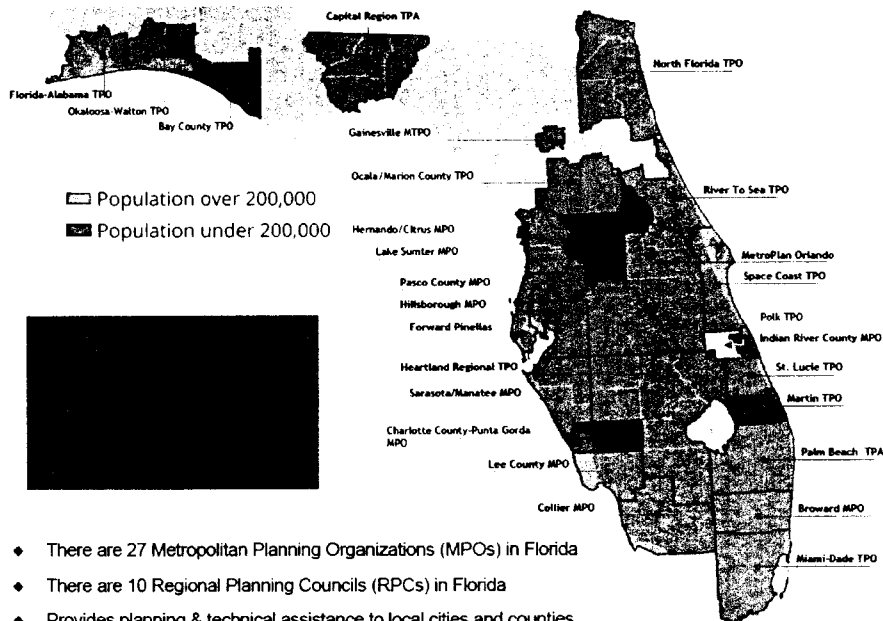
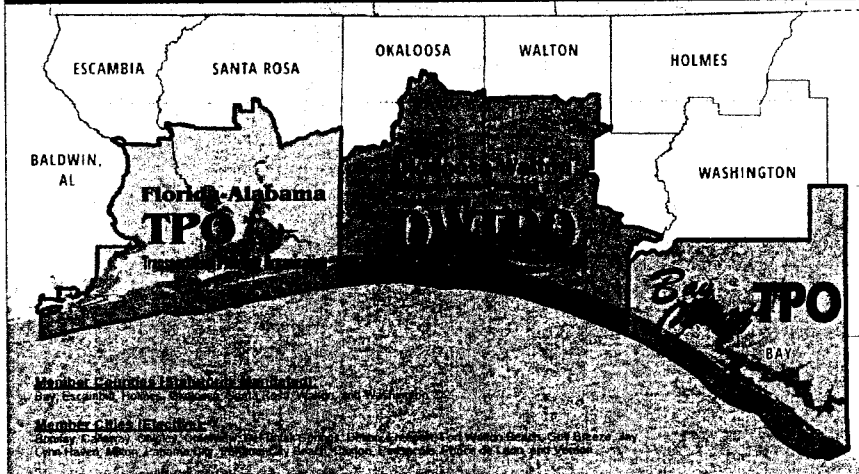
What is a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)?

A designated forum for cooperative transportation decision making.



ECRC TPO Planning Areas in West Florida

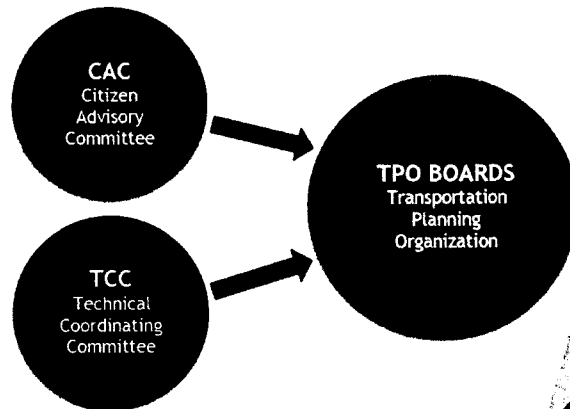
Emerald Coast Regional Council provides services to the municipalities in our seven-county region: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Washington, and Holmes.



- ◆ There are 27 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Florida
- ◆ There are 10 Regional Planning Councils (RPCs) in Florida
- ◆ Provides planning & technical assistance to local cities and counties
- ◆ ECRC was founded in 1964

Advisory committees support the TPO:

ECRC staffs and supports the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) and the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) as well as the Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board.



Who comprises the TPO Board?

A TPO is governed by a Board of Directors who steer the cities and counties towards a sustainable future.



County Commissioners
 5 seats - Escambia
 5 seats - Santa Rosa
 1 seat - Baldwin

City Council Members
 5 seats - Pensacola
 1 seat - Milton
 1 seat - Gulf Breeze
 1 seat - Orange Beach



County Commissioners
 4 seats - Okaloosa
 3 seats - Walton

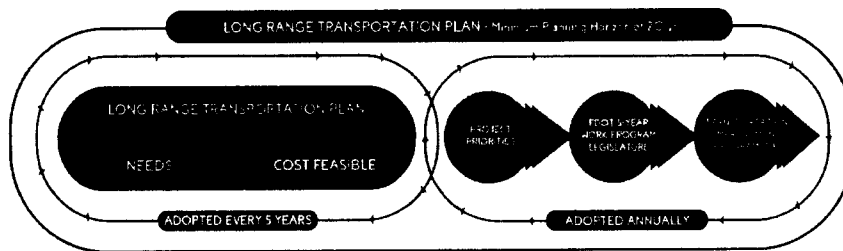
City Council Members
 3 seats - Crestview
 2 seats - Destin
 2 seats - Ft. Walton Beach
 1 seat - DeFuniak Springs
 1 seat - Freeport
 1 seat - Mary Esther
 1 seat - Niceville
 1 seat - Valparaiso



County Commissioners
 5 seats - Bay County

City Commissioners/Members
 5 seats - Panama City
 2 seats - Panama City Beach
 2 seats - Callaway
 2 seats - Lynn Haven
 1 seat - Mexico Beach
 1 seat - Panama City
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TPO Planning Cycle



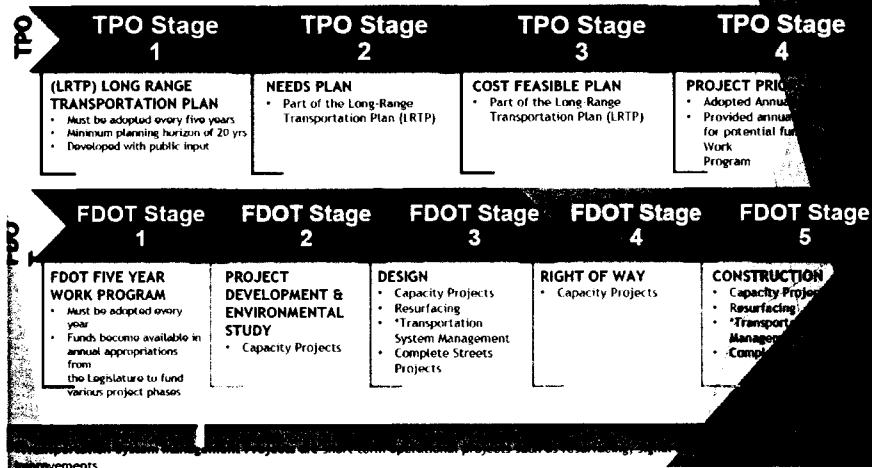
FIVE-YEAR CYCLE

(LRTP) LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN
 • NEEDS PLAN
 • COST FEASIBLE PLAN

YEARLY CYCLE

PROJECT PRIORITIES
 FDOT FIVE YEAR WORK PROGRAM
 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Transportation Planning Process



Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)

20-year Planning Horizon

Updated every 5 years

LRTP (Long Range Transportation Plan)

Updated every 5 years

Needs Plan and Cost Feasible Plan

Outlined and Projected in LRTP

What are the needs?

What can we afford?

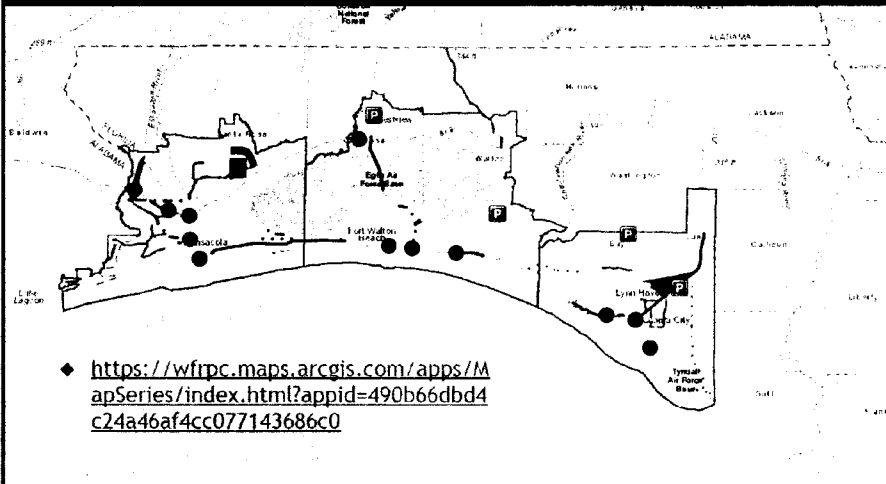
Wish List?

Developed with Public Input



Project Priorities

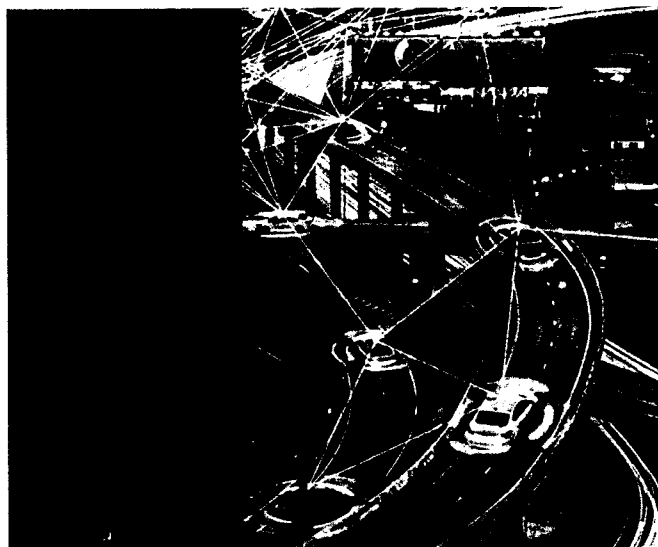
Project Priorities are a list of the Cost Feasible projects from the Long Range Transportation Plan in Priority order. They are provided to FDOT annually for funding in the Work Program.



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- ◆ Five-Year Plan updated annually that identifies projects funded in the FDOT Work Program

Click the TPO logo links below to view the TIP for each TPO.



Other TPO Products:

- Regional Freight
- Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)
- Congestion Management
- Corridor Management



Other TPO Products:

Bicycle / Pedestrian Plans

Transportation Disadvantaged Plans

Public Participation Process Plan



Summary

A TPO serves as the mechanism for
regional collaboration
in transportation decision making.

Thank you.

◆ Success over the last 10-12 years

- ◆ Completed Projects:
 - ◆ US 98 Flyover/Overpass at Cody Avenue
 - ◆ PJ Adams Parkway in Crestview
 - ◆ US 98 from Airport Road to Walton County Line (6-laning)
 - ◆ SR 123 Widening to 4 lanes
 - ◆ US 331 Widening to 4 lanes

◆ ALMOST COMPLETE:

- ◆ Destin Crosstown Connector (still lacking some funds to complete)
- ◆ New I-10 Interchange in Crestview

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CURRENT LRTP (DESTIN)

- **NEEDS PLAN (MULTIPLE PROJECTS PULLED DIRECTLY FROM THE DESTIN CIP)**
 - Complete Streets/Corridor Study on Calhoun Avenue
 - Multiple Bike/Ped projects listed
 - Mattie M. Kelly Boulevard Corridor Extension
 - US 98 / Indian Bayou Trail Intersection Improvement
- **COST FEASIBLE PLAN**
 - US 98 Adaptive Signal Control System
 - Express Transit (Niceville to Destin)
 - US 98 (Calhoun Avenue to Airport Road) Complete Streets/TSM (intersection and turn lane improvements)

The members briefly discussed the future upcoming funded projects with Mrs. Washnok.

B) Re-Striping of Main Street (north of Kelly) and Indian Trail

Mr. Hart provided the members with the plan for the restriping of subject roads explaining that the price sheet included in their packet has been revised, reflecting an increase because some remeasuring was necessary with the amount now being \$67,008.

Motion by Committee member Perman, seconded by Committee member Weidenhamer to recommend the Restriping of Main Street (north of Kelly) and Indian Trail to City Council. The motion passed 5-0.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Stormwater/Floodplain Issues – Public Comment - None**
- **Public Works/Emergency Update – August 2022**

Mr. Hart provided the following updates to the members.

- **Operational Update Recent & Upcoming Council Agenda Items**
 - US98 Median Improvements, underway – plant removal, irrigation, wells, sod.

Mr. Burgess added that the original contract for this project was supposed to be up on August 27th. But due to supply chain and other issues it has been extended out at least 60-days.

- Speed humps are being delayed due to cost and other estimates.
- New Dump Truck – TBD.
- Long lines for Luke Avenue and John Avenue have been finished.

➤ **Member Comments**

- **Committee member Green** spoke of how he feels that the city should up the pay for the mechanic position that has been empty for going on two years.

Committee Perman spoke of the benefit package that comes with the job makes up the difference to what other businesses in the area are paying and encouraged that information needs to somehow get out.

- **Committee member Perman** spoke of how she wants to make sure that staff is still looking into the lighting alternatives for the beach trails on Scenic Hwy 98 in Crystal Beach and doesn't want it to get forgotten, because of the turtle lighting issues.

Mr. Burgess explained the four systems that are on the upcoming Council agenda is money from FY22. With their recommendation of the 10 systems, from their last meeting, the rest will be purchased in FY23, after the budget is approved.

- **Committee member Smith** asked if there is an update on the roadway paving projects.

Mr. Burgess explained the news is not good and is basically still status quo of what it has been, with the lack of available asphalt in excess for what's needed. Smaller quantities are all that can be obtained at this time. Explaining further the Gas Surtax income may help supplement, but they are very behind in road projects that need to get accomplished and can't get any contractors to even give quotes. Additionally, staff is aware of how bad Matthew Blvd. is and he reiterated that it will not get started until Henderson is finished - - and it won't be during March or next summer.

- **Chairman Wood** asked when the LED changeout will happen.

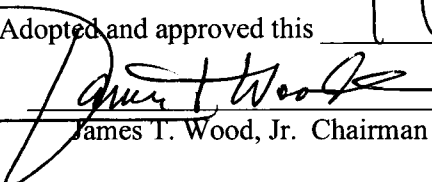
Mr. Burgess replied that all he can say is, as soon as they can.

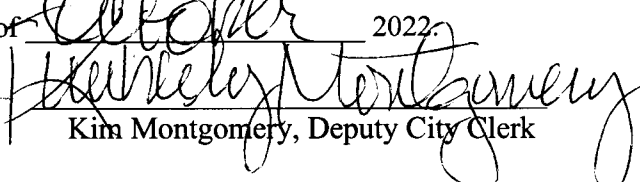
➤ **Public Comment - None**

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business at this time, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of October 2022.


James T. Wood, Jr. Chairman


Kim Montgomery, Deputy City Clerk