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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

MEETING DATE: January 21, 2016
TO: Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)
FROM: James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman
RE: TPO Special Meeting

Destin City Hall Annex

The Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) will hold a special meeting on **Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.** in the **Destin City Hall Annex** located at **4100 Indian Bayou Trail Destin, Florida 32541.**

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE – Chairman Wood**
- B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
This is a special meeting of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO and no other items may be added to the agenda as per the TPO bylaws.
- C. PUBLIC FORUM**
Any person who wishes to address the TPO is requested to fill out a Speaker Request Form obtained from the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) staff at the meeting. Speakers are asked to limit their time to five minutes.
- D. CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - 1. Approval of October 8, 2015 TPO Meeting Minutes
TPO ONLY



Staff to TPO “...planning for the future transportation needs of the Okaloosa-Walton Urbanized Area...”

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Resolution O-W 16-01 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 – FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Project Number 4382771, Addition of Construction Funds for State Road (SR) 30 (US 98) Harbor Boulevard from East Pass Bridge to Airport Road
(ROLL CALL VOTE REQUIRED)

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ENCLOSURE A

- Presentation by Mr. Bryant Paulk, FDOT

F. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Presentations)

ENCLOSURE B

- 2016 TPO Meeting Schedule

G. OTHER BUSINESS

H. ADJOURN

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OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO) MEETING
MINUTES

WEST FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (Designated staff)
Destin City Hall Annex 4100 Indian Bayou Trail Destin, Florida 32541

October 8, 2015

MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Jim Wood, Chairman	City of Destin
Bill Chapman	Walton County Board of Commissioners
Sara Comander	Walton County Board of Commissioners
J.B. Whitten	City of Crestview
Ronald Stearns	City of Mary Esther
Bill Cox	City of Crestview
Joe Blocker	City of Crestview
Joe Morgan	City of Valparaiso
Prebble Ramswell	City of Destin
Mac Carpenter	City of DeFuniak Springs
Amy Jamieson	City of Ft. Walton Beach

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Wiley Page	Atkins
Larry Kelley	Atkins
John Fielding	Atkins
Joe Secedi	Citizen
Tommy Barfield	FDOT
Regina Battles	FDOT
Alicia Brininger	FDOT
Cheryl Gainer-McCall	FDOT
Christy Johnson	FDOT
Ray Kirkland	FDOT
Bryant Paulk	FDOT
Jason Peters	FDOT
Maria Showalter	FDOT
Tim Smith	FDOT
Iris Walden	FDOT
Cory Wilkinson	HDR
Leigh Moore	Howard Group
Glenn Lattanze	Hurlburt Field
Van Fuller	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority
Jason Autrey	Okaloosa County
Randy Showers	Okaloosa County
Traci Goodhart	TPO Staff
Austin Mount	WFRPC Executive Director
Jenny Cook	WFRPC Staff
Kate Daniel	WFRPC Staff
Brittany Ellers	WFRPC Staff
Jill Lavender	WFRPC Staff
Rob Mahan	WFRPC Staff
Mary Beth Washnock	WFRPC Staff

A. CALL TO ORDER

Councilman Wood called the meeting to order.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Jill Lavender, WFRPC staff, informed the board that staff is requesting an add-on item for action regarding appointing a new NWFL RTPO member.

Councilwoman Ramswell moved to approve the agenda with the add-on item for action. Councilwoman Jamieson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

C. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve Czonstka, CAC chairman, approached the board. He explained that the Transportation Empowerment Act (TEA), which is being considered as an alternative to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, was established in 1956 as part of the Federal Aid Highway Act. The TEA Act is supposed to return responsibility and revenue for transportation funding back to the states, placing infrastructure funding on a sound long-term footing.

Ms. Jill Lavender took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Austin Mount, Executive Director of WFRPC. He approached the board and gave a brief introduction.

Ms. Lavender then introduced FDOT District 3 Secretary, Tommy Barfield. Secretary Barfield informed the board that he and his staff are very pleased with FY 2017-2021 Tentative Work Program and the over \$3 billion in projects.

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Chapman moved to approve the July 16, 2015 TPO meeting minutes with the correction to Commissioner Chapman's title. Commissioner Comander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of Resolution O-W 15-19 Accepting the FDOT FY 2017-2021 Tentative Work Program

Ms. Regina Battles, FDOT, presented this item to the board. She briefly reviewed the additions, deletions, referrals and adjustments. Chairman Wood requested to speak with Ms. Regina Battles regarding this document after the meeting. There was brief discussion for further clarification.

Ms. Battles informed the board that the deadline for objections from the TPOs on this document is November 17th. Both advisory committees recommended approval of this item.

Councilman Carpenter moved to approve authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 15-19 accepting the FDOT FY 2017-2021 Tentative Work Program. Commissioner Comander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution O-W 15-20 Amending the FY 2017-2021 Project Priorities for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Projects

Ms. Traci Goodhart, TPO staff, presented this item. She explained this amendment is to include CMAQ program projects. The purpose of the CMAQ program is to support transportation projects and programs that improve congestion and overall air quality. It is the goal of the West Florida Regional Planning Council (WFRPC) and the TPO to continue to improve and encourage multi-modal transportation while educating the public about alternative fuels. The TPO is working towards a Clean Cities Coalition designation from the Department of Energy.

Councilman Carpenter moved to approve authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 15-20 amending the FY 2017-2021 Project Priorities for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program Projects. Councilman Blocker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Resolution O-W 15-21 Authorizing TPO Transportation Director to Sign Memorandum of Agreement Between Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, and Bay County TPOs and Atkins North America, Inc. as the General Planning Consultant (GPC)
Ms. Jill Lavender, WFRPC staff, presented this item. In April 2015, each TPO approved the GPC Selection Committee's recommendation and negotiations began with the selected firm. Atkins North America, Inc. agreed to all terms of the negotiations. Upon execution, the Memorandum of Agreement will start a new three year, task based contract with Atkins North America as the Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, and Bay County TPOs' GPC.

Councilman Cox moved to approve authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 15-21 authorizing TPO Transportation Director to Sign Memorandum of Agreement between Florida-Alabama, Okaloosa-Walton, and Bay County TPOs and Atkins North America, Inc. as the General Planning Consultant (GPC). Councilwoman Ramswell seconded the motion and it was passed with Councilman Morgan opposed.

4. Consideration of Resolution O-W 15-22 Supporting the Completion of the Great Northwest Coast Regional Connector
Ms. Mary Beth Washnock, WFRPC staff, presented this item. She explained that this item is the result of the presentation Mr. Dale Allen, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, gave at the June TPO and committee meetings. The TPO directed staff to draft a resolution of support for the completion of the Great Northwest Coast Regional Connector. The TPO was informed that the CAC recommended approval of this item, pending the funding source and amount. Ms. Washnock explained that funding comes from the Florida Forever Bond funds with an allocation of \$25 million per year amount. There was brief general discussion.

Commissioner Comander moved to approve authorizing the TPO chair to sign Resolution O-W 15-22 supporting the completion of the Great Northwest Coast Regional Connector. Councilwoman Ramswell seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Application
Ms. Mary Beth Washnock, WFRPC staff, informed the committee that Mr. Joe Secedi has requested to participate as a member of the Okaloosa-Walton TPO's CAC. He is from Miramar Beach, and meets the requirements to be appointed to the CAC. His application was provided in the agenda packet for review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stearns moved to approve Mr. Joe Secedi's application for Okaloosa-Walton TPO Citizens' Advisory Committee membership. Councilman Blocker seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

6. ADD-ON ITEM: Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization Member appointment.
Mary Beth Washnock, WFRPC staff, informed the board that Mayor Henry Ennis has informed staff that he will no longer be able to serve as a Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (NWFL RTPO) member. His resignation will leave a vacancy on the board; therefore staff is requesting that the Okaloosa-Walton TPO appoint a new member. Mayor

Ennis has agreed to be the alternate for the newly appointed member. Councilman Mac Carpenter was nominated and agreed to be the newly appointed member.

Commissioner Chapman moved to appoint Councilman Mac Carpenter to the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization. Commissioner Comander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

F. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) UPDATE

Mr. Bryant Paulk, FDOT, approached the committee. He informed them that FDOT is working to add U.S. 98 throughout the entire 3rd district to the Strategic Intermodal System (SIS). He gave a brief background of the SIS and explained that a substantial amount of capacity dollars for roadway improvements are allocated to this system. There will be a presentation at the next meeting for further detail on this process. Chairman Wood spoke to the addition of the roadway to the SIS and the opportunities that will result in this designation.

G. REVIEW / INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project Scoring Criteria
Ms. Jenny Cook, WFRPC staff, presented this item. She provided the current criteria adopted last year, and the draft with proposed changes to that document. She gave a brief presentation to explain changes made to the criteria and the comments behind them. Councilwoman asked if staff felt the additional project information will negatively or positively influence the application, as it seems it could go either way. Ms. Cook explained that the additions to the criteria were made with the intention of helping the applications. Councilman Blocker asked how schools are defined. Ms. Cook assured him that staff is open to any comments and would follow up with that question, but ultimately it would be at the discretion of the board. Chairman Wood expressed his appreciation for staff's effort on this document and also made suggestions, to include having the applicants present when the applications are reviewed. Further general discussion ensued.
2. 2040 Okaloosa-Walton TPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Kick-off
Ms. Kate Daniel, WFRPC staff, presented this item. The first steering committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 3rd at 10 a.m. Ms. Daniel explained that at this meeting the steering committee will discuss having a consistent schedule. She then introduced Mr. Wiley Page, Atkins. He gave a brief overview of the LRTP process. Councilman Cox asked when the 50% match for TRIP applications are required. Mr. Paulk explained the process for which the municipality would need funds available.
3. Transportation Project Process from Concept to Completion
Ms. Kate Daniel, WFRPC staff, presented this item. She gave a brief overview of how a transportation project goes from concept all the way to construction completion to include federal and state and local funding opportunities. This presentation was given at the request of the TPO chairman. The information presented was a summary of what is presented at the MPOAC Weekend Institute. Ms. Daniel encouraged anyone that had any questions or concerns to contact her.
4. Overview of the Changes to the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority Toll Schedule
Mr. Van Fuller, Mid-Bay Bridge Authority, presented this item to the board. He gave a detailed update on the background, process, and outcome of the changes to the toll schedule for the Mid-Bay Bridge Authority. General discussion ensued and the board thanked Mr. Fuller for the presentation.
5. Update on Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study

Mr. Rob Mahan, WFRPC staff, updated the board on the Regional Transit Authority Feasibility Study. This study was initiated by Escambia County staff and the Florida-Alabama TPO however there seems to be a loss in interest of pursuing the study any further. Staff will approach the Florida-Alabama TPO at their next meeting to see if the board would like to continue.

6. Update on Transportation Empowerment Act (TEA)

This item was discussed during the Public Speaker portion of the meeting.

7. Announcement of PJ Adams Public Meeting

Mr. Cory Wilkinson, HDR, presented this item. He explained that Okaloosa County will hold a public meeting for the P.J. Adams Parkway project between State Road 85 and Interstate 10 (length of 2.5 miles). The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at Crosspoint Church, 2250 P.J. Adams Parkway, Crestview, FL 32536 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be an open house format. The purpose of the meeting is to review project plans currently under preparation to widen the roadway from two to four lanes, including roadway and storm-water pond right-of-way and noise walls. Mr. Wilkinson informed the board that Okaloosa County staff will be available to answer questions at the meeting. Chairman Wood asked about funding for this project. Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Jason Autrey, Okaloosa County, explained what will be used to fund the project.

H. INFORMATION ITEMS (No Presentations)

I. OTHER BUSINESS

Jill Lavender informed the board that the meeting schedule for 2016 will be sent out to the board once it is finalized. She also reminded the board of the Symposium.

Chairman Wood informed the board that he like the meetings being between 90 and 60 minutes. This opened further general discussion regarding the number of meetings. Staff agreed to follow-up with this issue.

J. ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Approved by TPO

DATE: January 21, 2016

SIGNED: _____

Approved for Submittal to TPO:

**ENCLOSURE A
TPO ONLY**

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution O-W 16-01 Amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 – FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Project Number 4382771, Addition of Construction Funds for State Road (SR) 30 (US 98) Harbor Boulevard from East Pass Bridge to Airport Road

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

BACKGROUND: Annually, the TPO adopts a TIP, which lists the projects scheduled throughout the five years of the FDOT Work Program for various phases such as Project Development and Environmental (PD&E) study, design, right-of-way acquisition and construction. To receive federal funding, the projects must be in the TPO's adopted TIP. This TIP amendment adds the construction funds for pedestrian safety features in FY 2015/2016, for SR 30 (US 98) Harbor Boulevard from East Pass Bridge to Airport Road in the total amount of \$824,250.

Attached are the following:

- Resolution O-W 16-01
- FDOT Request for TIP Amendment
- Page of the FY 2016 – FY 2020 TIP as Amended
- Map of Project Limits

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a motion authorizing the TPO chairman to sign Resolution O-W 16-01 amending the FY 2016 – FY 2020 TIP. This action is recommended to ensure FDOT can authorize funding for this project. Please contact Mr. Gary Kramer, WFRPC staff, at 1-800-226-8914, Extension 219 or gary.kramer@wfrpc.org if additional information is needed.

RESOLUTION O-W 16-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AMENDING THE FY 2016 – FY 2020 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization designated by the Governor of the State of Florida as being responsible, together with the State of Florida, for carrying out the continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process for the Okaloosa-Walton TPO Planning Area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is adopted annually by the TPO and submitted to the Governor of the State of Florida, to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and through the State of Florida to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); and

WHEREAS, the TIP is periodically amended to maintain consistency with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Work Program; and

WHEREAS, authorization for federal funding of projects within an urbanized area cannot be obtained unless the projects are included in the TPO's TIP;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The TPO amends the FY 2016 – FY 2020 Transportation Improvement Program to amend project number 4382771, addition of construction of pedestrian safety features for State Road (SR) 30 (US 98) Harbor Boulevard from East Pass Bridge to Airport Road in FY 2015/2016 in the amount of \$824,250.

Passed and duly adopted by the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization on this 21st day of January 2016.

**OKALOOSA-WALTON TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY: _____
James T. Wood, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: _____

16-20 TIP Page as Amended

Okaloosa-Walton TPO Transportation Improvement Program - FY 2015/16 - 2019/20

4382771 **SR 30 (US 98) HARBOR BLVD.** **Non-SIS**



Work Summary: TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPDATE

From: EAST PASS BRIDGE

To: AIRPORT ROAD

Length: 2.974 MI

Lead Agency: FDOT

LRTP #: p. 184 in 2035 Final Report

Phase	Fund Source	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
CEI	DIH	6,750	0	0	0	0	6,750
CST	LFR	750,000	0	0	0	0	750,000
CEI	DDR	67,500	0	0	0	0	67,500
Total		824,250	0	0	0	0	824,250

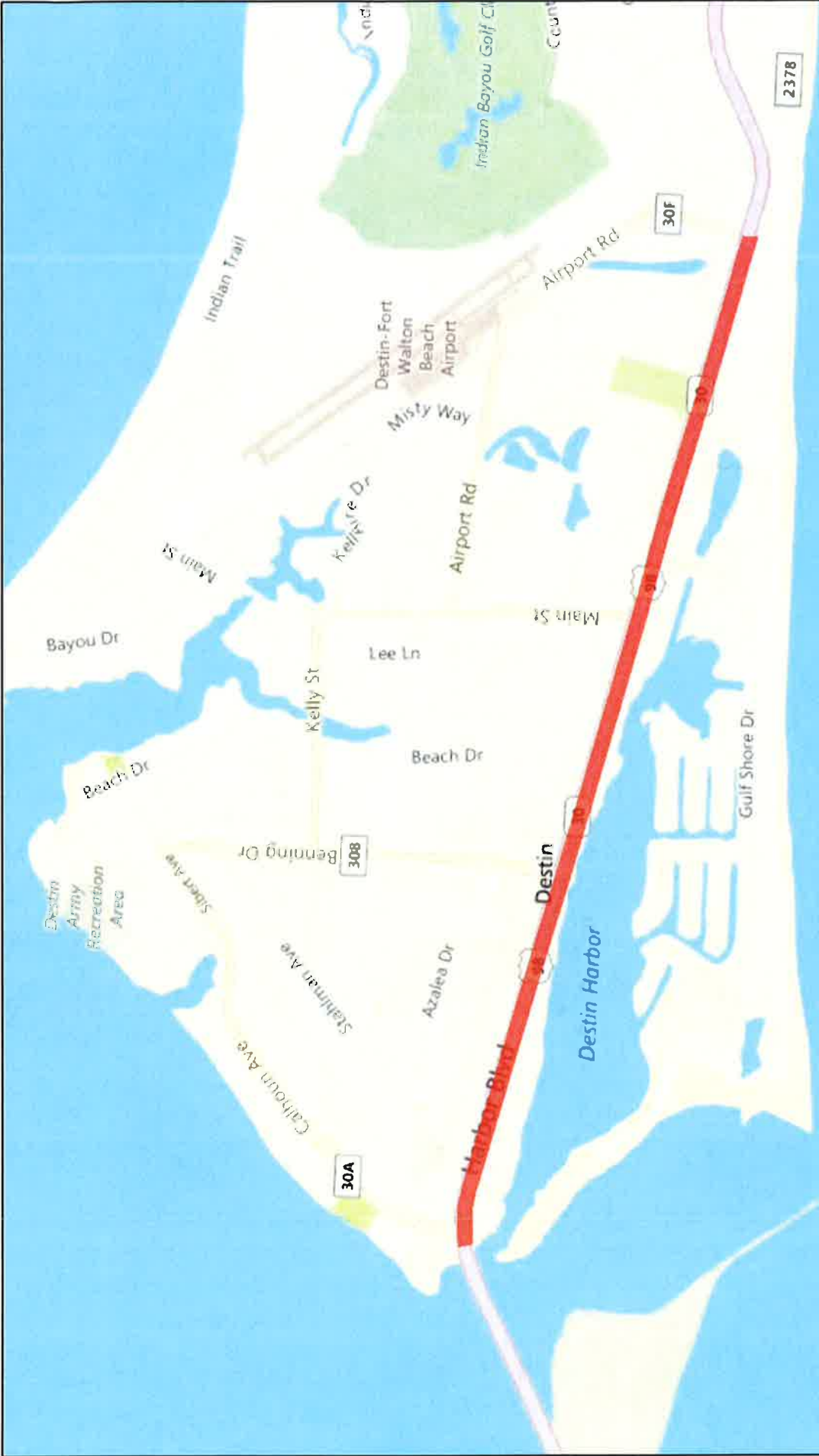
Prior Cost < 2015/16: 0

Future Cost > 2019/20: 0

Total Project Cost: 824,250

Project Description:

On January 21, 2016 TPO agenda for approval.
 16 Safety D3-089, Ft. Walton Beach; install signage at signalized intersections; install lighting; install ped activated mid-block crossings.
 LFR with the City of Destin; payback in 2019.



Legend

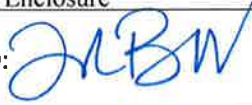
SR 30 (US 98) Harbor Boulevard
 from East Pass Bridge to Airport Road



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Approved for Submittal to TPO:



**ENCLOSURE B
TPO ONLY**

SUBJECT: Information Items (No Presentation Necessary)

ORIGIN OF SUBJECT: WFRPC Staff

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED: None

Attached is the following information item:

- 2016 TPO Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This item is for information only. For more information please contact Mr. Brian Youpatoff, WFRPC staff, at 1-800-226-8914, Extension 224 or brian.youpatoff@wfrpc.org if additional information is needed.

2016 TPO Meeting Schedule

Thursday, February 18th in Destin

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21st in Freeport

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 16th in Niceville

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 18th in Freeport

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15th in Destin

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 20th in Crestview

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 15th in Destin

Citizens' Advisory Committee 9:30 a.m.
 Technical Coordinating Committee 1:30 p.m.
 Transportation Planning Organization 3:00 p.m.

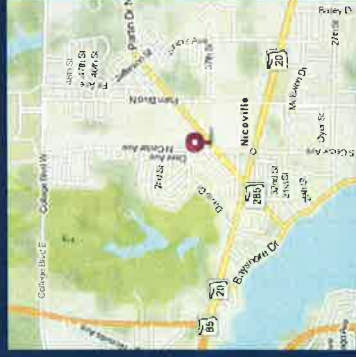
Public meetings of the Okaloosa-Walton Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) as well as the TPO's Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) are rotated throughout the TPO area.



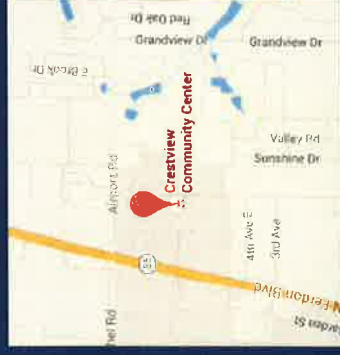
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