

## ENCLOSURE

**SUBJECT:** Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities

**ORIGIN OF SUBJECT:** 23 Code of Federal Regulations Section 134(j), Chapter 339.175 (8)(b)  
Florida Statutes, Florida-Alabama TPO Unified Planning Work Program  
(UPWP) Task C.1

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTION NEEDED:** None

**BACKGROUND:** Annually, the TPO reviews and adopts transportation project priorities in July for submittal to FDOT by August 1<sup>st</sup>. This document is part of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that transportation projects programmed by FDOT in the Five-Year Work Program are consistent with local needs and plans for the TPO planning area.

As stated in the TPO Public Participation Process Plan dated April 2016, The Project Priorities result from the Long Range Transportation Plan's Cost Feasible Plan and are reviewed with the public and the TPO's advisory committees. Once approved by the TPO, the priorities are given to FDOT for creation of the Five-Year Work Program. From the Five-Year Work Program, the TPO develops the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which contains all transportation programs and projects scheduled during the next five years. The TIP is revised annually in June and is available, in interactive format, on the TPO's web site.

The Project Priorities and TIP must be developed by the TPO in consultation with all interested parties and, at a minimum, describe explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes for the following, as outlined by the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR 450.316) and the MPO Handbook.

- Provide reasonable public access to technical and policy information used;
- Provide adequate public notice of public involvement activities and time for public review and comment at key decisions, such as but not limited to the approval of the TIP/Project Priorities;
- Demonstrate explicit consideration and response to public input received during plan development process;
- Make the TIP and Project Priorities drafts and final documents available on the TPO website;
- Hold public meetings at convenient times and accessible locations;
- Seek out and consider the needs of those traditionally underserved by existing transportation systems, including but not limited to, low-income and minority households;
- Coordinate with the statewide transportation planning public involvement and consultation processes under 23 C.F.R. Subpart B;
- Periodically review the effectiveness of the procedures and strategies contained in the participation plan;
- When significant written and oral comments are received on a draft TIP or Project Priorities as a result of public involvement, a summary, analysis, and report on the disposition of comments shall be made part of the final documents;
- If the final Project Priorities/TIP differ significantly from the one made available for public comment or raises new material issues, an additional opportunity for public comment must be made available;

- When the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) includes Indian tribal lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the Indian tribal government(s);
- When the MPA includes federal public lands, the TPO shall appropriately involve the federal government.

General methods proven effective in previous Project Priorities and TIP public involvement efforts include.

- Providing the public with a sufficient opportunity to review the draft Project Priorities and TIP documents online;
- Promote development of the Project Priorities and TIP through news releases, social media outlets and email blasts to TPO and advisory committee members as well as interested parties;
- Hold at least two public workshops for Project Priorities and TIP across the FL-AL TPO area unless an LRTP update is underway, in which case the Project Priorities and TIP would be discussed in conjunction with LRTP presentations;
- Coordinate public outreach to at least two additional community groups (with emphasis on the underserved) unless an LRTP update is underway, in which case the Project Priorities and TIP would be discussed in conjunction with LRTP presentations;
- Provide the public with a sufficient opportunity to review the draft Project Priorities and TIP documents online;
- Include public input collected at workshops in the draft Project Priorities and TIP;
- Include Project Priorities and TIP review in the advertisement of the TPO meeting when the draft Project Priorities and TIP are to be presented;
- Provide public with an opportunity to comment during public forum when the draft Project Priorities and TIP are presented for review to the TPO and advisory committees;
- Include adoption in the advertisement of the TPO meeting when final draft Project Priorities and TIP are to be presented;
- Provide public with an opportunity to comment during public forum when the draft Project Priorities and TIP are presented for adoption to the TPO and advisory committees;
- Publish adopted TIP interactive site and final Project Priorities document on web site.

TPO responsibilities require that all modes of transportation be addressed in the Project Priorities. The following categories of projects are included in the Priorities:

1. Long Range Transportation Plan Capacity Projects
2. Transportation Systems Management Projects
3. Transportation Alternatives Program Projects (Florida)
4. Bicycle/Pedestrian Related Projects (Alabama)
5. Public Transportation Projects
6. Aviation Projects
7. Seaport Projects

The Draft Project Priorities for FY 2021-2025 project schedule is listed below:

- April 8, 2019 TCC Meeting to present Project Priorities Schedule Pensacola City Hall
- April 9, 2019 CAC Meeting to present Project Priorities Schedule Pensacola City Hall

- April 10, 2019 TPO Meeting to present Project Priorities Schedule Tiger Point Community Center
- May 2019 Public Outreach (Pop Events and Local Government Presentations in Santa Rosa County)
- May 22, 2019 Public Workshop at Pensacola City Hall at 10:00 a.m.
- May 22, 2019 TPO/TCC/CAC Workshop at Pensacola City Hall at 11:00 a.m.
- June 10, 2019 TCC Meeting to present Draft FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Pensacola City Hall
- June 11, 2019 CAC Meeting to present Draft FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Pensacola City Hall
- June 12, 2019 TPO Meeting to present Draft FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities West Florida Regional Library
- June 2019 Public Outreach (Local Government Presentations in Escambia County)
- June 2019 TPO/TCC/CAC Workshop (Date and Time to be determined)
- July 8, 2019 TCC Meeting to recommend approval of FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Pensacola City Hall
- July 9, 2019 CAC Meeting to recommend approval of FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Pensacola City Hall
- July 10, 2019 TPO Meeting to approval of FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Tiger Point Community Center

**Attached is the following item**

- **Florida-Alabama TPO FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Flyer**
- **Draft Florida-Alabama FY 2021-2025 Project Priorities Document**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** This item will be a review in June and for action in July by the Florida-Alabama TPO. Please contact Gary Kramer or Jill Lavender if additional information is needed at [gary.kramer@ecrc.org](mailto:gary.kramer@ecrc.org) [jill.lavender@ecrc.org](mailto:jill.lavender@ecrc.org)