

“Environmental Documentation in Northwest Florida’s Long Range Transportation Plans”

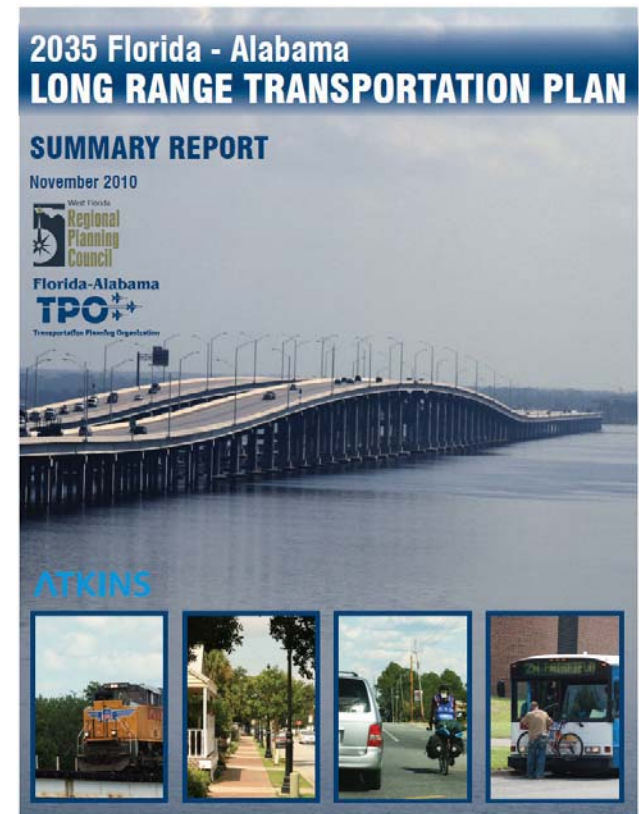
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Long Range Transportation Plans

- Florida-Alabama TPO
 - 2035 LRTP approved November 2010
 - 2040 Plan to be adopted November 2015
- Bay County TPO
 - 2035 LRTP approved July 2011
 - 2040 Plan to be adopted by July 2016
- Okaloosa-Walton TPO
 - 2035 LRTP approved March 2012
 - 2040 Plan to be adopted March 2017



Long Range Transportation Plans

- LRTPs contain Needs and Cost Feasible Plans
- Evaluation Criteria to rank Needs Plan projects

2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLANS - TOTAL PROJECT COSTS			
	Florida-Alabama	Okaloosa-Walton	Bay County
Needs Plan	\$7,100,000,000	\$6,200,000,000	\$3,200,000,000
Cost Feasible Plan	\$552,000,000	\$669,000,000	\$370,000,000

Transportation Information Network

- The TIN Includes
 - TPO, TCC, CAC members
 - Interested citizens
 - ETAT contacts
- The TIN is a means to share and receive input regarding LRTP projects
- Notified of Public Meetings and Workshops throughout the LRTP Update process



L RTP Evaluation Criteria

- Criteria based on L RTP Goals & Objectives
- Used to rank Needs Plan projects
- Florida-Alabama L RTP example
 - Goal G: A Transportation System that supports a high quality of life respectful of the environment, public health, and vulnerable users
 - Objective G2: Reduce adverse impacts of transportation on the environment (such as habitat and ecosystem fragmentation, wildlife collisions, and non-point source pollution)

L RTP Evaluation Criteria

- 2035 Plans included Environmental Impacts criterion. Projects have gone through PD&E Study and/or ETAT review and have been assigned a Degree of Effect:
 - No impacts, or impacts are addressed
 - Moderate impacts
 - Substantial impacts
 - Impacts of potential dispute
- FDOT D3 consultant previously assisted with assigning Degrees of Effect (based on ETDM) rather than ETAT

Evaluation Criteria

- 2040 Criteria as recommended by Steering Committee:
 - Florida-Alabama TPO
 - Impacts
 - No Impacts
 - Bay County TPO
 - No impacts
 - 1 or 2 impacts
 - Greater than 2 impacts
 - Okaloosa-Walton TPO criteria not yet complete

Environmental Mitigation

- Per FHWA, ETDM is not the sole reference for Environmental Mitigation in LRTP development.
- Mitigation strategies are also included in:
 - County Comprehensive Plans
 - Environmental Mitigation Requirement - CFR 450.322(f)(7)
 - FDOT's mitigation statute 373.4137



Questions?

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