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MEETING NOTICE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **June 30, 2025**. The meeting will be held as a hybrid meeting in-person at the **Drury Inn and Suites, Conference Room 207, 4000 Southwest 40th Boulevard, Gainesville, Florida**, and via Communications Media Technology at **6:00 p.m.**

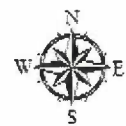
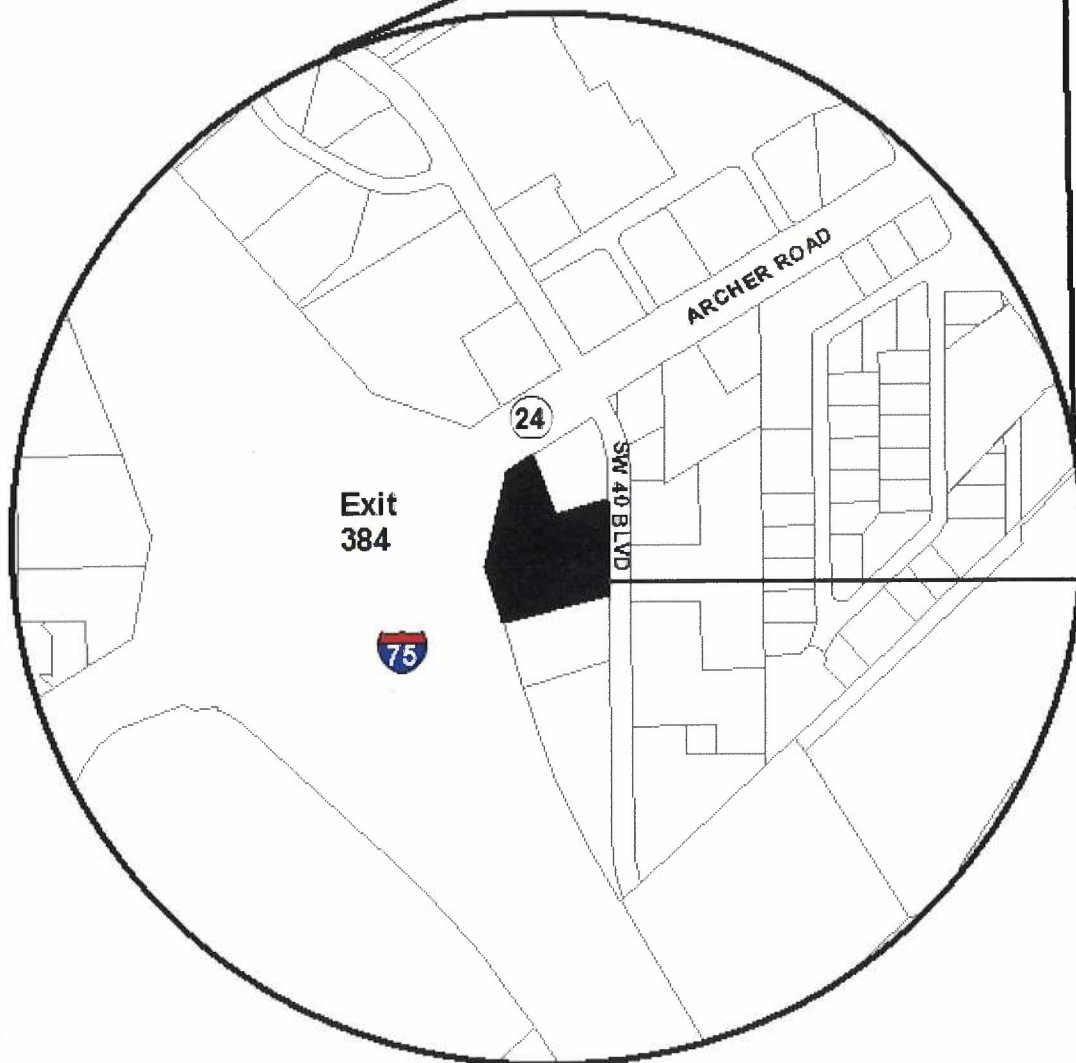
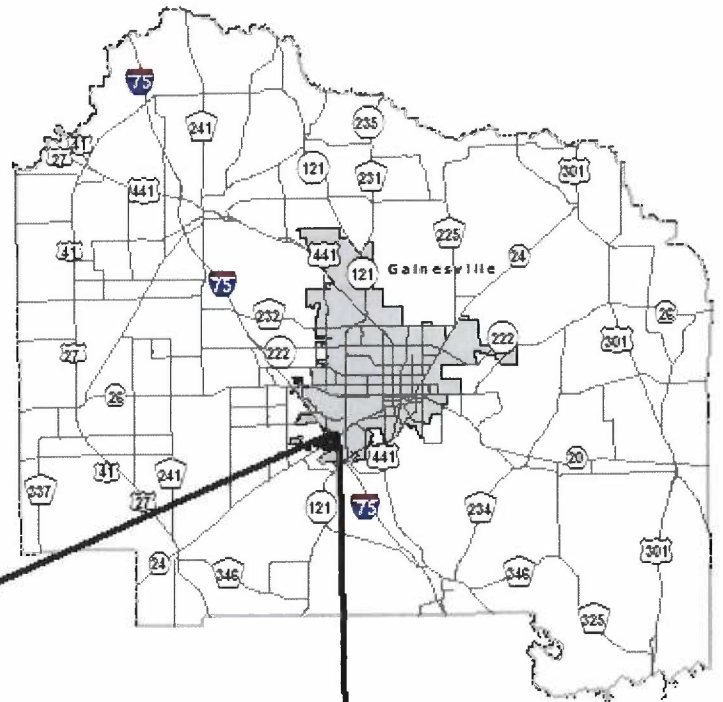
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AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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The Committee welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the Committee. If you would like to address the Committee, please complete a form, come forward when you are called, and state your name for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcomed.

See Attachments

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting
Drury Inn & Suites
Gainesville, Florida and
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May 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT
IN PERSON

Mary Alford, Vice-Chair
Jhelecia Hawkins, Secretary
Fletcher Hope Jr., Chair
Janice Mortimer, Immediate Past Chair
Maurice Perkins, Treasurer

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(FOR QUORUM)

None

MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA COMMUNICATIONS
MEDIA TECHNOLOGY
(NOT FOR QUORUM)

None

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons - In Person

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer - In Person
Jonathan Wershow, Council Attorney - Virtual

Noting a quorum being present, Chair Hope called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 24, 2025

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to approve the minutes for the April 24, 2025 Executive Committee meeting as written and circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS -

A. Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management for
Local Emergency Planning Committee - Fiscal Year 2025-26

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to provide the services to the North Central Florida Local Emergency Planning Committee for an estimated amount of \$90,000. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT - None

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION -

A. Agency Regulatory Plan Fiscal Year 2025-26

ACTION: Councilwoman Hawkins made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Mortimer, to recommend that the Council approve the Agency Regulatory Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-26. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Meeting Schedule Program Year 2025-26

ACTION: Commissioner Alford made the motion, with a second by Councilwoman Hawkins, to recommend that the Council approve the Meeting Schedule for Program Year 2025-26. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS -

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Local Coordinating Board public workshop concerning transportation disadvantaged services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Mary C. Alford, Chair

6/30/25
Date




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June 23, 2025

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Agreement with Florida Division of Emergency Management
to Update Hazards Analyses - Fiscal Year 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement with the Florida Division of Emergency Management for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to update hazards analyses for Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties for an amount of \$13,283.64.

BACKGROUND:

Each year, the Florida Division of Emergency Management provides funding to the Council to update hazards analyses for locations that contain extremely hazardous substances that if released could cause off-site injuries.

Sites located in the following counties will be included in the hazards analyses update: Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties. The amount of the agreement will be \$13,283.64.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Regional Resiliency Entity Planning Grant Application - Fiscal Year 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Executive Director to submit a Regional Resiliency Entity Planning Grant Application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Fiscal Year 2025-26 to conduct Phase 1 Critical Assets Mapping for an amount of \$150,000 and, if the grant is awarded by the Department, authorize the Executive Director to sign the grant agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is making available regional resiliency entity planning grants for Fiscal Year 2025-26. Regional planning councils are eligible entities to apply for these funds.

The Council proposes to conduct Phase 1 Critical Assets Mapping for the eight north central Florida federally designated Most Impacted and Distressed Counties (Columbia County, Dixie County, Hamilton County, Lafayette County, Levy County, Madison County and Taylor County) by the 2023 and 2024 storms (Hurricane Idalia, Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton and the 2024 North Florida Tornadoes). The amount of the grant application is \$150,000.

Phase 2 Critical Asset Mapping in Fiscal Year 2026-27 will include the four north central Florida state designated Most Impacted and Distressed Counties (Alachua County, Bradford County, Gilchrist County and Union County) by the 2023 and 2024 storms (Hurricane Idalia, Hurricane Debby, Hurricane Helene, Hurricane Milton and the 2024 North Florida Tornadoes).

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program
Alachua County Planning Grant Resolution
Fiscal Year 2025-26

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Planning Grant Application for Alachua County and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreement for Alachua County.

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Alachua County. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities.

The attached resolution authorizes the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Application and authorizes the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Agreement with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Planning Grant Agreement provides the funding needed to provide staff services to the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ALACHUA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 30th day of June 2025.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

Mary C. Alford., Chair



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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program Local Coordinating Board Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Appoint Caroline Alrestimawi, Career Source North Florida, Operations Consultant, the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards;**
- **Appoint Deborah Cohn, Career Source North Florida, Acting Executive Director/Deputy Director the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Appoint Irene Gaffori, Career Source North Florida, Operations Director, the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Appoint Brandi Turner, Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties, Inc., Program Manager, the voting Children at Risk Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Caroline Alrestimawi be appointed the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County and Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards. It is recommended Deborah Cohn be appointed the voting Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Irene Gaffori be appointed the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. It is recommended Brandi Turner be appointed the voting Children at Risk Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Reappointments

RECOMMENDATION:

Reappoint the following individuals to three-year terms ending June 30, 2028:

- **Reappoint Erica Barnard as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Alachua County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Sandra Buck Camp as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Matthew Ferguson as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Brittny Keeling as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint John Mann as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Shanetha Mitchell as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board;**
- **Reappoint Iana Patterson as the voting Medical Community Representative on the Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; and**
- **Reappoint Krishna Stemple as the alternate Medical Community Representative on the Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.**

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing members to the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards. Several Board members' terms of appointment expire on June 30, 2025. The above Board members are willing to serve an additional three-year term of reappointment to the Boards.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Chair Appointment
Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Commissioner Leo Mobley, Suwannee County Local Elected Official, Chair of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board for a one-year term ending June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

According to Rule 41-2.012 of the Florida Administrative Code, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, is responsible for appointing the Chair of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board.

Chapter I. F. (1) of the Columbia Hamilton Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board Bylaws provides for the Board to annually recommend to the Council a local elected official to serve as Chair of the Board. At its May 21, 2025 meeting, the Board recommended the Council appoint Commissioner Leo Mobley, Suwannee County Local Elected Official, as Chair of the Board for a one-year term ending June 30, 2026.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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