

AGENDA
ESCAMBIA COUNTY MASS TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MTAC)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

3:00 P.M.

Escambia County Central Office Complex (COC)
3363 West Park Place, Room 104

1. Call to Order – Chair Kevin White
2. **Enclosure A**
Proof of Publication – (Meeting Properly Advertised)
3. Public Forum – 30 minutes (3 minutes per person) – Chair Kevin White

Action Items

1. Adoption of the Agenda – (Any items to be added) – Chair Kevin White
2. **Enclosure B**
Approval of Minutes (from September 2025)
3. Old Business
4. New Business

Presentation Items

1. Updates from ECAT – Mr. Thaddeus Davenport, ECAT Mass Transit Director
 - a. Route Redesign – Benesch, Consultant to ECAT
 - b. Bus Shelter Project – Escambia County Facilities Management, Project Oversight Department

Discussion / Information Items

Adjournment – Chair Kevin White

ENCLOSURE A

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Date Fri 7/10/2026 9:07 AM

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Order Number: **LSAR0549786**
Classification: **Govt Public Notices**
Package: **General Package**
Additional Options: **1 Affidavit \$2.00**
Total payment: **\$60.19**
Payment Type: **Visa**

Account Details

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Sun Jul 12, 2026
Pensacola News Journal *All Zones*

Escambia County Area Transit (ECAT)

Notice is hereby given of a public meeting, held by the Mass Transit Advisory Committee (MTAC) of Escambia County, Florida at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2025, in Room 104 of Escambia County Board of County Commissioners Central Office Complex, 3363 W. Park Place, Pensacola, FL 32505.

The meeting affords an opportunity for public comment on Escambia County Area Transit. ECAT is asking passengers, community organizations, and all citizens to participate in the upcoming meeting.

For additional information, please call 850-595-3228. ECAT staff will respond to your call as soon as possible.

July 12 2026

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ENCLOSURE B

Meeting Minutes DRAFT

September 10, 2025, 3:00PM

Escambia County Area Transit

Mass Transit Advisory Committee

Escambia County Central Office Complex (COC), Room 104
3363 West Park Place, Pensacola, FL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Kevin White, MTAC Chair, representing Commissioner Steven Barry, District 5

Shalisa Abraham, Vice-Chair, *Century Town Councilwoman*, representing
Commissioner Steven Barry, District 5

Sabrina Wallace Jordan, representing Commissioner Lumon May, District 3

Caitlin Cerame, representing Mayor D.C. Reeves, City of Pensacola

Robert Doss, representing the Pensacola City Council

John Bass, *Century Town Councilman* representing the Town of Century

Ellison Bennett, representing Commissioner Mike Kohler, District 2

Angela Knight, representing Commissioner Steve Strohberger, District 1

Paul Reese, representing County Administrator, Wesley Moreno

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Kauffman, District 2

Dr. Willie Taylor, District 3

Nancy Bass, District 4

Shawn Haughney, District 4

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mary Beth Washnock, Consultant, Gude Management Group

Carolyn Grawi, Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida

ESCAMBIA COUNTY AREA TRANSIT STAFF:

Thaddeus Davenport, Interim Transit Director, ECAT

Angela Walden, ECAT

Amber Borden, ECAT

Jacquita Stokes, ECAT

Jennifer McInnis, ECAT

Dinahmetrie Anglin, ECAT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair White called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC FORUM

The chair asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak.

Carolyn Grawi with the Center for Independent Living of Northwest Florida came to the podium. She stated that she represents people with disabilities, and she is a current transit user. She stated that the meeting agenda was not publicly noticed on the county website. She said that since this is a public meeting it needs to be publicly noticed.

Carolyn Grawi said that she thinks that it is important that we are fully trained in these programs and make sure that all of our programs are fully staffed and have the capacity to run them. She said she had received more than one complaint about this program. She said she would like to see more transportation available to more people, not less. She said that the app is not fully accessible.

Chair White asked about what we need to do about getting the agenda on the county website. Angela Walden, ECAT staff, stated that the meeting was noticed on the county website. She said she will work with the County Public Information office to make sure that it is on both the county website and the ECAT website in the future.

Rob Doss asked what happens with the feedback that comes up at this meeting. Angela Walden said that it will come back to this committee with solutions and they will be forwarded to the commissioners.

Sabrina Jordan asked what is currently in place for the app. She asked if there is a call center, and does the app have additional features. She asked if the app could trace the vehicle. Angela Knight asked what processes are in place for riders that do not want to use the app. Mr. Davenport, ECAT Interim Director, stated that there is a call center, email, and that the app is not mandatory.

NEW MEMBERS

The chair introduced the three new members and let them give a brief introduction. They are:

Paul Reese, appointed by the County Administrator
Ellison Bennett, appointed by the Commissioner for District 2
Angela Knight, appointed by the Commissioner for District 2

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

The chair asked if the meeting had been advertised by ECAT.

Ms. Washnock recognized and confirmed the meeting advertisement in the Pensacola News Journal and on the Escambia County website. Documentation included as an addendum to the minutes.

(See attached.)

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair White asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion By: Robert Doss

Second: John Bass

Vote: Unanimous – Approved

MIINUTES:

The chair asked if the members had reviewed the minutes and if they had any questions.

Motion to approve by: Robert Doss

Seconded by: John Bass

Vote: Unanimous – Approved

Next Meeting Date:

The chair asked if the group has any preferences for when the next meeting should be held. The group agreed to meet on **December 10th**. They also agree to begin meeting on the **second Wednesday of the month** on a quarterly basis. Mr. Davenport said that he would get with Mrs. Walden and Ms. Washnock to put together a schedule for next year's meetings.

Motion to approve by Sabrina Wallace Jordan

Seconded by Caitlin Cerame

Vote: Unanimous – Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

The Chair mentioned the letter that he had drafted and that had been send to the county commissioners. He asked if anything else needed to be done regarding this. Ms. Washnock said that the letter was effective since we have three new members.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair asked for any new business.

The Interim Transit Director, Mr. Thaddeus Davenport, welcomed the new MTAC members. He noted that the Micro Transit program, which had been introduced by the county in April and is funded by a service development grant from the State of Florida, has had over 18,000 trips since it started.

Mr. Davenport said that he has been with ECAT for three years and has been the Interim director for 18 months. Mr. Davenport said that ECAT covers most of Escambia County, including the rural areas. For the Century area, the buses have to leave at 2AM to get to the riders to the Navy base.

Mr. Davenport said there is an article out today about how ECAT is working with the vendor for paratransit services. The paratransit vendor has had an outstanding unpaid fuel bill of \$47,000 since September of 2023. The flex transit system runs from 5AM to 7PM sad it has program has picked up slack from 7PM to all hours. ECAT is currently running 24 hours 6 days a week.

Mr. Davenport said that there are many things going on and coming up at ECAT. ECAT recently hired an Operations Manager and a new Maintenance Manager.

An RFP has gone out for new bus stops and they have 1200 bus stops.

ECAT has received a thumbs up on the environmental review for our new facility. The location of the new ECAT facility will be at Corinda Lane near Pace and Palafox Streets. This is not too far from the current ECAT transfer center and administrative offices. ECAT is working to get additional property for this site.

ECAT is not in the general fund for the county; therefore, most of the funds used are from federal and state grants.

John Bass said there are special needs outside of Century. There was a discussion about the availability of transportation options for Century, such as ADA, transportation disadvantaged, etc.

Mr. Davenport said they would like to find satellite locations to park two county vehicles near Century, near the town center or the PSC college.

John Bass said they have an open parking lot available in the town center.

Angela Walden said they would like to attend a town hall meeting.

Chair White suggested we have one of the MTAC meetings in Century. The group thought that was a clever idea and discussed planning for that in 2026.

Robert Doss asked about the bus stops. Mr. Davenport said they are currently preparing for the route re-design and conducting interviews for that consultant next week. These will include flex transit and fixed route services. The Chair asked if they used a "short list" method. Mr. Davenport said they would. Mr. Davenport said they were wrapping up their beach season on September 1 with three fixed routes and three new trolleys from the Santa Rosa Island Authority. He noted that the Escambia County School Board drivers provide a good labor pool for the summer when schools are not in session.

Mr. Davenport said they have two weeks until they go into service with UWF after the beach season.

Mr. Davenport then brought up the benchmarks. ECAT staff distributed old reports that will help set benchmarks to the committee members. Mr. Davenport said they will go back to 2024/2025 benchmarks.

Caitlin Cerame asked how they manage complaints. Angela Walden said they break them down in categories and will give the committee the complaints with solutions. They will then send that on to the commissioners.

Robert Doss asked if cost is reflected in the benchmarks. Mr. Davenport and Amber Borden said they are.

John Bass asked if they are audited. Mr. Davenport said they are routinely audited through Florida Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration Triennial review process.

Caitlin Cerame asked about the FL-AL TPO Congestion Management Plan and transit reducing congestion. Mr. Davenport said that they are getting more involved with the TPO and TCC as well and Long-Range Transportation Planning and congestion management strategies. He said that any input is welcome.

Ellison Bennett said that for two weeks he witnessed children walking in the rain to school around 8:30 a.m. and he asked if ECAT offers a service to give them a ride. Mr. Davenport said through micro transit and the STEP program K-12 and college students ride free with parental consent.

Mr. Bennett asked if parents are aware of this program. Mr. Davenport said they meet with advocacy groups and do travel training, but they can do more of that. Mr. Bass said he would love to see more of ECAT going out to schools. Angela Walden said she has visited schools in the past, and plans to do more of that.

Mr. Davenport said he will share more information before the next meeting.

Chair White asked if there was any more business. Being no further business, he adjourned the meeting.

Adjourned