

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2017-##

**RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
REAFFIRMING TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY PROJECTS AND PROVIDING
DIRECTION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. 5303 require that every urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, shall have a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the designated Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) comprised of Volusia County and the urbanized areas of Flagler County including the cities of Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach, and portions of Palm Coast and Bunnell; and

Whereas, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. 5303; and 23 CFR 450.322 require that each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) prepare a transportation plan for its metropolitan planning area that addresses at least a 20-year planning horizon and includes a financial plan that demonstrates that the plan can be implemented; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) has adopted the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan that provides for the financially feasible development of an integrated multi-modal transportation system; and

Whereas, Florida Statutes 339.175 establishes that each MPO is responsible for developing annually a list of project priorities that shall be submitted to the appropriate district of the department of transportation and must be used in developing the district work program; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO), with review and input from the technical, citizen, and bicycle and pedestrian advisory committees, has developed and adopted the 2017 List of Priority Projects; and

Whereas, the River to Sea TPO 2017 List of Priority Projects ranks the East International Speedway Boulevard Corridor Improvement project as the highest ranked project ready for funding on the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Local Initiatives priority list; and

Whereas, the City of Daytona Beach has submitted Resolution 17-373 requesting support from the R2CTPO to program funding needed for the continued advancement of this project; and

Whereas, the City of Daytona Beach has committed \$750,000 in local funding to assist in the advancement of the design phase of this project and is working with the Florida Department of Transportation staff to execute a funding agreement; and

Whereas, the City of Daytona Beach, as the area most directly impacted by the Clyde Morris Boulevard widening project, supports if necessary, the deferment of State funding to allow for funding of the East International Speedway Boulevard Corridor Improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the River to Sea TPO that the TPO:

1. Reaffirms the provision of State funding as established in the financial element of the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan for Local Initiative projects; and
2. Recognizes and supports a request from the City of Daytona Beach for FDOT to complete the execution of a funding agreement with FDOT and to program the funding needed to complete the design phase of this project; and
3. Supports the City of Daytona Beach in their request to advance State funding as needed to complete subsequent project development phases for the East International Speedway Boulevard Corridor Improvement project, to include the deferment of State funding, if necessary, from the Clyde Morris Boulevard widening project (Financial Management #4081781).

The Chairperson of the River to Sea TPO, (or their designee) is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the:

- a. Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
- b. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation); and
- c. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation)

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on the 6th day of December 2017.

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**VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL VICE CHAIR DEB DENYS
CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO**

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on December 6, 2017.

ATTEST:

DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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November 15, 2017

Lois Bollenback, Executive Director
River To Sea Transportation Planning Organization
2570 West International Speedway Boulevard, Suite 100
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-8145

RE: Orange City opposition to proposed ranking revisions and increase in local match requirements.

Dear Ms. Bollenback,

Please accept this written opposition to the upcoming committee and Board agenda items regarding changes to the priority project ranking and local match requirements. On November 14, 2017, the City Council of the City of Orange City discussed BPAC committee agenda action items III (B) and III (C) scheduled for this month and determined the following:

1. There is no State or Federal mandate that requires an increase in local match from 10% to 25%.
2. The proposed increase to the minimum local match requirement is prejudiced against small local governments, and will reduce inclusivity for all TPO members.
3. Increasing the local match criteria maximum points from 10 to 20 dilutes the intent of funding quality, significant projects by shifting the focus away from livability and sustainability to whichever local government can provide the most money.
4. The City disagrees that increasing the local match requirement will result in more projects funded each year. It simply means that only projects from Counties or larger cities will be able to compete.
5. The City disagrees that by increasing the local match requirement will somehow hold the sponsor government more accountable for project implementation. There are extensive and labor intensive requirements necessary to administer a LAP funded project that are highly and rightfully scrutinized by FDOT. Small



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cities are already at a disadvantage in competition for funding due to lack of man-power to implement LAP projects.

6. Specifically, the W. French Avenue Shared-Use Path that connects Blue Spring State Park to Valentine Park is an Orange City sponsored project located on a Volusia County road and outside the City limits. It includes a pedestrian bridge over the CSX tracks and connects into the Spring-To-Spring Trail for an estimated construction cost of \$5.6 million. The City willingly sponsors this project, and agrees to the perpetual maintenance of same because it increases safety, connectivity, and livability of the area and spurs economic development in the region as a whole. The increase in local match requirement from 10% to 25% may be the difference between a financially viable project or not.

The City respectfully requests that the TPO Board deny both action items before them at their December 6, 2017 meeting and keep the status quo in this regard. At a minimum, the items should be tabled and returned to the TIP Subcommittee for review and discussion. The City also requests that a copy of this letter be included in the agenda package for the CAC/TCC committee meeting of November 21, 2017.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (386)775-5408 or by email at darrington@ourorangecity.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Dale Arrington
City of Orange City, City Manager

- c.c. TPO Board Chairperson, Deb Denys
BPAC Committee Chair, Bob Storke
CAC Committee Chair, Janet Deyette
TCC Committee Chair, Ric Goss
City Council Member, Jeff Allebach
City Development Services Director, Becky Mendez

RESOLUTION NO. 17-373

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH'S REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR APPROVAL OF FUNDING AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE EAST INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; REPEALING ALL RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, East International Speedway Boulevard ("East ISB") is a major east-west thoroughfare in the Daytona Beach/Halifax area connecting the primary downtown corridor of International Speedway Boulevard in Daytona Beach, Florida, to the critical parallel north-south thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS, along this corridor adjacent private sector businesses have major capital expansion projects under way or in the planning stages; and

WHEREAS, improvements to East ISB are essential to the safe, efficient, and effective movement of vehicular traffic, pedestrians, and other multi-modal forms of movement in this area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed East ISB Improvement Project (also known as the Beachside Corridor Improvement Project) to be constructed by the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT"), will contribute to public safety, economic development of the Daytona Beach/Halifax area, and the quality of life of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the East ISB Improvement Project is the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization's ("TPO") top ranked project awaiting funds in the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Local Initiatives category, and is among the top projects to be funded through the Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives category.

WHEREAS, the City Commission fully supports, and also seeks TPO support, for deferment of State funding, if necessary, for the Clyde Morris Boulevard Improvement Project, to allow for State funding and advancement of the East ISB Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges its understanding that prioritization of State funding for the East ISB Improvement Project will not suspend or delay any federally-funded FDOT transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 17-84, the City Commission stated its intent to advance to FDOT \$750,000 for the cost of project-related preliminary design and engineering services for the East ISB Improvement Project, and \$25,000,000 for all other costs through completion of project construction subject to reimbursement by FDOT; and

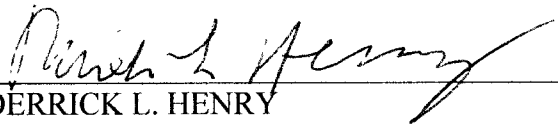
WHEREAS, the City desires that the East ISB Improvement Project be completed in the most expeditious manner possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

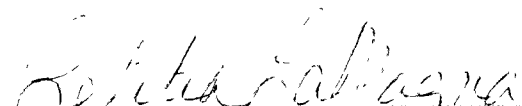
SECTION 1. The City Commission hereby requests a resolution from the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization to the Florida Department of Transportation for immediate approval of funding as needed to advance the planning, design, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of the East International Speedway Boulevard Improvement Project.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.


DERRICK L. HENRY
Mayor

ATTEST:


LETITIA LAMAGNA
City Clerk

Adopted: November 15, 2017