

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2010-15

RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION REAFFIRMING ITS POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING TRANSPORTATION PRIORITY PROJECTS

WHEREAS, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) - formerly known as the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization - is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Volusia County and the cities of Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach in Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 40 U.S.C. 1602(a)(2), 1603(a), and 1604(g)(1) and (2) require that the urbanized area, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, 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, 23 C.F.R. 450.114 provides that the VTPO shall annually endorse, and amend as appropriate, the plans and programs required by 23 C.F.R. 450.114 through 450.118 among which is the Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects list of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submission; and

WHEREAS, each year the appropriate VTPO committees made up of a cross section of interested citizens and staff are charged with the responsibility of drafting a list of prioritized projects; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the VTPO to establish project priorities within the VTPOs planning boundaries that are equitable for all areas of Volusia County and the cities of Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach in Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the VTPO reaffirms its commitment to the priority process and related policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the VTPO that the following policies be established to prioritize transportation projects in Volusia County, and the cities of Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach in Flagler County:

1. VTPO projects that have a Financial Management Number (FM) and are in the Florida Department of Transportation Work Program will automatically be prioritized above projects that are not currently in the FDOT Five Year Work Program.
2. Those projects ranked one through five on the Prioritized List of Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Roadway projects and are not currently funded through the

construction phase will remain in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.

3. Those projects ranked one through five on the Prioritized List of Regionally Significant Non-SIS Roadway projects that are not funded through the construction phase will be ranked in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.
4. Those projects ranked one through three on the Prioritized List of Bascule Bridge Projects that are not funded through the construction phase will be ranked in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.
5. Those projects ranked one through three on the Prioritized List of XU Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety Set-Aside projects that are not funded through the construction phase will be ranked in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.
6. Those projects ranked one through three on the Prioritized List of XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Set-Aside projects that are not funded through the construction phase will be ranked in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.
7. Those projects ranked one through eight on the Prioritized List of Enhancement projects that are not funded through the construction phase will be ranked in their current spot or moved to the next available higher spot until they are fully funded through the construction phase and drop out of the Work Program.
8. The VTPO will not re-prioritize these projects unless the VTPO Board determines unusual circumstances dictate otherwise.
9. Annual set-asides of the VTPOs total Surface Transportation Program (STP) XU funding will be made in the following manner: 40% of the total XU funds will be used for Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety project priorities, 30% of the total XU funds will be used for transit project priorities, and 30% of the total XU funds will be used for bicycle and pedestrian project priorities. (Note: In accordance with Volusia County MPO Resolution 98-02, the FDOT is requested to provide the appropriate state match for the 30% set-aside of federal funding for transit projects on the transit side of the Five Year Work Program.)
10. FDOT is strongly encouraged to consider the safety of bicyclists, pedestrians, and motorists when determining which bicycle and pedestrian facilities to include as part of highway improvement projects. FDOT is encouraged to provide bicycle and pedestrian facilities which exceed their minimum standards in situations where safety can be maximized.

11. It is the responsibility of the VTPO and FDOT staffs to provide the VTPO members with current information and data on project status, and to assist the membership in their efforts to make informed decisions regarding the prioritized projects lists.
12. The VTPO will maintain their authority to make all decisions regarding the final prioritized project lists that are annually submitted to FDOT.
13. This resolution will be transmitted by the VTPO chairman, or his designee, to the following:
 - a. The Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT);
 - b. The Florida Energy office;
 - c. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through the Orlando Airport's District office;
 - d. The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC);
 - e. The Florida State Clearinghouse, Department of Community Affairs (DCA);
 - f. The Division of Resource Planning & Management, Department of Community Affairs;
 - g. The members of the Volusia County Legislative Delegation;
 - h. The members of the Flagler County Legislative Delegation for Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach; and
 - i. The members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance.

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the 23rd day of August, 2010.

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Flagler Beach Commissioner Ron Vath
Chairman, Volusia TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization, certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Volusia TPO held on August 23, 2010.

ATTEST:



Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary