

**VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION 2011-17 (amended)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TPO SUPPORTING THE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM, RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM, AND OPPOSING MODIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS TO A GENERIC BLOCK GRANT ALLOCATION TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**WHEREAS**, integrated public trails and intermodal pathways provide access for the people of Florida to countless areas and destinations throughout the state that would otherwise have limited pedestrian or bicycle access due to safety concerns or natural obstacles; and

**WHEREAS**, integrated trails and intermodal pathways provide the people of Florida with a choice of transportation modes while reducing demand and maintenance on the state's highway and local road systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal government has historically provided critical funding to the State of Florida for public trails through the Federal Recreational Trails Program, Transportation Enhancement Program and Safe Routes to Schools Program (hereinafter, collectively, the "Trails Program"); and

**WHEREAS**, Trails Program monies are currently allocated to the State of Florida specifically for trail or intermodal pathways that further pedestrian and bicycle access and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, federal lawmakers have recently discussed and pursued various methods and measures which would result in the allocation of some or all of the Trails Program monies solely through a block grant to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT); and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer of Trails Programs monies from a dedicated allocation for trails or intermodal pathways to a generic block grant to FDOT would allow FDOT, in its sole discretion, to allocate these funds to projects which are in fact totally unrelated to trails or intermodal pathways; and

**WHEREAS**, this undesirable modification to a generic block grant allocation system for Trails Program monies may severely limit the construction of trails or intermodal pathways in the State of Florida and Volusia County if FDOT determines, in its sole discretion, that such monies should be allocated to other projects; and

**WHEREAS**, The Volusia Transportation Planning Organization and participating local governments have identified, prioritized and programmed numerous projects relying on these dedicated funding sources and programs and converting funding for these programs to a generic block grant program could seriously jeopardize the project priorities and funding for these projects; and

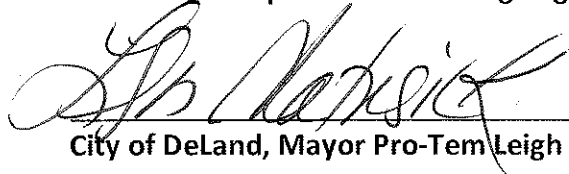
**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) that the continued funding, construction and maintenance of integrated trails and intermodal pathways is critical to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens Volusia County and the cities of Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach in Flagler County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Volusia TPO that:

1. the Volusia TPO opposes the conversion of the allocation system for any federal Trails Program monies to a generic block grant to the Florida Department of Transportation; and
2. the Volusia TPO requests that the United States Congress and the United States Department of Transportation oppose any measure which, if enacted or adopted, would result in the conversion of the allocation system for any federal Trails Program monies to a generic block grant; and
3. the Volusia TPO requests that the Trails Programs continue to receive dedicated funding as part of any legislation adopted by the United States Congress as successor legislation to current surface transportation law; and
4. this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption; and
5. the Chairperson of the TPO, or her designee, is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the:
  - a. Chairman of U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation
  - b. Chairman of U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
  - c. Governor, State of Florida;
  - d. Secretary of Transportation, United States
  - e. Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;
  - f. Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection;
  - g. Secretary of FDOT District V;
  - h. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council;
  - i. Members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance; and
  - j. Members of the Volusia TPO Board.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** at the regularly convened meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2011.

**Volusia Transportation Planning Organization**



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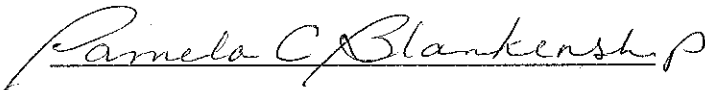
City of DeLand, Mayor Pro-Tem Leigh Matusick

**Chairperson Presiding, 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 June 28, 2011.

**ATTEST:**



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**Pamela C. Blankenship, Recording Secretary**