

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2011-24

RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING VOLUSIA COUNTY'S TIGER III GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL RAIL TRAIL

WHEREAS, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization, Volusia County, Brevard County, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, the City of Titusville, and the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council have partnered to develop a TIGER III grant application to construct the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, the East Central Florida Rail Trail is the longest single section of the St. Johns River to the Sea Loop Trail which loops through five counties located in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, Volusia County has an active and growing "eco-tourism" sector and this trail would provide a significant connection that would connect to the popular "Spring-to-Spring" trail, the Lake Monroe Loop Trail, as well as open up the conservation corridor to visitors to not only Volusia County, but to Brevard County, Titusville and Merritt Island; and

WHEREAS, this trail would also provide a boost to the local economies both during the construction of the trail but also subsequently as usage and demand grows thereby providing a much needed benefit to Brevard County which has suffered significant job loss due to the termination of the space shuttle program; and

WHEREAS, this grant would be the continuation of a significant investment by adding to the contributions already provided by the State of Florida - \$7.5 million to purchase right-of-way and Volusia County which has already committed over \$2 million to construct the connection to the Spring-to-Spring Trail and is currently entering into design-build contracts for the pedestrian overpasses on the east and west side of the trail to provide for a safe connection; and

WHEREAS, The Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (VTPO) has been actively involved in bicycle and pedestrian planning and funding bicycle and pedestrian facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization that the:

1. Volusia TPO supports Volusia County in the submission of a grant application for TIGER III funds in order to construct the East Central Florida Rail Trail;
2. Chairperson of the Volusia TPO (or her designee) is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the following to the:
 - a. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council;
 - b. Governor, State of Florida;
 - c. Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;

- d. Members of Volusia County Federal Legislative Delegation;
- e. Members of Volusia County Legislative Delegation;
- f. State and Regional Clearinghouse Offices;
- g. Federal Transit Administration, via the Florida Department of Transportation;
- h. Federal Highway Administration, via the Florida Department of Transportation
- i. Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection;
- j. Florida Department of Transportation;
- k. Environmental Protection Agency; and
- l. Division of Resource & Management, Department of Community Affairs;

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the 27th day of September, 2011.

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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 September 27, 2011.

ATTEST:



Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary