

# **VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

## **RESOLUTION 2012-14**

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

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**WHEREAS**, the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) 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 49 U.S.C. 5303 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. 450.104 provides that the Volusia TPO shall annually endorse, and amend as appropriate, the plans and programs required, among which is the Surface Transportation Program (STP) projects list of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submission; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the appropriate Volusia TPO 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 Volusia TPO to establish project priorities within the Volusia TPO's 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**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Volusia TPO reaffirms its commitment to the priority process and related policies;

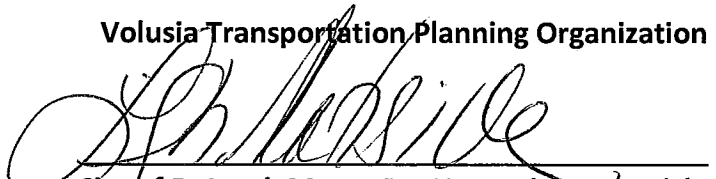
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Volusia TPO that the following policies are established to prioritize transportation projects in Volusia County and the cities of Beverly Beach and Flagler Beach in Flagler County:

1. The Volusia TPO 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 completed 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 completed 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 completed and drop out of the Work Program;
5. Those projects ranked one through eight in Tier A: 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 completed and drop out of the Work Program;
6. Those projects ranked one through three (sidewalk) and one through three (shared use path) in Tier B: Projects Ready for Funding and Tier C: Projects Awaiting Feasibility Study 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 completed 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 completed and drop out of the Work Program;
8. The Volusia TPO will not re-prioritize the aforementioned projects unless the Volusia TPO Board determines unusual circumstances dictate otherwise;
9. Annual set-asides of the Volusia TPO's 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;

10. With regards to the 30% set-aside for bicycle/pedestrian projects: project applications submitted for bicycle/pedestrian funds that contain more than a strictly bicycle/pedestrian component (i.e. roadway improvements, bridge replacements, etc.) may be funded in part with these funds. The limitations are as follows: a maximum of 10% of the total project cost may be funded with bicycle/pedestrian XU funds but that amount MAY NOT exceed 10% of the total annual allotment of bicycle/pedestrian XU funds;
11. Notwithstanding, the language contained in item #10 above, any mixed project (defined as a project that is not a stand-alone bicycle or pedestrian project) submitted by a member local government will come before the TPO Board for final determination prior to being included in the TPO's list of Priority Projects for Bicycle/Pedestrian facilities;
12. It is the responsibility of the Volusia TPO and FDOT staffs to provide the Volusia TPO 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;
13. The Volusia TPO will maintain their authority to make all decisions regarding the final prioritized project lists that are annually submitted to FDOT; and
14. the Chairperson of the Volusia TPO, (or her designee) is hereby authorized and directed to 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 Volusia TPO held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of April 2012.


**Volusia Transportation Planning Organization**

  
City of DeLand, Mayor Pro Tem Leigh Matusick  
Chairperson, Volusia TPO

**CERTIFICATE:**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia TPO 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 April 24, 2012.

**ATTEST:**

  
Pamela C. Blankenship, Recording Secretary