

**VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**RESOLUTION 2012-23**

**RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA TPO SUPPORTING TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES IN THE  
FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AND OPPOSING REDISTRIBUTION OF  
TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FUNDS APPORTIONED TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR  
TRAILS, INTERMODAL PATHWAYS AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECTS**

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**WHEREAS**, integrated public trails, intermodal pathways and Safe Routes to School projects 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, intermodal pathways and Safe Routes to School projects 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 School Program; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 6, 2012, President Obama signed into law the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (MAP-21), funding Surface Transportation Programs at over \$105 billion for fiscal years 2013 and 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, MAP-21 establishes the Transportation Alternatives Program, which incorporates the Transportation Enhancement Program activities and new activities, Recreational Trails Program and Safe Routes to School Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Volusia Transportation Planning Organization and participating local governments have identified, prioritized and programmed numerous projects relying on funding sources incorporated into the Transportation Alternatives Program and decreased funding of this program could seriously jeopardize the project priorities and funding for these projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the transfer of Transportation Alternatives Program monies may severely limit the construction of trails or intermodal pathways or Safe Routes to School projects 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**, it is the opinion of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) that the continued funding, construction and maintenance of integrated trails, intermodal pathways and Safe Routes to School projects 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 transfer of Transportation Alternatives Program monies from trails or intermodal pathways or Safe Routes to School projects to other programs totally unrelated to trails or intermodal pathways or Safe Routes to School projects by the Florida Department of Transportation; and
2. the Volusia TPO requests that the Transportation Alternatives Program receive the full amount of federal surface transportation program apportionments authorized by MAP-21 for the State of Florida; and
3. this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption; and
4. the Chairman of the TPO, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the:
  - a. Governor, State of Florida;
  - b. Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;
  - c. Florida House of Representatives Speaker of the House;
  - d. President of the Florida Senate;
  - e. Secretary of FDOT District 5;
  - f. Florida Transportation Commission;
  - g. Safe Routes to School National Partnership;
  - h. Rails-to-Trails Conservancy;
  - i. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council;
  - j. Central Florida MPO Alliance; and the
  - k. MPO Advisory Council.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** at the regular meeting of the Volusia Transportation Planning Organization on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012.

**Volusia Transportation Planning Organization**

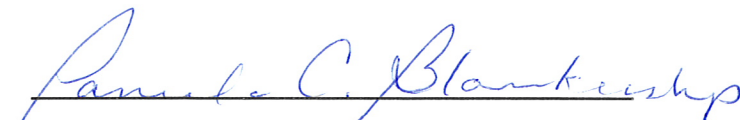


**City of Daytona Beach, Commissioner Robert Gilliland  
Chairman Presiding, Volusia TPO**

**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 August 28, 2012.

**ATTEST:**



**Pamela C. Blankenship, Recording Secretary**