

VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2014-07

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

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 339.175; 23 U.S.C. 134; and 49 U.S.C. 5303 require that every urbanized area with a population of 50,000 or more, as a condition to the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, shall 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, 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 Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach in Flagler County; 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 technical 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, 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:

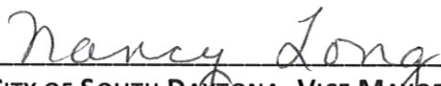
1. The project application and evaluation criteria approved by the Volusia TPO Board shall be used to solicit and evaluate projects for priority ranking in various transportation program categories;
2. Volusia TPO projects that were previously ranked and have a Financial Management (FM) number and are 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;

3. Projects which are ranked one through five on the Prioritized List of Florida Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) Roadway Projects are deemed to be protected, and will remain in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
4. Projects which are ranked one through five on the Prioritized List of Regionally Significant Non-SIS Roadway Projects are deemed to be protected, and will remain in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
5. Projects which are ranked one through three on the Prioritized List of Bascule Bridge Projects are deemed to be protected, and will be ranked in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
6. Projects which are ranked one through eight on Tier "B" of the Prioritized List of XU (Urban Attributable) Traffic Operations/ITS/Safety Set-Aside Projects are deemed to be protected, and will be ranked in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
7. Projects which are ranked one through three on Tier "B" of the Prioritized List of XU Bicycle/Pedestrian Set-Aside projects are deemed to be protected, and will be ranked in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
8. Projects which are ranked one through eight on the Prioritized List of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects (to be funded with the Volusia TPO's allocation of TAP funds) are deemed to be protected, and will be ranked in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
9. Projects which are ranked one through eight on the Prioritized List of Regional Trail Projects are deemed to be protected, and will be ranked in their current spot or move to the next available higher spot until they are completed and drop out of the Work Program;
10. The Volusia TPO will not re-prioritize protected projects except in the following cases:
 - a. projects from the prioritized lists of projects for the expanded metropolitan planning area (including portions of Bunnell, Palm Coast, and unincorporated Flagler County) as approved by the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners on August 5, 2013 may be incorporated into the TPO's protected list if warranted by ranking or score; or
 - b. the Volusia TPO Board determines unusual circumstances dictate otherwise;

11. 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 members in their efforts to make informed decisions regarding the prioritized projects lists;
12. The Volusia TPO shall, in its discretion, make all decisions regarding the final prioritized project lists that are annually submitted to FDOT;
13. The policies set forth in this resolution shall remain in effect unless and until they are repealed by the TPO; and
14. the Chairman of the Volusia TPO, (or his/her designee) is hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of 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 26th day of **February 2014**.

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CITY OF SOUTH DAYTONA, VICE MAYOR NANCY LONG
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 February 26, 2014.

ATTEST:



PAMELA C. BLANKENSHIP, RECORDING SECRETARY
VOLUSIA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION