

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2015-20

**RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
IDENTIFYING US 17/92 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE CONNECTION FOR THE COAST TO
COAST TRAIL BETWEEN SEMINOLE AND VOLUSIA COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, the River to Sea 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 portions of Flagler County inclusive of the cities of Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach, and portions of Palm Coast and Bunnell; 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, the Coast to Coast Connector Trail is a significant effort to provide a safe and continuous multi-use trail from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean, an estimated total distance of 275 miles; and

WHEREAS, the Coast to Coast Connector Trail will link communities between St. Petersburg and Titusville along its entire length into a major destination route that will allow residents and visitors to explore Central Florida by bicycle or foot; and

WHEREAS, the Coast to Coast Connector Trail is a major priority within the Florida Greenways and Trails System Plan and is the keystone project within the Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation's "Close the Gaps" Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the Coast to Coast Connector Trail includes significant portions of the East Central Regional Rail Trail and Spring-to-Spring Trail; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO is a strong proponent of the provision of bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO has adopted a Regional Trails Corridor Assessment Report that aims to complete the Coast to Coast Connector Trail and other regional trails in the TPO planning area; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has proposed alternatives for a permanent Coast to Coast Trail connection between Seminole and Volusia Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the River to Sea TPO that the:

1. River to Sea TPO identifies a 10 foot wide barrier-separated trail along US 17/92 as the preferred alternative connection for the Coast to Coast Trail between Seminole and Volusia Counties; and
2. Chairman of the River to Sea TPO (or his designee) is hereby authorized and directed to submit this resolution to the following:
 - a. Florida Department of Transportation;
 - b. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation);
 - c. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (through the Florida Department of Transportation);
 - d. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Greenways and Trails;
 - e. Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation;
 - f. Central Florida MPO Alliance
 - g. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC);
 - h. Seminole County Greenways and Natural Lands Division; and
 - i. Volusia County Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on the **28th** day of **October, 2015**.

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**VOLUSIA COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER PAT PATTERSON
CHAIRMAN, RIVER TO SEA TPO**

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on October 28, 2015.

ATTEST:



**PAMELA C. BLANKENSHIP, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**