

RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2017-09

RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING BICYCLE SAFETY AND ADOPTING A BICYCLE HELMET FITTING POLICY

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 River to Sea TPO has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving bicycle safety through programs such as Bicycle Safety Education, Bicycle Helmet Fitting Events, Bicycle Rodeos; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving bicycle safety through projects such as the Volusia County Bicycling Map for the Experienced Cyclist and Walk and Ride Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Digital Video Disk; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO has long recognized the value of partnerships with organizations that promote bicycle safety including the State of Florida Department of Transportation's Alert Today Alive Tomorrow, Florida Bicycle Association, Bike Florida, Votran, Flagler and Volusia County Schools, Flagler and Volusia County Sheriff's Offices, State of Florida Department of Health, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the Central Florida MPO Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 316.2065(3)(d,e) requires bicycle helmets that are properly fitted, fastened securely and meet federal safety standards adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) for bicycle riders or passengers under 16 years of age; and

WHEREAS, the River to Sea TPO recognizes bicycle helmets, properly fitted and secured, have been found effective at reducing the incidence and severity of head, brain and upper facial injury and the possibility of death in crashes involving bicyclists.

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

1. River to Sea TPO recognizes bicycle safety as a high priority for the planning area and supports the continued funding of programs and partnerships that raise awareness of safety issues associated with bicycle injuries and fatalities; and the

2. River to Sea TPO requires bicycle helmets to be properly selected, fitted, secured and meet federal safety standards adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) before being donated to the general public; and the
3. 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 Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)Florida
 - e. Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP);
 - f. Florida Department of Health (FDOH)
 - g. Volusia and Flagler Community Traffic Safety Teams (CTST);
 - h. East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC); and
 - f. Members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on the 22nd day of March, 2017.

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FLAGLER BEACH COMMISSIONER MARSHALL SHUPE
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 March 22, 2017.

ATTEST:



DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY
RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION