## RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## **RESOLUTION 2021-22**

RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
ESTABLISHING THE POLICY FOR THE ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG) URBAN ATTRIBUTABLE (SU) FUNDING AND OTHER STATE
AND FEDERAL FUNDS IDENTIFIED IN THE 2045 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR
LOCAL INITIATIVES

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 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 the designated Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) comprised of Volusia County and the urbanized areas of Flagler County including the cities of Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach, and portions of Palm Coast and Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, 23 C.F.R. 450.104 provides that the River to Sea TPO shall annually endorse, and amend as appropriate, the plans and programs required, among which is the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) projects list of the annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) submission; and

**WHEREAS**, each year the appropriate River to Sea 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 River to Sea TPO to establish project priorities that are equitable for all areas within the River to Sea TPO's planning boundaries; and

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

Now, Therefore, Be IT Resolved by the River to Sea TPO that:

The River to Sea TPO's total Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)
 Urban Attributable (SU) funding goals will be made in the following manner: 40% of
 the total SU funds will be used for Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives

(traffic operations focused) Project Priorities, 30% of the total SU funds will be used for Transit Project Priorities, and 30% of the total SU funds will be used for Bicycle/Pedestrian, Transportation Alternatives, Regional Trails, and Local Initiatives (bicycle/pedestrian focused) Project Priorities; and

- Other state and federal funds identified in the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan for Local Initiatives will be made available in the following manner: 50% of the funds will be used for Traffic Operations, Safety, and Local Initiatives (traffic operations focused) Project Priorities and 50% will be used for Bicycle/Pedestrian, Transportation Alternatives, Regional Trails, and Local Initiatives (bicycle/pedestrian focused) Project Priorities; and
- 3. Mixed projects (defined as a project that is not a stand-alone bicycle or pedestrian project) will only be accepted and ranked in both the bicycle/pedestrian focused and the traffic operations focused project categories if the bicycle/pedestrian cost component of the project is greater than 20% of the total project cost. Projects that do not meet this threshold shall be submitted and ranked in the traffic operations focused category only. The project applications shall include the cost breakdown between the bicycle/pedestrian component and the traffic operations component of the project. When programming mixed projects, funding amounts drawn down from each set-aside category (bicycle/pedestrian focused vs. traffic operations focused) shall be consistent with the cost component of that category; and
- 4. For projects funded in whole or in part with Urban Attributable (SU) funding and/or other state and federal funds obtained through the TPO's Priority Project Process, if the recipient of the funds chooses to display any signs or markers at the project site, said signs or markers shall include language acknowledging the River to Sea TPO, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and/or other funding partners, as may be applicable, for providing funding for the project. In addition to the language, the sign or marker shall include these agencies' official logos; and

Additionally, any public pronouncements made by or on behalf of the recipient regarding the project, including press releases, publications, annual reports, video credits, and dedications, shall acknowledge the funding support provided by the TPO, FDOT, FHWA, and FTA; and

- 5. Any remaining Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Urban Attributable (SU) funds in the current fiscal year should first be allocated to eligible projects within the same project category priority list (bicycle/pedestrian focused or traffic operations focused). If no projects are eligible within the same category, the remaining funds may be reallocated for other projects on the priority list or to cover project cost increases consistent with Resolution 2021-23; and
- 6. The policies set forth in this resolution shall remain in effect unless and until they are repealed or amended by the TPO; and

- 7. The Chairperson of the River to Sea TPO (or their 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 River to Sea TPO held on the <u>1st</u> day of **December 2021**.

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Volusia County Council Vice Chair Billie Wheeler

CHAIRPERSON, 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 <u>December 1</u>, 2021.

ATTEST:

**DEBBIE STEWART, RECORDING SECRETARY** 

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