RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2023-17

RESOLUTION OF THE RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING BIKE/WALK CENTRAL FLORIDA'S BEST FOOT FORWARD FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM

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, according to Smart Growth America's Dangerous by Design Report, the Deltona-Daytona Beach-Ormond Beach area is the most dangerous metropolitan area in the United States for people walking between 2016 and 2020, ranked by average yearly deaths per 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Bike/Walk Central Florida is a regional advocacy organization for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the Best Foot Forward (BFF) for Pedestrian Safety Program is a communitywide grassroots initiative to make walking safer by changing driver's behavior utilizing a "3E" methodology of low-cost Engineering, high-visibility Enforcement, and dynamic public Education, measured by increasing driver yield rates at marked crosswalks; and

WHEREAS, BFF is a regional coalition of civic leaders, public safety officials, engineers, transportation planners, educators, health care professionals, advocates, local businesses, and concerned citizens whose mission is to reduce pedestrian injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, Bike/Walk Central Florida's Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), and the River to Sea TPO are committed to reducing traffic crashes resulting in serious injuries and fatalities to pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and River to Sea TPO have adopted a target of zero for all transportation safety performance measures (PM 1).

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

- 1. The River to Sea TPO supports Bike/Walk Central Florida's Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program and the expansion of the program into Volusia County; and
- 2. The River to Sea TPO intends to participate in partnership with other local and regional agencies in the Best Foot Forward for Pedestrian Safety Program to reduce pedestrian injuries and fatalities within our communities.

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regularly convened meeting of the River to Sea TPO held on the **27**th day of **September 2023**.

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CITY OF ORMOND BEACH MAYOR BILL PARTINGTON

1ST VICE CHAIRPERSON, RIVER TO SEA TPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the River to Sea TPO certifies 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>September 27, 2023</u>.

ATTEST:

DONNA KING, RECORDING SECRETARY

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