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**RIVER TO SEA TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (TPO)
ANNOUNCES A CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP**

July 6, 2021 (Daytona Beach) - The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) announces that its Executive Director, Lois Bollenback is stepping down from her position effective July 30, 2021.



Ms. Bollenback returned to work for the TPO in 2009 and has served as the Executive Director since 2012. During her time in this position, the River to Sea TPO has achieved a variety of successes including a First Place Finish in the 2020 Florida Department of Transportation “Love to Ride Challenge,” 2020 Outstanding Planning Study of the Year by the Florida Planning and Zoning Association (FPZA), and the 2017 Designated Official Planning Agency of the Year Award in the State of Florida from the Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged.

“I’ve been honored to serve the River to Sea TPO and am proud of our role in supporting the transportation needs of our local communities. My position has also given me the opportunity to participate in the Daytona Beach Rotary and to support various non-profit organizations and I am grateful for those community service opportunities” stated Lois Bollenback.

The River to Sea TPO is a local transportation planning organization that sets the priorities for allocating state and federal funding for the designated planning area of Volusia and eastern Flagler Counties. The TPO Board is comprised of representatives from local municipal and county governments.

“Ms. Bollenback’s commitment and expertise has played a critical role in the success of the organization and we wish her the best of luck as she leaves to pursue other professional opportunities. She is a dedicated public servant and will be truly missed by the staff, board, committee members and local agencies that are an integral part of the TPO’s collaborative planning efforts” said Volusia County Council Vice Chair Billie Wheeler, Chairperson of the River to Sea TPO.

As the TPO begins the search process for a new Director, the TPO’s Manager of Operations and Planning, Colleen Nicoulin is expected to take the helm on an interim basis. “Colleen is a very talented planner that has earned the respect of TPO members, staff, and her colleagues. I’m confident in her ability to provide steady leadership over the next several months and know our experienced staff will step up to support Colleen and the TPO” said Ms. Bollenback.

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