RESOLUTION NO. 2007- 139

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THAT THE FIRST COAST METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) INCLUDE THE NORTHERN SEGMENT OF THE OUTER BELTWAY IN ITS FUTURE PLANNING PRIORITIES

WHEREAS, Interstate 95 is a vital transportation corridor for Nassau County and the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, both local and through traffic continue to increase on Interstate 95 through the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, a congested Interstate 95 will have a detrimental effect on the quality of life and economic prosperity of Nassau County and the entire First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 95 is constrained through Jacksonville and cannot be widened; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 295 has very limited room to expand; and

WHEREAS, the current Outer Beltway Plan only carries traffic from Interstate 10 to Interstate 95 in St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, by extending the Outer Beltway Plan northward from Interstate 10 through Duval and Nassau Counties to Interstate 95 north of Jacksonville would provide another corridor in the northern portion of the First Coast region. Further, diverting through traffic from the congested areas of Interstate 95 would free up capacity for local traffic and provide capacity to move goods and services.

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^{*} This resolution revises the original resolution approved on July 23, 2007 (adding First Coast to the front of Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 25 day of July. 2007 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, hereby requests that the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization, Florida Department of Transportation, and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), immediately begin to study possible routes so that the future rights of way can be reserved and that the First Coast MPO include the northern segment of the Beltway in its future planning priorities.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Executive Director of the First Coast MPO, the JTA and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

Approved as to form by the Nassau County

Attorney:

JÓHN A. CRAWFÓRD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

REVIEWED BY GENE KNAGA

DATE 7/25/07

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 23rd day of July, 2007 by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, as follows:

- 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, hereby requests that the Florida Department of Transportation, and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) with the assistance of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), immediately begin to study possible routes so that the future rights of way can be reserved and that the MPO include the northern segment of the Beltway in its future planning priorities.
- 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Executive Director of the MPO, the JTA and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's Signature:

Approved as to form by the Nassau County

Attorney:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

DAVID A. HALLMAN

REVIEWED BY GENE KNAGA

DATE 7/23/07

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