

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE REGIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN AS ADOPTED BY THE NORTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (RTC)

WHEREAS, the 2013 Florida Legislature created the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) under Chapter 343: The Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission Act (ACT); and

WHEREAS, the RTC represents the Northeast Florida region which includes Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, and St. Johns Counties (referenced herein as the "constituent counties"); and

WHEREAS, the ACT specifies a regionally balanced Commission with nine voting members, one each appointed by the Boards of County Commissioners in five constituent counties, two by the Jacksonville City Council and two by the Mayor of the City of Jacksonville in Duval County; and

WHEREAS, the ACT provides for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to be represented by a non-voting advisor appointed by the Secretary of FDOT; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the importance of a multi-modal approach to regional transportation, the RTC was charged with the responsibility to develop a Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Plan (PLAN); and

WHEREAS, the ACT mandated that the RTC work closely with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA), North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (NFTPO), Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) and other local government units within the constituent counties in the development of the PLAN to ensure efficient use of resources and data; and

WHEREAS, the RTC created the Regional Transit Coordinating Committee (RTCC) as a standing committee to advise the RTC Board on the regional coordination of local transit services; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the RTCC completed a Regional Transit Action Plan, which includes an implementation plan outlining specific actions and projects connecting the constituent county transit services, allowing the region to realize a decrease in peak hour single occupant vehicle trips and providing value added impact by increasing levels of transit service in the region; and

WHEREAS, a robust regionally connected transit system will:

- Decrease traffic congestion, thus improving safety and the efficient flow of commerce;
- Increase regional economic competitiveness by improving transit service for the workforce of today and the future;
- Increase the quality of life and experience for citizens and visitors of Northeast Florida;
- Improve the region's ability to maintain its Clean Region Designation, by reducing fuel consumption related to peak hour trips;
- More effectively leverage existing and proposed regional investments in other modes of transportation, including the emerging Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Smart Cities/ Regions technologies;
- Moving the Northeast Florida Region toward recognition as a center of world class transportation across all modes; and

WHEREAS, In September 2016, the RTC approved a draft Regional Multi-Modal Transportation Plan recognizing the regional coordination of local transit services as the area in which the RTC can have immediate and lasting impact; and

WHEREAS, the RTC, as specified in the ACT, has conducted public hearings to gather broad input on the PLAN in each constitute county; and

WHEREAS, the PLAN was amended to incorporate comments from the public hearings and County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the final PLAN places great emphasis on the regional coordination of local transit services as the space where the RTC could add the greatest value; and

WHEREAS, the RTC Board formally adopted the final PLAN at its April 12, 2017 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 27th day of November, 2017, that:

1. The Board supports the Regional Multimodal Transportation Plan as adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Transportation Commission.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

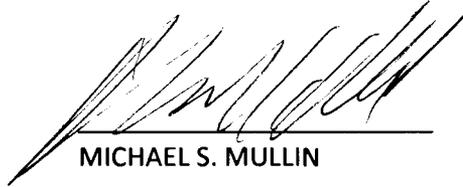

DANIEL B. LEEPER
Its: Chairman

Attest as to the Chairman's
Signature:

Handwritten signature of John A. Crawford in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:

Handwritten signature of Michael S. Mullin in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

MICHAEL S. MULLIN