

RESOLUTION NO. 94- 62

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PALM VALLEY BRIDGE.

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge, a fifty seven (57) year old bascule bridge with a nine (9) foot vertical clearance is located at approximately statute mile 755.8 on the Intercoastal Waterway in St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge is currently owned, operated, and maintained by the Federal government through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge is the last such bridge under Federal jurisdiction in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge load limit has been reduced from the customary load limit of 40 tons gross for a type 3-3 unit to 15 tons, and the bulk of commercial traffic must use the Vilano Bridge some sixteen (16) miles to the south; or Butler Boulevard, approximately ten (10) miles north; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge traffic volumes are projected to exceed the safe capacity of the bridge during peak periods; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Valley Bridge is the primary evacuation route for the Ponte Vedra/Palm Valley Area, and alternate routes will be at capacity during such an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expedite the replacement of the Palm Valley Bridge. St. Johns County is willing to accept ownership, operation and maintenance of the proposed high level bridge after inspection and acceptance by the County. The County will continue to be the project sponsor.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 22 day of March, 1994.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: Dean Roberts
Its Chair

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

BY: Patricia DeGrande
Deputy Clerk