

RESOLUTION NO. 98- 133

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF TOLLS AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE EXTENSION OF STATE ROAD 312

WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 1, also known as Ponce de Leon Boulevard, presently provides the major north-south transportation corridor through the City of St. Augustine and the surrounding easterly urban area of central St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Highway 1 provides the major direct emergency evacuation access to a large number of residents within the City of St. Augustine, the City of St. Augustine Beach, and the east central portion of the urbanized area of the County; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Highway 1 provides the major direct access to a large number of residential, retail, commercial and industrial sites; and

WHEREAS, U. S. Highway 1 is the primary and direct access used by the residents and visitors of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the increasing impact of traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 1 represents a major concern for all who must use the roadway; and

WHEREAS, increasing traffic congestion on U.S. Highway 1 has the potential to exceed Concurrency capacity limits affecting the County's ability to comply with the Local Government Comprehensive Planning requirements established in Florida Statutes and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the smooth and dependable operation of this roadway is vital to the welfare of the citizens of St. Augustine and St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, both St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine recognize the importance of an alternative north-south transportation corridor in improving traffic flows on U. S. Highway 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine passed a Resolution requesting a toll study as discussed in our joint meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has completed a Project Development and Environmental Study of an alternative transportation corridor commonly know as the State Road 312 Extension which identifies the roadway corridor and right-of-way limits for the State Road 312 Extension; and

WHEREAS, most of the State Road 312 Extension is planned along currently undeveloped portions of St. Johns County and to delay the right-of-way acquisition and construction of the State Road 312 Extension could jeopardize the ability of the Florida Department of Transportation to acquire the property in an undeveloped state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County hereby requests that the Florida Department of Transportation conduct a study to determine the feasibility of tolls as a funding source to accomplish construction of the State Road 312 Extension at the earliest possible date.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 14 Day of July, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Moran B. Hoyle
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Cheryl Strickland
Deputy Clerk