

RESOLUTION NO. 99-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION INCLUDE THE STATE ROAD 9B EXTENSION PROJECT FROM INTERSTATE 95 IN DUVAL COUNTY, FLORIDA TO RACE TRACK ROAD IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA IN THEIR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005 TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the State Road 13 daily traffic counts just south of the bridge over Julington Creek, the existing primary access to and from northwest St. Johns County, has increased from 17,300 vehicles per day in 1993 to over 26,400 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Interstate 95 daily traffic counts between County Road 210 and the Duval County Line has increased from 40,500 vehicles per day in 1993 to over 44,500 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the US Route 1 daily traffic counts between County Road 210 and the Duval County Line has increased from 11,800 vehicles per day in 1993 to over 16,100 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Race Track Road daily traffic counts between Russell Sampson Road and US Route 1 has increased from 1,300 vehicles per day in 1993 to over 3,300 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, current approved development located on Race Track Road will exceed 5,000 additional residential units; and

WHEREAS, Race Track Road is currently a Minor Arterial and is four lanes approximately one-half of the way to a proposed State Road 9B connection; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has recently completed construction of an improved bridge over Durbin Creek on Race Track Road; and

WHEREAS, State Road 9B, as proposed, will terminate at Interstate 95, one mile north of Race Track Road in Duval County, Florida. Extending State Road 9B south through currently vacant land to Race Track Road, and construction of a full interchange at State Road 9B and Interstate 95 would alleviate projected traffic conditions on Race Track Road and State Road 13 in northwest St. Johns County, as well as State Road 13 and US Route 1 north in Duval County. Furthermore, this action would create a convenient traffic access into northwest St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County has begun the Northwest Sector Plan and North/South Corridor Study to identify a parallel roadway facility to Interstate 95 for the purpose of relieving St. Johns County traffic congestion on Interstate 95 as identified in a Level of Service Rule Variance as granted by the Florida Department of Transportation. The proposed State Road 9B extension to

Race Track Road would serve as the northern segment of the required Interstate 95 parallel roadway facility; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, being aware of the significant daily traffic volume growth in the northwest quadrant of the County and how critical these problems will become in the future, the Board finds that said State Road 9B extension to Race Track Road proposed herein will serve this purpose, and that relief must be addressed now to avoid additional traffic congestion on area roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida respectfully requests that the Florida Department of Transportation include the State Road 9B Extension Project from Interstate 95 in Duval County, Florida to Race Track Road in St. Johns County, Florida in their Fiscal Year July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2005 Tentative Work Program. It is found that this proposed State Road 9B extension will greatly serve to solve both current and future traffic problems in the rapidly growing northwest portion of St. Johns County and alleviate traffic congestion on State Road 13 and US Route 1 in Duval County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 9th Day of November, 1999.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Max Jacobson
Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: Patricia A. Strickland
Deputy Clerk

