

RESOLUTION NO. 2003- 199

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MEMBERSHIP APPORTIONMENT PLAN AND PLANNING BOUNDARY FOR THE FIRST COAST METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to each decennial census, the Governor of the State of Florida requests each metropolitan planning organization to submit a member apportionment plan and planning boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 339.175(2)(a), *Florida Statutes* the metropolitan planning organization voting membership reflected in the Membership Apportionment Plan, must consist of no less than five members with a maximum of nineteen apportioned members, the exact number to be determined on an equitable geographic-population ratio basis; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 134 of Title 23 United States Code further specifies that the policy board of a metropolitan planning organization designated as a transportation management area shall include officials of public agencies that administer or operate major modes of transportation in the metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 14, 2003 the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization established the metropolitan planning area boundary and this boundary encompasses all of Duval County and a significant portion of Clay and St. Johns Counties, including the St. Augustine and Jacksonville Urbanized Areas; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been demonstrated that seventy-seven percent of the population of the geographic area of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization resides in Duval County, twelve percent resides in Clay County and eleven percent resides in St. Johns County; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been demonstrated that **forty-seven percent (47%)** of the geographic area lies in Duval County, **eighteen percent (18%)** lies in Clay County, and **thirty-five percent (35%)** lies in St. Johns County; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 134 of Title 23 United States Code the Jacksonville Airport Authority, Jacksonville Port Authority, Jacksonville Transportation Authority, and the St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority are public agencies that administer or operate major modes and must be represented on the policy board of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2003 by majority vote the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization approved a membership apportionment plan composed of four members representing the City of Jacksonville including the Mayor of Jacksonville and three members of the Jacksonville City Council, with the City of Jacksonville representatives each having a weighted vote of two (which must be cast together), one of the three Mayors representing Atlantic Beach, Jacksonville Beach, and Neptune Beach serving on an alternating basis, two members of the Clay County Commission, one member of the St. Johns County Commission, the **Mayors of St. Augustine, and St. Augustine Beach, serving on an alternating basis**, and one

representative each from the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Airport Authority, Jacksonville Port Authority, Jacksonville Transportation Authority and the St. Augustine-St. Johns County Airport Authority for a total membership of thirteen members with seventeen votes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation, District II Secretary will continue to serve as an ex officio member; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been demonstrated that this apportionment of membership and weighted voting is based solely on the population of the area encompassed within the boundary of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization and is a fair and equitable population based apportionment as delineated in Section 339.175(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, and complies with the provisions of Section 134 of Title 23 United States Code; **and**

**WHEREAS**, the required interlocal agreement defining operational details and commitments to the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization will be prepared and submitted for approval to this body as soon as possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rules of Procedure of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization further detail the composition of the Policy Board and the role and responsibilities of members, alternate members, and officers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**, as follows:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as findings of fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida endorses the apportionment of membership plan and the boundary approved by the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization on August 14, 2003.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this 21 day of October, 2003.

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

**BY:** James E. Bryant  
**James E. Bryant, Chairman**

**ATTEST:** Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

Patricia A. Grande  
Deputy Clerk

**RENDITION DATE** 10-21-03