RESOLUTION NO. 2006-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A SOUTHERLY ST. JOHNS RIVER BRIDGE CROSSING LOCATION

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is currently studying alternative St. Johns River

Crossing corridors connecting St. Johns County and Clay County; and

WHEREAS, a new River Crossing on a limited access facility will provide a more direct connection to the Interstate system relieving travel demand on the local arterial and collector roadway system; and

WHEREAS, a new River Crossing will provide enhanced emergency evacuation capabilities enabling residents of St. Johns County to evacuate across the St. Johns River on a limited access facility; and

WHEREAS, a new River Crossing will provide enhanced economic development opportunities in St. Johns County through an additional east-west limited access facility; and

WHEREAS, a southerly bridge crossing location better serves the emergency evacuation, economic development, and traffic diversion objectives of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, a southerly bridge crossing location better serves the regional travel needs of the Northeast Florida area represented by the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has expressed support for a similar bridge crossing location.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County that St. Johns County supports a southerly location at or near the Shands Bridge for the new St. Johns River Bridge Crossing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida this 21 st Day of <u>March</u>, 2006.

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

By: James E. Bryant, Chairman

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

RENDITION DATE 3-22-06

