

RESOLUTION 2014-265

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE RE-DESIGNATION OF THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AS A DESIGNATED RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307, 5337 AND 5339 FUNDING FOR THE JACKSONVILLE URBANIZED AREA AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THIS RE-DESIGNATION.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) was designated as the Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Funding for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area prior to the year 2000; and

WHEREAS, as the Designated Recipient of the Jacksonville Urbanized Area, JTA was authorized to receive funding in the form of FTA section 5307, 5337 and 5339 grants to fund and operate public transportation service in the Jacksonville Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the FTA has determined that any transit property that was designated a Designated Recipient prior to the year 2000 must now be re-designated; and

WHEREAS, the re-designation process is outlined in FTA Circular 9030.1E (II-4 thru II-5); and

WHEREAS, the circular requires documentation of concurrence in the selection of a designated recipient by providers of public transportation in the area to be included in the official notice of re-designation to the FTA Regional Administrator; and

WHEREAS, our support is based on our partnership with JTA in continuing to work toward regional goals beneficial to the citizens of St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 the JTA was endorsed by St. Johns County as the recipient of FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs resulting in the continuous funding of a transit route between St. Augustine and Jacksonville; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County's other regional partnerships with the JTA include the development of a Northeast Florida Coordination Mobility Plan and the receipt of a Veterans Initiative Grant to enhance regional scheduling and dispatching of coordinated trips between regional transit providers; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County believes it is in the best interest of the region and St. Johns County to concur with the re-designation of the JTA as the Designated Recipient for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area; and

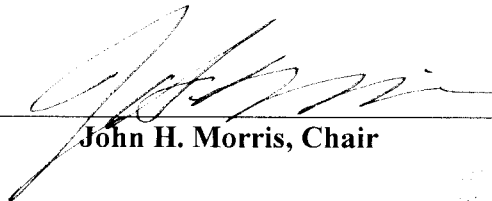
WHEREAS, St. Johns County gives its concurrence for the re-designation of the JTA as the Designated Recipient of FTA funding for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the accompanying letter in support of the re-designation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this resolution and such recitals are adopted as findings of fact.
2. St. Johns County gives its concurrence for the re-designation of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority as the Designated Recipient of Federal Transportation Administration Section 5307, 5337 and 5339 funding for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the accompanying letter in support of the re-designation.
3. The County Administrator or his designated representative is authorized to execute any other documents and take any other actions necessary in connection with the concurrence of this re-designation.
4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors that do not change the tenor, or concept of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without the subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

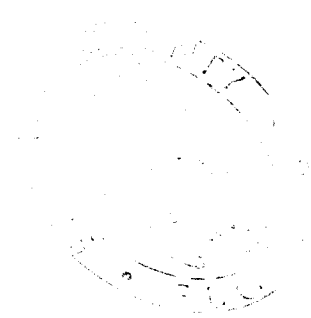
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 7th day of October 2014.

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

By: 
John H. Morris, Chair

ATTEST.: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk



RENDITION DATE 10/10/14



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August 26, 2014

Mr. Michael Wanchick, County Administrator
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners
500 San Sebastian View
St. Augustine, FL 32084

RE: FTA Section 5307, 5337, and 5339 Designated Recipient of Funds

Dear Mr. Wanchick:

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) has been the Designated Recipient of Section 5307 Urbanized Area funds since the 1970s. The FTA is currently undergoing a recertification of all transit properties named as a Designated Recipient for an urbanized area prior to 2000. As part of this process, we are requesting a letter of support from the two primary public transit operators in our area (St. Johns County and Clay County) and the North Florida TPO. This certification is critical to the JTA as it enables us to support our transit operations in Duval County, and provide support and assistance to our regional partners in the surrounding counties.

In 2008, JTA was endorsed by all of the surrounding counties for the Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom programs. We successfully sub-allocated over \$1 million in JARC funding to the St. Johns County Council on Aging during the time period from 2008 to 2012 as part of the program management of these funds.

The JTA would appreciate the support of St. Johns County to be the Designated Recipient of Section 5307, 5337, and 5339 funding for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area.

We look forward to continuing to be successful in creating regional transportation solutions for our citizens by working closely with FDOT, North Florida TPO, and other counties in the region. If you have any questions or need any additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at 904-632-5500.

Sincerely,


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Chief Executive Officer

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St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

October 7, 2014

Mr. Elizabeth Stutts
Grants Program Administrator
Florida Department of Transportation
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: FTA Section 5307, 5337 and 5339 Designated Recipient of Funds

Dear Mrs. Stutts:

St. Johns County would like to offer its support for naming the Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) as the designated recipient for the Section 5307, 5337 and 5339 funding for the Jacksonville Urbanized Area.

Our support is based on our partnership with JTA in continuing to work towards regional goals that will not only be beneficial for the citizens of St. Johns County, but to all of the citizens of Northeast Florida. As an example of this coordination St. Johns County has worked closely with JTA on several projects to include;

- The receipt of 5316 and 5317 funding which created and provided continued support for a highly successful route between St. Augustine and Jacksonville.
- The development of a Northeast Florida Coordinated Mobility Plan to identify gaps and redundancies in transportation services and to initiate coordination methods to provide cost effective and efficient transportation services.
- The receipt of a Veterans Initiative Grant that will enhance regional scheduling and dispatching to improve coordination of trips between regional transit providers.

We can continue to be successful in creating regional transportation solutions for our citizens by working closely with FDOT, JTA, the TPO and other counties in the region.

Sincerely,

Jay Morris
Chairman
County Commissioner District 4
St. Johns County, FL