

LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2021-12

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVAERAGE A REBUILDING AMERICA INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITIY AND EQUITY (RAISE) TRANSPORTATION DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE WEKIVA TRAIL EXTENSION PROJECT – SEGMENT 1 AND SEGMENT 5 TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

WHEREAS, the Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for Lake~Sumter Planning Area; and

WHEREAS Section 339.175, Florida Statutes, 23 USC. 134, and 49 USC. 5303 require that the urbanized area, as a condition for the receipt of federal capital or operating assistance, has a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process that results in plans and programs consistent with the comprehensively planned development of the urbanized area; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has appropriated funding to be awarded by the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for National Infrastructure Investments on a competitive basis for projects that will have significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area or a region; and

WHEREAS Funds for the FY 2021 RAISE Transportation program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, Lake County, the City of Tavares, and the City of Mount Dora (the Agencies) have an opportunity to submit a 2021 RAISE Grant application to US DOT for the Wekiva Trail Extension Project –segment 1 and segment 5 , “the Project”; and

WHEREAS the Agencies agree to be responsible and fund costs associated with maintenance and operation of the project, should the 2021 RAISE Grant be awarded to the Agencies; and

WHEREAS the Lake~Sumter MPO, serving the role regional transportation planning supports the Wekiva Trail Extension Project RAISE Grant application to address the needs within the MPO Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lake~Sumter MPO:

1. The Wekiva Trail Extension Project was developed with consideration given to improving the existing transportation infrastructure, enhancing Florida's economic competitiveness, and improving travel choices to ensure mobility; and
2. The Wekiva Trail Extension Project is consistent with the MPO's adopted long-range transportation plan, *TRANSPORTATION 2045*, which was adopted December 9, 2020; and
3. The Wekiva Trail Extension Project was developed in consideration of criteria consistent with projects eligible to receive funding from USDOT; and
4. The Wekiva Trail Extension Project RIASE grant application is hereby endorsed and supported; and
5. The Chair of the MPO is hereby authorized and directed to submit Resolution 2021-12 to the United States Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Josh Blake, Chair

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Melanie Marsh, MPO Attorney