

LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2019-9

RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE~SUMTER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE BETTER UTILIZING INVESTMENTS TO LEVAERAGE DEVELOPMENT (BUILD) TRANSPORTATION DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE CR 501 PROJECT SUBMITTED BY SUMTER COUNTY.

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 U.S.C. 134, and 49 U.S.C. 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 Consolidated Appropriations Act, appropriated \$900 million to be awarded by the Department of Transportation for National Infrastructure Investments. This appropriation stems from the program funded and implemented pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "*Recovery Act*"); and

WHEREAS, this program was previously known as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or "TIGER Discretionary Grants," program and is now known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development, or "BUILD Transportation Discretionary Grants," program; and

WHEREAS, Funds for the FY 2019 BUILD Transportation program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact; and

WHEREAS, The CR 501 BUILD Project would serve the region by enhancing safety, reducing congestion, increasing transportation capacity and connectivity to support development of adjacent rural areas, and add ability for utility and broadband services to be extended to this rural area. Additionally, this project will help the region with issues of safety, opportunities, innovation, economic competitiveness, economic development prospects, quality of life, Environmental Protection, and building along the corridor and surrounding roadway network.; and

WHEREAS, the FDOT has established a deadline of July 15, 2019, for the submittal of new BUILD grant project applications; and

WHEREAS, the Lake~Sumter MPO, serving the role regional transportation planning supports the Sumter County CR 501 Transportation Discretionary Grant Application to address the needs within the MPO Area.

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

1. The CR 501 BUILD 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 CR 501 BUILD Project is consistent with the MPO’s adopted long range transportation plan, *TRANSPORTATION 2040*, which was adopted December 9, 2015; and
3. The CR 501 Project was developed in consideration of criteria consistent with projects eligible to receive funding from FDOT; and
4. The CR 501 Project BUILD grant application is hereby endorsed and supported; and
5. The Chair of the MPO is hereby authorized and directed to submit Resolution 2019-XX to the Florida Department of Transportation and to Sumter County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Lake~Sumter Metropolitan Planning Organization

Nick Girone, Chair

Approved as to Form and Legality:

Melanie Marsh, MPO Attorney