



*East Central Florida Regional Planning Council*

## **Resolution #06-2011**

*Support of the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail  
FDOT Tiger III Grant Application  
By the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC)*

**WHEREAS**, regional multi – use trails are important community connectors, serve as alternative modes of transportation, increase property values and promote economic development and ecotourism; and

**WHEREAS**, the most frequently requested information by visitors at the State of Florida’s Official Welcome Centers is trail information; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, in addition to numerous other organizations across the nation, report that trails have a positive economic impact on local economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rails-to-Trails conservancy reports that trails improve local economy by stimulating tourism; and

**WHEREAS**, Volusia, St. Johns, Putnam, Flagler and Brevard Counties have issued a Memorandum of Understanding of the necessity of working together in the development of a regional trail known as the “St. Johns River to the Sea Loop Trail”; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail (ECFRRT) is a major 50 mile section of this regional tourist destination loop trail; and

**WHEREAS**, the impacts of the ECFRRT on Brevard and Volusia Counties will not only entail direct economic impacts through consumer spending but create a more robust ecotourism business sector, creating new local jobs and promoting redevelopment of areas such as downtown Titusville, Edgewater and Maytown; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail serves as a regional connection for east central Floridians between Titusville, Osteen and Edgewater and will connect central Florida to northeast Florida, playing a major role in eco-tourism and transportation in the state; and

**WHEREAS**, with the approved SunRail Commuter Rail Line accessing ECFRRT trail heads, the ability for central Floridians to move around the region via alternate, sustainable and healthy modes of transportation is a reality; and

**WHEREAS**, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council has supported efforts of the ECFRRT and its parties since the year 2000 and will continue to support the trail development and opportunities;

**Now Therefore**, the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, hereby, fully supports the Tiger III grant application of Brevard and Volusia Counties, the Volusia County TPO, and the Brevard County TPO, to complete the construction of the regionally significant East Central Florida Regional Rail Trail.

Attest:

EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA  
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