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## MEETING NOTICE

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council on **February 25, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the meeting will be held virtually via communications media technology at **6:00 p.m.**

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## AGENDA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Virtual Public Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology  
Gainesville, Florida

February 25, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

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This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Committee on any matter not included on the agenda. The comment period is limited to three minutes for each individual.

\* See Attachments

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Virtual Meeting  
Via Communications Media Technology

January 28, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Charles Chestnut IV, Chair  
Anthony Adams, Secretary-Treasurer  
Janice Mortimer, Member  
Robert Wilford, Immediate Past Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Thomas Demps, Vice-Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Scott Koons

OTHERS PRESENT

Stew Lilker,  
Columbia County Observer  
Jonathan Wershow, Council Attorney

Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 22, 2020 and December 10, 2020

**ACTION:** Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford to approve the minutes for October 22, 2020 and the minutes for December 10, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

II. CONTRACTS AND APPLICATIONS -

A. Interagency Agreement with Central Florida Regional Planning Council to Assist with Local Government Comprehensive Plan Study

**ACTION:** Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to recommend that the Council authorize the Chair to sign an Interagency Agreement with Central Florida Regional Planning Council to Assist with Local Government Comprehensive Plan Study for a fixed fee amount of 97,500. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PROGRAM REPORT -

A. Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board Appointments

**ACTION:** Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to recommend that the Council appoint Commissioner Robert Brown as the Local Elected Official for Hamilton County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; Selvin Cray as the alternate Regional Workforce Board Representative on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board and the voting representative on the Dixie, Gilchrist and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards; Commissioner Travis Land as the Local Elected Official for Suwannee County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; Commissioner Ryan Perez as Chair of the Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board; Sheryl Dick-Stanford as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford, Columbia,

**Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards; Sheryl Dick-Stanford as the voting Florida Agency for Persons with Disabilities Representative on the Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Boards; and Commissioner Toby Witt as the Local Elected Official for Columbia County on the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Transportation Disadvantaged Coordinating Board. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. American Flood Coalition Grant Agreement

Mr. Koons stated the American Flood Coalition is offering the Council a grant of \$15,000 to support the development of a regional resilience collaborative. Such resilience collaborative would be among the local governments in the north central Florida region similar to the recent resilience collaborative formed by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the resilience coalition formed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The Executive Committee discussed establishing a regional resilience collaborative or resilience coalition for the north central Florida region.

IV. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

A. Proclamation Declaring February 22-28, 2021 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week

**ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to recommend that the Council adopt a proclamation declaring February 22-28, 2021 Hazardous Materials Awareness Week. The motion carried unanimously.**

B. Resolution No. 2021-01 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Dixie County

**ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-01 recognizing 100th Anniversary of Dixie County. The motion carried unanimously.**

C. Resolution No. 2021-02 Recognizing 100th Anniversary of Union County

**ACTION: Commissioner Mortimer made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-02 recognizing 100th Anniversary of Union County. The motion carried unanimously.**

D. Resolution No. 2021-03 Supporting Access to Affordable, Reliable High-Speed Internet Throughout Florida

**ACTION: Commissioner Adams made the motion, with a second by Vice-Mayor Wilford to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-03 supporting access to affordable, reliable high speed internet throughout Florida. The motion carried unanimously.**

E. Resolution No. 2021-04 Opposing Senate Bill 62 Concerning Regional Planning Councils

**ACTION: Vice-Mayor Wilford made the motion, with a second by Commissioner Mortimer to recommend that the Council adopt Resolution No. 2021-04 Opposing Senate Bill 62 concerning Regional Planning Councils. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. OTHER BUSINESS - None

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS -

Stew Lilker, Columbia County Observer, discussed public records requests and regional transit services.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

2/25/21  
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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council Concerning Regional Economic Modeling, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Executive Director to sign an amendment to the memorandum of agreement with Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council for an additional year as a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., for a fixed fee amount of \$5,530.50.**

BACKGROUND:

In 2005, the Council entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council to be a user of the Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. economic impact model. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is a licensed user of the model by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. The Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is authorized to issue user rights to other parties subject to collection of a fee to be paid to Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. At this time, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council is proposing to extend the Council's existing memorandum of agreement for a one-year period for a fixed fee of \$5,530.50.

The Regional Economic Modeling, Inc. model is based upon an input-output engine and provides the Council, our local governments, economic development agencies and others with a dynamic tool for economic and demographic analysis and forecasting. It uses national data calibrated for the region, but also can accept local data sets to enhance its accuracy. This model can review system-wide effects over both short- and long-range time horizons, include economic and fiscal impact analyses, policy impact analyses and economic development/redevelopment analyses. The model can be configured to either address the entire region of any number of county-based subsets of the region, as well as including counties in adjacent regions.

Council staff has used this model to evaluate the impact of several projects throughout the region. Examples of projects include an advertising agency in Alachua County, a hotel and a redevelopment project in the City of Gainesville, a sanitary sewer system in the City of Archer, a recreational vehicle resort in the City of Hawthorne, a food processing plant in the City of Newberry, a computer technical support call center, manufacturing facilities and sports complex in Columbia County, a hypothetical manufacturing plant in Gilchrist County, an ethanol plant in Hamilton County, a refrigerated container manufacturing plant in Madison County, a manufacturing facility and a sawmill plant in Suwannee County and an electric power generating plant in Taylor County.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director   
SUBJECT: American Flood Coalition Agreement to Assist with the  
Creation of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the Chair to sign a grant agreement with the American Flood Coalition for \$15,000 of funding to assist with the development of the North Central Florida Regional Resiliency Collaborative.**

BACKGROUND:

The American Flood Coalition is a nonpartisan group of political, military, business and local leaders that have come together to drive adaptation to the reality of higher seas, stronger storms and more frequent flooding. The Coalition seeks to advance solutions that support flood-affected communities and protect residents, the economy and military installations.

The mission of the Coalition is to protect communities that are vulnerable to flooding and sea level rise. The need to address these issues is vitally important to the well-being of citizens, economic strength and security. Proactive planning and smart policy can enable flood-affected communities to adapt and thrive. Investing in adaptation planning and projects that reduce risk can protect home values and the highways, ports, and other essential infrastructure that drive our economy, creating jobs and economic opportunities.

The Coalition focuses on the following four solution pillars.

- Economy - Invest in infrastructure and natural solutions that boost the economy and protect property values;
- Communities - Use smart planning to keep communities safe and save taxpayer dollars;
- Rebuilding - Build back stronger to protect communities from future flooding; and
- Military - Ensure our military installations are ready to deploy 365 days a year.

The Coalition is offering the Council a grant of \$15,000 to support the development of a regional resilience collaborative. Such resilience collaborative would be among the local governments in the north central Florida region similar to the recent resiliency collaborative formed by the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and the resiliency coalition formed by the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Planning Grant Resolutions  
Fiscal Year 2021-22

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve the attached resolutions authorizing the Executive Director to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Planning Grant Applications for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties and authorizing the Chair to execute the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Disadvantaged Program Planning Grant Agreements for Bradford, Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lafayette, Levy, Madison and Union Counties.**

BACKGROUND:

The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is the designated official planning agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Suwannee and Union Counties. As the designated official planning agency, the Council is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating boards with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the boards to fulfill their responsibilities.

The attached resolutions authorize the Chair to sign the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Planning Grant Agreements with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged. The Planning Grant Agreements provide the funding needed to provide staff services to the local coordinating boards.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Attachments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 BRADFORD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Bradford County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 COLUMBIA, HAMILTON AND SUWANNEE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 DIXIE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Dixie County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 GILCHRIST COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Gilchrist County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LAFAYETTE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Lafayette County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 LEVY COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Levy County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 MADISON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Madison County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 UNION COUNTY TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED

WHEREAS, in areas not covered by a metropolitan planning organization, regional planning councils are eligible for selection as designated official planning agencies in accordance with Rule 41-2.009, Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designated official planning agency is responsible for Transportation Disadvantaged Program planning and providing the local transportation disadvantaged coordinating board with sufficient staff support and resources to enable the board to fulfill its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Union County Transportation Disadvantaged Planning Grant agreement and to undertake a transportation disadvantaged service project as authorized by Section 427.0159, Florida Statutes, and Rule 41-2, Florida Administrative Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

1. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to enter into the above referenced grant agreement;
2. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to execute the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant agreement on behalf of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council with the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
3. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Executive Director to act in connection with the agreement and to provide such additional information as may be required by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged;
4. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes the Chair to sign any and all assurances, agreements or contracts which are required in connection with the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund Grant Program;
5. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council authorizes its Executive Director to sign the planning grant application form, any and all reimbursement invoices, warranties, certifications and other documents which may be required in connection with the agreement or subsequent agreements; and
6. This resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council, this 25th day of February 2021.

ATTEST:

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair



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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation  
for Dixie County

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve Resolution No. 2021-13, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Dixie County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-01 for the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-01. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR DIXIE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Dixie County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-01 for the designation of the Dixie County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-01; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was the only proposal received that was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-01.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Dixie County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair





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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation  
for Gilchrist County

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve Resolution No. 2021-14, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Gilchrist County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-02 for the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-02. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR GILCHRIST COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Gilchrist County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-02 for the designation of the Gilchrist County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-02; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Gilchrist County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair






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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program  
Community Transportation Coordinator Designation  
for Union County

RECOMMENDATION:

**Approve Resolution No. 2021-15, recommending the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Union County. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies conduct the selection process and recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County. Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021.

The Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-03 for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation on November 6, 2020. The Council received one proposal from Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. in response to the request for proposals.

The Council authorized the Executive Director to appoint a Technical Review Committee to review and score proposals for the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator designation. The Technical Review Committee reviewed Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal and determined that it is responsive to Requests for Proposals No. 2020-03. Therefore, it is recommended that the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THE FLORIDA COMMISSION FOR THE TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED DESIGNATE SUWANNEE RIVER ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC. THE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR FOR UNION COUNTY

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council is designated by the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged as the Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program for Union County;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council has the authority to recommend the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (1), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the designation of the Community Transportation Coordinator will be accomplished through public competitive bidding or proposals in accordance with Rule 41-2.010 (3), Florida Administrative Code;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council issued Request for Proposals No. 2020-03 for the designation of the Union County Community Transportation Coordinator on November 6, 2020;

WHEREAS, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council received one proposal in response to Request for Proposals No. 2020-03; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc.'s proposal was determined to be responsive to Request for Proposals No. 2020-03.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL THAT:

In accordance with Chapter 427, Florida Statutes, the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council recommends to the Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged designate Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. the Community Transportation Coordinator for Union County for a five-year period effective July 1, 2021.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council this 25th day of February 2021.

NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

ATTEST:

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Scott R. Koons, Executive Director

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Charles S. Chestnut IV, Chair





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February 18, 2021

TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Program -  
Community Transportation Coordinator Selection for  
Columbia Hamilton and Suwannee Counties

RECOMMENDATION:

**Authorize the use of the non-competitive selection process to designate the Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area.**

BACKGROUND:

The Council is the Designated Official Planning Agency for the Transportation Disadvantaged Program in Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee Counties. The Florida Commission for the Transportation Disadvantaged requires that the designated official planning agencies recommend a Community Transportation Coordinator at the end of each contract period.

Suwannee Valley Transit Authority is the designated Community Transportation Coordinator for the Columbia, Hamilton and Suwannee multi-county service area. Suwannee Valley Transit Authority's Memorandum of Agreement will expire June 30, 2021. According to Section 287.057(3) (e)12, Florida Statutes, the Council, serving as the Designated Official Planning Agency, may choose to recommend a governmental entity, such as the Suwannee Valley Transit Authority, as the Community Transportation Coordinator without using a competitive selection process.

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TO: Council Members

FROM: Scott R. Koons, AICP, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

### RECOMMENDATION

**Authorize the Chair to sign the attached letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus.**

### BACKGROUND

Due to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville, the City of Gainesville, along with Alachua County and the University of Florida, are encouraging the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications to the road.

In 2015, the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization for the Gainesville Urbanized Area consisting of the Mayor and all six city commissioners and all five county commissioners completed the State Road 26 / University Avenue Multimodal Emphasis Corridor Study. Since that time, the pedestrian safety recommendations of the Study have been included in the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization List of Priority Projects.

The Department of Transportation has completed a pedestrian traffic signal advance timing project at intersections adjacent to the University of Florida campus. A pedestrian-only cycle study at the West University Avenue and West 13th Street intersection has also been completed.

At the January 28, 2021 Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to send letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville. Please find attached proposed letters supporting their efforts.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### Attachments

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February 26, 2021

Honorable Lauren Poe, Mayor  
City of Gainesville  
P.O. Box 490  
Gainesville, FL 32627-0490

RE: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

Dear Mayor Poe:

This letter is in reference to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

At its meeting on February 25, 2021, the Council voted unanimously to send letters to the City of Gainesville and Alachua County supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

The Council, comprised of 12 counties and 40 municipalities in the north central Florida region, strongly supports the efforts of the City of Gainesville, along with Alachua County and the University of Florida, to make the area adjacent to campus a safer more pedestrian friendly environment. The Council commends the City, County and University for collaborating to advance this very important community priority.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director of the Council at 352.955.2200, ext. 101 or [koons@ncfrpc.org](mailto:koons@ncfrpc.org).

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut IV  
Chair

xc: Greg Evans, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary

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February 26, 2021

Honorable Ken Cornell, Chair  
Alachua County Board of County Commissioners  
12 Southeast 1st Street  
Gainesville, FL 32601-6826

RE: State Road 26 (University Avenue) Pedestrian Safety Modifications

Dear Chair Cornell:

This letter is in reference to several recent traffic incidents resulting in serious bodily injuries and fatalities, particularly along State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

At its meeting on February 25, 2021, the Council voted unanimously to send letters to Alachua County and the City of Gainesville supporting their efforts to encourage the Florida Department of Transportation to make pedestrian safety modifications on State Road 26 (University Avenue) adjacent to the University of Florida campus in Gainesville.

The Council, comprised of 12 counties and 40 municipalities in the north central Florida region, strongly supports the efforts of Alachua County, along with the City of Gainesville and the University of Florida, to make the area adjacent to campus a safer more pedestrian friendly environment. The Council commends the County, City and University for collaborating to advance this very important community priority.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Koons, AICP, Executive Director of the Council at 352.955.2200, ext. 101 or [koons@ncfrpc.org](mailto:koons@ncfrpc.org).

Sincerely,

Charles S. Chestnut IV  
Chair

xc: Greg Evans, Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Secretary

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