



## METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### **Resolution in Support of Coastal Georgia Greenway TIGER Grant Application**

**WHEREAS**, the "Gateway to Coastal Georgia: Connecting the Coast" Master Plan, that calls for creation of the Coastal Georgia Greenway, was adopted in 1997 by previous action of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Georgia Greenway through-corridor route in Chatham County is defined in more detail in the Coastal Georgia Alternative Master Plan dated December 2003 as follows:

The Coastal Georgia Greenway trail will enter Chatham County on US 17 at the bridge over the Ogeechee River; it will circle under the bridge as needed for access to/from Love Drive and along it to the Chatham County Wetland Mitigation Site and then westerly to cross under the I-95 Bridge that is 0.45 miles north of the I-95 Bridge over the Ogeechee River; thence within Lower Ogeechee River Corridor Buffer lands, utilizing public access easements, and thence to Ft. Argyle Road and the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Corridor; then within the Bush Road, Savannah-Ogeechee Canal corridor, Canal Bank Road rights of way to and west along Quacco Road to the Pooler Parkway and crossing I-16; thence to Pine Barren Road and northeast to cross I-95; and thence to US 80 and along it to Tom Triplett Community Park; and entering the park on existing trails, proceed around the lake and back to the Savannah - Ogeechee Canal Corridor to and crossing Dean Forest Road, Chatham Parkway; Old Louisville Road and still within the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal corridor to and under Lynes Parkway; along the future First Century Campus to Louisville Road at the US 17 intersection and thence to along City of Savannah local to and proceeding along Fahm Street to Indian Street and west to Lock One of the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal at River Street and along it to Belles Ferry; on Hutchinson Island the trail will be located in accordance with the Hutchinson Island Civic Master Plan and back to the US 17 Bridge and crossing the Back River to the South Carolina state line; public access easements will be sought on portions of the identified route that is privately owned, as needed; and

**WHEREAS**, during final design, the trail route may be modified within the named street and highway rights of way to meet schedule and budget requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, when constructed, this route will be designated to the East Coast Greenway as part of that national trail linking Key West, Florida to Calais, Maine and Canada; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County has by previous action of the Board of Commissioners, agreed to support, within its means, completion of the trails as defined in the 1997 master plan;

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Georgia Greenway is consistent with the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's (CORE MPO's) Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Chatham County, as the project applicant, is going to apply for funding for the Coastal Georgia Greenway through the Grants for Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER Discretionary Grant) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and will make every effort to cooperate with the Georgia Department of Transportation, Coastal Georgia Greenway, Inc., and other coastal Georgia jurisdictions (also applicants) to build that portion of the Coastal Georgia Greenway that is within its jurisdiction; and agrees to maintain that portion of the trail within its jurisdiction, upon completion of construction as indicated herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization submits its support for the Coastal Georgia Greenway to apply for the ARRA TIGER Discretionary Grant.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pete Liakakis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Pete Liakakis, Chairman  
Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization