

**RESOLUTION**  
*of the*  
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
*regarding the*  
**ORLANDO-ORANGE COUNTY EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY**

**Resolution No. 2011- M-09**

WHEREAS, in 1963 the Florida Legislature recognized that the Florida Department of Transportation (formerly, the State Road Department) and local governments were financially unable to provide critical community-driven transportation solutions to the rapidly growing metropolitan Orlando area (“Metro Orlando”); and

WHEREAS, out of community leadership and support, the Florida Legislature created the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority (“Expressway Authority”), charged with building transportation facilities, connecting residents, businesses and visitors in Metro Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority has continued the mission by planning, building, operating, and maintaining an expressway system that is modeled nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority has responded to regional growth and transportation needs in the community for nearly five decades through a world-class expressway system that includes:

- 1968: SR 528 (Martin B. Andersen Beachline Expressway)
- 1973: SR 408 (Spessard Holland East-West Expressway)
- 1987: SR 417 (Central Florida Greenway) Eastern Extension
- 1989: SR 408 (Spessard Holland East-West Expressway) Eastern Extension
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- 1990: SR 417 (Central Florida Greenway)
- 1993: SR 417 South (Central Florida Greenway) Southern Connector
- 2000: SR 429 (Daniel Webster Western Beltway)
- 2003: Goldenrod Road Extension
- 2009: SR 414 (John Land Apopka Expressway)
- Anticipated 2013: Completion of SR 414 (John Land Apopka Expressway)
- Future: Wekiva Parkway; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority owns and operates a 105-mile limited access expressway system that serves the Metro Orlando area providing transportation facilities that are better, safer, and faster for Central Florida residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Expressway Authority is to implement an expressway system that will improve the mobility and quality of life in Central Florida and provide access to major economic centers consistent with growth management and environmental objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority endeavors to accomplish this mission in a manner which is financially sound and cooperative with other modes of transportation and governmental jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority is the lead highway builder and among the largest funding sources of Central Florida's roadway projects; and

WHEREAS, all tolls collected on the Expressway Authority 105-mile system remain in Central Florida, funding regional road projects that could not be accomplished through tax-funded programs; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority has the ability to inject \$1.4 billion into Central Florida's economy through its Five-Year Work Plan; and

WHEREAS, such an investment would create over 16,000 jobs for Central Floridians in the upcoming years; and

WHEREAS, economic benefits of the work plan include \$800 million in wages and income to the region; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Expressway Authority, residents, businesses and visitors to Orange County have benefited from the partnership with the county on a variety of improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority is actively engaged with local transportation entities such as local Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Central Florida Transportation Corridors Task Force, and the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, which ensure that expressway projects are meeting the needs of the local community; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority 2030 Master Plan identifies capital improvement projects that include existing system improvements and potential expansion projects, both benefiting the region and the users of the toll roads; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority's history of accelerating roadway projects greatly benefits the residents of the Central Florida region, and are needed to relieve traffic congestion, including relief for Interstate 4; and

WHEREAS, the community and many of Central Florida's leaders have identified three priority transportation projects for meaningful work in addressing the congestion crisis in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, those projects have been identified as adding Commuter Rail, building the Wekiva Parkway, and enhancing Interstate 4 to address congestion; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority and transportation partners have been exploring the potential for completing the beltway around metropolitan Orlando for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, the Expressway Authority has been a leader in moving the Wekiva Parkway closer to becoming a reality for the region; and

WHEREAS, historically the Expressway Authority's courage, vision and mission has brought Central Florida opportunities by connecting our community through key transportation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

1. That the Orange County Board of County Commissioners supports our local road building agency, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority and its critical mission to provide transportation solutions and economic benefits to our residents, businesses and visitors.

2. The Commission encourages the Florida Legislature not to repeal the creation and operations of the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF MAR 29 2011, 2011.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: Teresa Jacobs  
Teresa Jacobs, County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

BY: Martha O. Haynie  
Deputy Clerk

