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RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

OPPOSING FLORIDA SENATE BILL 952, PROPOSED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LEGISLATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Resolution No. 2013- M-12

WHEREAS, Orange County, home to more than 1.2 million residents and host to more than 56 million visitors annually, is committed through its Board of County Commissioners to finding an equitable solution to the challenge of regional transportation infrastructure funding in Central Florida through the regional cooperation and involvement of the Board's peer local governments and transportation entities, including Lake County, Osceola County, Seminole County, the City of Orlando, MetroPlan Orlando, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, and LYNX;

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners commends the goodwill and intentions of state and local leaders who have worked to address the complex issue related to regional transportation infrastructure, but is opposed to the proposed regional transportation authority (RTA) legislation identified as Florida Senate Bill 952, fearing that the expanded footprint and re-composition of the governing board of the RTA may result in an RTA that is largely unaccountable to the toll payers, where appointed or even elected RTA governing body members could vote to raise tolls on drivers outside their respective jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners strongly supports legislation that would empower each county in the region to create its own toll authority; legislation that provides for regional cooperation between entities to plan, and where appropriate, jointly fund regional facilities; and legislation that respects the underlying principle that those citizens bearing the brunt of the current toll structure should not be made to subsidize regional transportation systems or facilities outside the jurisdiction or boundaries where tolls are collected without direct representation;

WHEREAS, the fundamentals of good public policy compel the Board of County Commissioners to urge an approach that starts at the local level, but embraces regional concerns, regional leadership, regional voices and regional solutions;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is committed to a funding solution that upholds the fundamental constitutional principles of fairness and effective representation; and that does not tax or toll citizens without providing for representation of their voices; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners proposes that Florida Senate Bill 952 be revised to include the following wording:

No new toll rate increase shall take effect, and no previously scheduled toll rate increase shall be utilized, on any CFRTA facility or portion of facility for the purpose of building or expanding a different facility unless a resolution is adopted in support of said rate increase and its proposed use by the governing body of the county in which the facility or portion of facility that is the subject of the proposed rate increase lies.

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

Section 1. Florida Senate Bill 952. The Board of County Commissioners hereby declares its support for using a local/regional partnership approach to craft a solution for regional transportation infrastructure funding that is equitable, fair, accountable, and effective for all citizens and parties. Accordingly, the Board hereby expresses its opposition to Florida Senate Bill 952, as currently proposed.

Section 2. Distribution of copies of this Resolution. The Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners shall distribute copies of this Resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, the Board of County Commissioners of Seminole County, the City Council of the City of Orlando, MetroPlan Orlando, the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority, and LYNX.

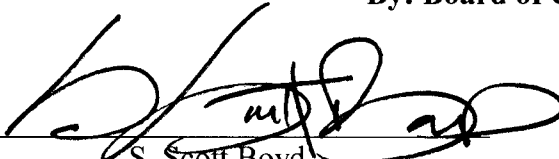
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Section 3. Effective date. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.


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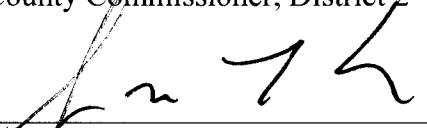
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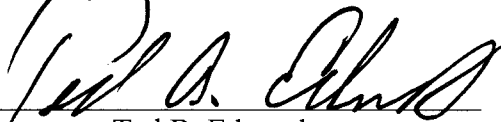
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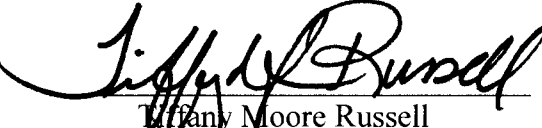

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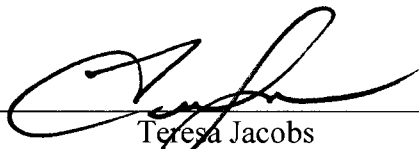
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As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

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