

RESOLUTION NWFL 08-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION TO INCREASE FREIGHT RAIL HAULING CAPACITY

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) is created by an interlocal agreement between the Florida-Alabama Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and Okaloosa-Walton TPO to study regional transportation issues affecting a four-county region; and

WHEREAS, Freight rail hauling capacity is an important component of our local and national intermodal transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the efficient movement of goods is directly related to the strength of our local and national economy and our citizens' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, public policies promoting increased investment in freight rail infrastructure would result in increased freight rail hauling capacity; and

WHEREAS, Go21, a national lobbying group for the rail industry, has requested TPOs to support their efforts for Congress to create federal investment tax incentives to increase freight rail hauling capacity and oppose any effort to re-regulate freight railroads; and

WHEREAS, Federal investment tax incentives is the type of legislation that the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials says is needed to accommodate increasing freight volumes and realize the public benefits that come from shipping more freight by rail;

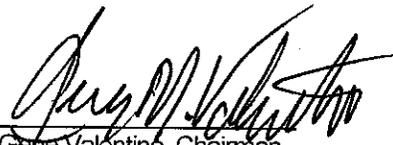
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

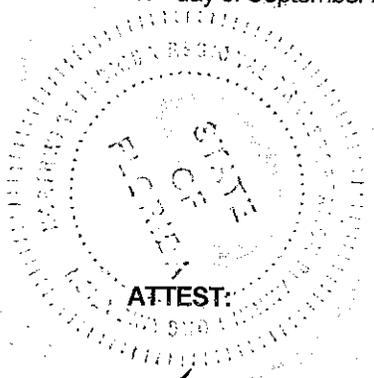
1. The RTPO supports the Go21 mission of building a stronger economy, reducing highway congestion, improving air quality, using tax dollars more efficiently, and improving quality of life by advocating for increased use of freight rail transportation; and
2. The RTPO supports federal investment tax incentives to increase freight rail hauling capacity and opposes any effort to re-regulate freight railroads.

Duly passed and adopted by the Northwest Florida Regional Transportation Planning Organization on this 17th day of September 2008.

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

BY:


Gene Valentino, Chairman


ATTEST:

