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BIOGRAPHY OF DENISE BUNNEWITH Planning Director

Denise Bunnewith, a 30-year transportation professional, is the planning director for the independent four-county North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (North Florida TPO), handling transportation planning and prioritizing for the region. She had been with the City of Jacksonville Planning and Development Department since 1988 in varied positions of increasing responsibility including division chief for Transportation Planning and the MPO staff director. She began her planning career in New Bedford, MA, where she was the principal planner.

Ms. Bunnewith has a B.S. in environmental design from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst and a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign.

Metropolitan planning organizations are mandated by federal and state laws for urbanized areas with 50,000 or more population to receive federal and state transportation funds. Florida has 26 MPOs and Ms. Bunnewith served as the chairman of the Staff Directors Committee of the Florida MPO Advisory Committee (MPOAC) in 2007 and 2008. She has also served on the Policy Committee for the state and for the Assn. of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) which represents 400 MPOs nationwide to help develop priorities for the transportation reauthorization bill. She is currently serving as an Alternate on the AMPO Technical Committee and is former Co-Chair of the Florida Model Task Force.

The North Florida TPO is the independent regional transportation planning agency for Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns counties. The agency leads our region's efforts in planning, funding and mobilizing resources to develop and maintain our transportation system. Plans and programs include the regional Long Range Transportation Plan; five-year Transportation Improvement Program; annual traffic count and mobility reports; coalitions for the Smart Region Master Plan and Clean Fuels; freight mobility; Cool to Pool rideshare commuter services; and public private partnerships. The TPO is governed by a 15-member board of elected officials and transportation agency representatives. Learn more at www.northfloridatpo.com.