

**BARRIER ISLAND GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL
RESOLUTION NO. 2003-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BARRIER ISLAND GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL, OPPOSING THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE CURRENT VOTING MEMBERSHIP CITIES TO THE PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND URGING GOVERNOR BUSH TO INCLUDE ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BARRIER ISLAND COMMUNITIES IN THE NEW PINELLAS COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION VOTING MEMBERSHIP.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) was created and established by an Interlocal Agreement in August 1977, to perform transportation functions identified in Federal Laws Title 23 U.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted Section 334.215, F.S., to define the Metropolitan Planning Organizations under State law; and

WHEREAS, the referenced Interlocal Agreement was modified in 1979 pursuant to the provisions of Section 334.215, F.S.; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is comprised of 11 voting members, one each from the cities of Clearwater, Dunedin, Largo and Pinellas Park, two from the City of St. Petersburg, three County Commissioners, one from the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and a rotating member among the cities of Oldsmar, Tarpon Springs and Safety Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Section 339.175, F.S., requires the Governor to review the membership composition of each MPO in conjunction with the decennial census and to apportion it as necessary to comply with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, the cities and towns of Belleair Beach, Belleair Shore, Indian Rocks Beach, Indian Shores, Redington Shores, North Redington Beach, Redington Beach, Madeira Beach, Treasure Island and St. Pete Beach, commonly referred to as the barrier island communities, currently do not have any direct representation on the MPO voting board; and

WHEREAS, the barrier island communities currently have one voting membership on the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority; and

WHEREAS, the barrier island communities currently have two voting memberships on the Pinellas Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, the barrier island communities having a combined 2000 U.S. Census population of 35,780; and

WHEREAS, the barrier island communities' combined population is larger than the current MPO voting member municipality of Dunedin and the three rotating municipalities of Oldsmar, Safety Harbor and Tarpon Springs; and

WHEREAS, a change to the current membership structure of the MPO is warranted based on the current exclusion of direct representation of 35,780 people residing in the barrier island communities; and

WHEREAS, the MPO is required to submit a membership apportionment plan that includes resolutions of support from applicable local governments by November 30, 2003.

NOW THEREFORE, THE BARRIER ISLAND GOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL, FLOIRDA DOES HEREBY RESOLVE:

Section 1. The Barrier Island Governmental Council is opposed to the reapportionment of the MPO as currently structured.

Section 2. The Barrier Island Governmental Council urges Governor Bush to include one voting position, which would rotate annually among the following barrier island communities, within the new MPO voting membership:

Belleair Beach
Belleair Shore
Indian Rocks Beach
Indian Shores
Redington Shores
North Redington Beach
Redington Beach
Madeira Beach
Treasure Island
St. Pete Beach

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of October, 2003, by the Barrier Island Governmental Council.

J. J. Beyrouti, President
Mayor Town of Redington Shores

ATTEST:

Tom De Cesare, Secretary
City of Madeira Beach