

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Transportation Authority:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2022-705**

6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
7 JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE FLORIDA  
8 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SUPPORT THE  
9 JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (JTA)  
10 ABILITY TO MODIFY THE LIGHT DISPLAY ON THE ST.  
11 ELMO W. ACOSTA BRIDGE (ACOSTA BRIDGE), AS  
12 IDENTIFIED HEREIN.

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14 **WHEREAS**, the St. Elmo W. Acosta Bridge, known as the Acosta  
15 Bridge, is a 1,645-foot bridge that spans the St. Johns River,  
16 connecting Downtown Jacksonville's Southbank and Northbank along  
17 State Road 13; and

18 **WHEREAS**, in 2018, the JTA's Board of Directors approved a capital  
19 investment to repair and update the Acosta Bridge lighting system  
20 from the original neon tube fixture to a new dynamic LED system,  
21 allowing for special lighting displays, as identified in **Exhibit 1**;  
22 and

23 **WHEREAS**, since June of 2020 the JTA has operated and maintained  
24 the Acosta Bridge lighting system on behalf of the City of  
25 Jacksonville and its citizens; and

26 **WHEREAS**, by resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting on  
27 August 26, 2022, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2** and  
28 incorporated herein by this reference, the JTA Board of Directors  
29 authorized JTA to request that the City of Jacksonville issue a  
30 resolution in support of JTA's request that the Florida Department  
31 of Transportation (FDOT) support JTA's ability to modify the light

1 display on the Acosta Bridge; and

2       **WHEREAS**, FDOT'S Bridge Lighting Policy, a copy of which is  
3 attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** and incorporated herein by this  
4 reference, requires that lighting systems capable of special lighting  
5 schemes located on state or federal roadways that are operated and  
6 maintained by local jurisdictions be approved by county or local  
7 governments by way of resolution; and

8       **WHEREAS**, the City of Jacksonville recognizes the Acosta Bridge  
9 lighting system as a local community asset for the purpose of  
10 recognizing, commemorating, and promoting federal and state holidays  
11 and local or other events of interest; now therefore

12       **BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of Jacksonville, Florida:

13       **Section 1. Support for JTA Request.** The City of  
14 Jacksonville requests that FDOT support the lighting of the Acosta  
15 Bridge lighting system as identified in **Exhibit 1**.

16       **Section 2. Certified Copy to FDOT.** A certified copy of this  
17 Resolution will be forwarded to the State of Florida Department of  
18 Transportation.

19       **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
20 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
21 without the Mayor's signature.

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ James R. McCain, Jr.

26 Office of General Counsel

27 Legislation prepared by: James R. McCain, Jr.

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