

1 Introduced by the Council President at the request of the Jacksonville  
2 Transportation Authority and Amended by the Transportation, Energy &  
3 Utilities Committee:

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6 **RESOLUTION 2022-705-A**

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

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

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

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

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

1 of Transportation (FDOT) support JTA's ability to modify the light  
2 display on the Acosta Bridge; and

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

9 **WHEREAS**, future amendments to the special lighting displays list  
10 attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** may be presented to the City Council by  
11 the JTA Board of Directors as a resolution to amend the list; and

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

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

17 **Section 1. Support for JTA Request.** The City of  
18 Jacksonville supports the lighting of the Acosta Bridge lighting  
19 system as identified in **Exhibit 1**.

20 **Section 2. Certified Copy to FDOT.** A certified copy of  
21 this Resolution will be forwarded to the State of Florida Department  
22 of Transportation.

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
24 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
25 without the Mayor's signature.

26 Form Approved:

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28           /s/ Paige H. Johnston          

29 Office of General Counsel

30 Legislation prepared by: James R. McCain, Jr