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**P R E S S   R E L E A S E :**

**Northeast Florida Regional Council and the Jacksonville Transportation Authority  
Receive 2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from  
the National Association of Development Organizations**

**Jacksonville, FL** – The Northeast Florida Regional Council, in partnership with the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, has been awarded the 2019 Excellence in Regional Transportation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) for the Northeast Florida Regional Transit Working Group Project.

Along with JTA and other regional partners, including the Baker County Council on Aging, Clay County Planning Department, Florida Department of Transportation, Nassau County Council on Aging and Nassau Transit, Northeast Florida Regional Council, North Florida Transportation Planning Organization, Ride Solution (Putnam County), St. Johns County Council on Aging and St. Johns County Planning Department, the Council works to identify regional mobility solutions and to expand the availability and accessibility of transportation in the region.

“The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards highlight the important results of programs and projects like Northeast Florida Regional Transit Working Group,” said NADO President Scott Koons, who also is executive director of the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council in Gainesville, FL. “Such initiatives are central to fostering quality of place, facilitating economic vitality, and improving mobility in our nation’s communities by promoting effective transportation planning and networks,” he said.

“This award is the result of hard work and partnership among multiple agencies,” said JTA CEO Nathaniel P. Ford Sr., “which focus their time, energy and resources to make the region a better place. This is an honor for JTA and our partners who work tirelessly to address North Florida’s mobility needs,” said Ford.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based association that promotes programs and policies to strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies. The Excellence in Regional Transportation Awards showcase organizations for noteworthy projects and practices in rural and small metropolitan transportation planning, program delivery, and special initiatives.



The Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) is an independent, regional government agency serving Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Putnam, Nassau and St. Johns counties. It provides a regional perspective toward growth management and community development to enhance the quality of life of Northeast Florida residents. For more information about the Northeast Florida Regional Council, visit [nefrc.org](http://nefrc.org).

The Jacksonville Transportation Authority is an independent agency of the State of Florida governed by a seven-member board of directors. JTA operates Jacksonville's public bus service, downtown automated Skyway, the First Coast Flyer bus rapid transit lines and paratransit service. The Authority also plans, designs and builds roads and bridges. JTA's mission is to improve Northeast Florida's economy, environment and quality of life by providing safe, reliable, efficient, and sustainable multimodal transportation services and facilities. For more information about JTA, visit [www.jtafla.com](http://www.jtafla.com).

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