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Jacksonville Mayor John Delaney, Atlantic Beach Mayor John Meserve, Neptune Beach Mayor George Vaughn and Jacksonville Beach Mayor Bob Marsden today signed the Interlocal Agreement for The Better Jacksonville Plan. The Better Jacksonville Plan is a comprehensive approach to growth management, transportation, the environment and economic development for our city.

The plan includes \$1.5 billion to improve infrastructure and our transportation system, \$225 million to improve the environment and target economic development, and nearly \$490 million to improve neighborhood libraries and build new public facilities including a new main library, a new sports and entertainment arena, a new baseball park and a new Duval County Courthouse.

“The Better Jacksonville Plan means better beach cities,” said Mayor Delaney at today’s signing ceremony in Neptune Beach’s Jarboe Park. “If voters pass the plan, Atlantic, Neptune and Jacksonville Beaches will get more money to control growth, preserve the environment, fix roads and infrastructure or upgrade parks.”

If voters approve the referendum on September 5th, the three beach communities would receive hundreds of thousands of dollars for water, sewer, streets and other capital projects. In the first year alone, the City of Atlantic Beach is expected to receive an additional \$500,000, the City of Neptune Beach is expected to receive \$300,000 and the City of Jacksonville Beach is expected to receive \$750,000. The amounts are based on population and anticipated sales tax revenues generated.

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