

AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FLORIDA EAST COAST)

SELECT LISTING OF RESOLUTIONS & LETTERS OF SUPPORT (AS OF AUGUST 2010)

INDIVIDUAL	DISTRICT	DATE
The Honorable Charlie Crist	Governor, State of Florida	5-Aug-09
The Honorable George LeMieux	US Senate	3-Aug-10
The Honorable Bill Nelson	US Senate	13-Jul-10
The Honorable Bill Posey	US House District 15	20-Jul-10
The Honorable Tom Rooney	US House District 16	30-Jul-10
The Honorable Debbie Wasserman-Schultz	US House District 20	30-Jul-10
The Honorable Ron Klein	US House District 22	30-Jul-10
The Honorable Alcee Hastings	US House District 23	12-Jul-10
The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas	US House District 24	20-Jul-10
The Honorable Thad Altman	Florida Senate, District 24	30-Jul-10
The Honorable Joe Negron	Florida Senate, District 28	20-Jul-10
The Honorable William Snyder	Florida House, District 82	29-Jul-10

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1 Beachside Neighborhood Watch	VOLUSIA	letter	14-Jan-10
2 Belle Glade, City of	PALM BEACH	2009-2744	15-Jun-09
3 Boca Raton, City of	PALM BEACH	54-2009	14-Apr-09
4 Boynton Beach, City of	PALM BEACH	09-090	7-Jul-09
5 Brevard Community College	BREVARD	letter	16-Sep-09
6 Brevard County Government (BOCC)	BREVARD	09-184 letter	2009-09-15 19-May-10
7 Brevard County Historical Commission	BREVARD	letter	12-Jul-10
8 Brevard Workforce Development Board, Inc.	BREVARD	letter	9-Sep-09
9 Broward MPO	BROWARD	Apr-10	8-Jul-10
10 Bunnell, City of	FLAGLER	2009-11 2010-06	07-Jul-09 24-Mar-10
11 Business Development Board of Martin County	MARTIN	09-0506	8-May-09
12 Canaveral Port Authority	BREVARD	2009-04	19-Aug-09
13 Cape Canaveral, City of	BREVARD	2009-29	1-Sep-09
14 Central Florida MPO Alliance	BREVARD LAKE MARION ORANGE OSCEOLA POLK SEMINOLE SUMPTER & VOLUSIA COUNTIES	2009-03	16-Oct-09
15 City of Melbourne Airport Authority	BREVARD	9-09	16-Sep-09

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16	Cloud Lake, Town of	PALM BEACH	9-01	13-Aug-09
17	Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce	BREVARD	9-9-2009	9-Sep-09
18	Cocoa, City of	BREVARD	2009-64	23-Jun-09
	Cocoa, City of - Station Location LPA	BREVARD	2010-083	23-Jun-10
19	Cocoa Beach Area Hotel & Lodging Association	BREVARD	letter	1-Sep-09
20	Cocoa Beach, City of	BREVARD	2009-31	17-Sep-09
21	Cocoa Main Street (Greater Cocoa Community Partnership)	BREVARD	09-01	23-Sep-09
22	Cocoa Redevelopment Agency	BREVARD	09-01	1-Sep-09
23	Crist, Charlie - Governor	FLORIDA	letter	5-Aug-09
24	Davie, Town of	BROWARD	2009-134	3-Jun-09
25	Daytona Beach, City of	VOLUSIA	09-241	9-Sep-09
	Daytona Beach, City of - Station Location LPA	VOLUSIA	10-158	16-Jun-10
26	Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau	VOLUSIA	letter	17-Dec-09
27	Daytona Beach "Save Our Neighborhoods"	VOLUSIA	letter	12-Jan-10
28	Daytona Beach Young Professionals Group	VOLUSIA	letter	5-Jan-10
29	Delray Beach, City of	PALM BEACH	19-09	21-Apr-09
30	Delray Beach CRA	PALM BEACH	09-02	28-May-09
31	Downtown Melbourne	BREVARD	letter	16-Jul-10
32	East Central Florida Regional Planning Council	ORANGE, SEMINOLE, BREVARD, LAKE, OSCEOLA & VOLUSIA	letter	22-Jul-09
33	Economic Council of Martin County	MARTIN	09-2009	8-May-09
34	Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast	BREVARD	letter	31-Aug-09
35	Edgewater, City Council	VOLUSIA	2010-R-11	21-Jun-10
36	Enterprise Flagler	FLAGLER	09-04	27-May-09
37	Fellsmere, City of	INDIAN RIVER	09-H	16-Apr-09
38	Flagler County Chamber of Commerce	FLAGLER	2009-01 letter	29-May-09 10-Mar-10
39	Flagler County Government (BOCC)	FLAGLER	2009-24 letter	18-May-09 16-Mar-10
40	Flagler County Palm Coast Homebuilders	FLAGLER	09-01	7-May-09
41	Florida Association of Counties	STATE-WIDE	letter	23-Jun-09
42	Florida High Tech Corridor Council	23-COUNTY SERVICE AREA OF USF, UCF & UF	letter	30-Sep-09
43	Florida Historical Society	STATE-WIDE	letter	2-Oct-09
44	Florida MPO Advisory Council	STATE-WIDE	letter	05-Aug-09 07-Jul-10
45	Florida Redevelopment Association	STATE-WIDE	letter	12-May-10

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46	Florida Regional Councils Association	STATE-WIDE	09-01	25-Jun-09
47	Fort Lauderdale, City of	BROWARD	09-140	2-Jun-09
	Fort Pierce, City of	ST LUCIE	09-25	6-Apr-09
48	Fort Pierce, City of - Station Location LPA	ST LUCIE	10-31	24-Jun-10
49	Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency	ST LUCIE	letter	24-Aug-09
50	Friends of the Enchanted Forest (Titusville)	BREVARD	letter	12-Jun-10
51	Greenacres, City of	PALM BEACH	2009-15	1-Jun-09
52	Gulf Stream, Town of	PALM BEACH	009-2	9-Apr-09
53	Halifax Area Advertising Authority	VOLUSIA	letter	17-Dec-09
54	Historical Society of North Brevard	BREVARD	letter	21-May-10
55	Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce	MARTIN	2009-1	18-May-09
56	Holiday Inn Port St. Lucie	ST LUCIE	letter	13-May-10
57	Hotel & Lodging Association of Volusia County	VOLUSIA	letter	17-Dec-09
58	Hypoluxo, Town of	PALM BEACH	09-371	15-Apr-09
59	Indian River Chamber of Commerce	INDIAN RIVER	09-5	18-May-09
60	Indian River County Government (BOCC)	INDIAN RIVER	2009-120 letter	18-Aug-09 04-Jul-10
61	Indian River County Historical Society	INDIAN RIVER	letter	25-May-10 19-July-10
62	Indian River County MPO	INDIAN RIVER	2009-05	8-Jul-09
63	Indian River Shores, Town of	INDIAN RIVER	09-02	25-Jun-09
64	International Speedway Boulevard (ISB) Coalition	VOLUSIA	letter	10-Feb-10
65	Jacksonville, City of/Duval County	DUVAL	201-328-A	25-May-10
66	Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce	DUVAL	resolution	30-Sep-09
67	Jacksonville Transportation Authority	DUVAL	2009-20	25-Jun-09
68	Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce	MARTIN	5-19-09	19-May-09
69	Jess Parrish Medical Foundation	BREVARD	letter	7-Jun-10
70	Juno Beach, Town of	PALM BEACH	2009-09	22-Apr-09
71	Jupiter, Town of	PALM BEACH	16-09	7-Apr-09
72	Jupiter Island, Town of	MARTIN	letter	16-Jul-10
73	Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex	BREVARD	letter	16-Sep-09
74	Lake Clarke Shores, Town of	PALM BEACH	20-Sep	15-Sep-09
75	Lantana, Town of	PALM BEACH	R-07-2009	22-Jun-09

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76	Main Street Vero Beach	INDIAN RIVER	09-08	8-Sep-09
77	Maitland, City of	ORANGE	letter	11-Aug-09
78	Malabar, Town of	BREVARD	09-2009	18-May-09
79	Mangonia Park, Town of	PALM BEACH	09-05	16-Jun-09
80	Margate, City of	BROWARD	11-460	5-Jun-09
81	Martin County Convention & Visitors' Bureau	MARTIN	09-5-6-2009	6-May-09
82	Martin County Countywide Redevelopment Advisory Committee	MARTIN	letter	29-Jul-09
83	Martin County Government (BOCC)	MARTIN	09-5.34	19-May-09
84	Martin County MPO	MARTIN	letters	18-May-09 22-Feb-10
85	Martin County Economic Council	MARTIN	09-2009	8-May-09
86	Martin County Tourist Development Council	MARTIN	2009	10-Jun-09
87	Melbourne, City of	BREVARD	3060	12-May-09
88	Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency	BREVARD	letter	24-Sep-09
89	Merritt Square Mall	BREVARD	letter	21-Sep-09
90	Metroplan Orlando	ORANGE, OSCEOLA & SEMINOLE	09-20	12-Aug-09
91	New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors	BREVARD	letter pending	23-Feb-10
92	New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce	BREVARD	letter	11-Feb-10
93	New Smyrna Beach, City of	BREVARD	10-Aug	23-Feb-10
94	New Smyrna Beach CRA	BREVARD	letter	9-Feb-10
95	North Florida TPO	CLAY, NASSAU, ST JOHNS & DUVAL	2008-18	13-Nov-08
96	North Palm Beach, Village of	PALM BEACH	2009-30	9-Apr-09
97	Northeast Florida Regional Council	BAKER, CLAY, DUVAL, FLAGLER, NASSAU, PUTNAM & ST JOHNS	2009-05	2-Jul-09
98	Oak Hill, City of	VOLUSIA	Nov-10	14-Jun-10
99	Ocean Ridge, Town of	PALM BEACH	2009-03	6-Jul-09
100	Orange County Government (BOCC)	ORANGE	2009-M-35	11-Aug-09
101	Orlando, City of	ORANGE	090810j02	5-Aug-09
102	Ormond Beach, City of	VOLUSIA	2010-10	19-Jan-10
103	Osceola County Government (BOCC)	OSCEOLA	09-068R	17-Aug-09
104	Palm Bay Bayfront CRA	BREVARD	2009-01	14-Jul-09
105	Palm Beach County Government (BOCC)	PALM BEACH	2009-0960	16-Jun-09

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106	Palm Beach County League of Cities	PALM BEACH	09-03	24-Jun-09
107	Palm Beach County OEDP Committee	PALM BEACH	letter	4-Jun-09
108	Palm Beach Gardens, City of	PALM BEACH	54-2009	4-Jun-09
109	Palm Beach MPO	PALM BEACH	5-09	21-May-09
110	Palm Coast, City of	FLAGLER	2009-103	2-Jun-09
111	Pembroke Pines, City of	BROWARD	3229	20-May-09
112	Perfect Drive Golf Villas at PGA Village	ST LUCIE	letter	20-May-10
113	Pompano Beach, City of	BROWARD	2009-192	12-May-09
114	Port St. Lucie, City of	ST LUCIE	09-R88	22-Jun-09
115	Realtors Association of Indian River County	INDIAN RIVER	09-04	16-Jun-09
116	Realtors Association of Martin County	MARTIN	09-07-05	7-May-09
117	Realtors Association of St. Lucie	ST LUCIE	09-01	5-May-09
118	Riviera Beach, City of	PALM BEACH	85-09	15-Jul-09
119	Road Runner Travel Resort	ST LUCIE	letter	11-May-10
120	Rockledge, City of	BREVARD	652-2009	3-Jun-09
121	Rockledge, Community Redevelopment Agency	BREVARD	letter	27-May-10
122	St. Augustine, City of	ST JOHNS	2009-13	22-Jun-09
	St Augustine, City of - Station Location LPA	ST JOHNS	2010-16	28-Jun-10
123	St. Augustine / St. Johns County Airport Authority	ST JOHNS	2009-03	14-Sep-09
124	St. Johns County Council on Aging	ST JOHNS	09	11-Aug-09
125	St. Johns County Government (BOCC)	ST JOHNS	2009-177	16-Jun-09
126	St. Lucie County Council on Aging	ST JOHNS	letter	10-Sep-09
127	St. Lucie County Government (BOCC)	ST LUCIE	09-123	14-Apr-09
128	St. Lucie County Hotel & Lodging Association	ST LUCIE	letter	20-Jul-10
129	St. Lucie Historical Society	ST LUCIE	letter	10-May-10
130	St. Lucie TPO	ST LUCIE	09-04	3-Jun-09
131	St. Lucie Village, Town of	ST LUCIE	2009-08	16-Jun-09
132	Sebastian, City of	INDIAN RIVER	R-09-18	8-Apr-09
133	Sebastian River Area Chamber	INDIAN RIVER	09-003	13-May-09
134	Seminole County Government (BOCC)	SEMINOLE	letter	17-Aug-09
135	Sewall's Point, Town of	MARTIN	09-691	22-Jun-09

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136	South Florida Regional Planning Council (SFRPC)	BROWARD, MIAMI-DADE & MONROE	letter	3-Aug-10
137	South Florida Regional Transportation Authority	PALM BEACH, BROWARD & MIAMI-DADE	09-02	6-Jul-09
138	Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC)	PALM BEACH, BROWARD & MIAMI-DADE	letter	24-Apr-10
139	South Palm Beach, Town of	PALM BEACH	05-2009	25-Aug-09
140	Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce	VOLUSIA	letter	11-Feb-10
141	Space Coast Association of Realtors, Inc.	BREVARD	letter	25-Sep-09
142	Space Coast League of Cities	BREVARD	06-2010	10-May-10
143	Space Coast Office of Tourism	BREVARD	letter	18-Sep-09
144	Space Coast (Brevard County) TPO	BREVARD	10-03	9-Jul-09
145	Stuart, City of	MARTIN	09-55	18-May-09
	Stuart, City of - Station Location LPA	MARTIN	59-2010	14-Jun-10
146	Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency	MARTIN	R03-09	22-Jun-09
147	Stuart Main Street	MARTIN	09-June 9, 2009	9-Jun-09
148	Stuart/Martin Chamber of Commerce	MARTIN	09-222	5-May-09
149	Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council	HILLSBOROUGH, MANATEE, PASCO & PINELLAS	letter	9-Jul-09
150	Titusville, City of	BREVARD	27-2009	9-May-26
	Titusville, City of - Station Location LPA	BREVARD	28-2010	8-Jun-10
151	Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council	PALM BEACH, MARTIN, ST LUCIE & INDIAN RIVER	09-04 10-04	20-Mar-09 18-Jun-10
152	University of Central Florida	BREVARD, VOLUSIA, ORANGE LAKE, SEMINOLE, MARION & OSCEOLA	letter	16-Sep-09
153	Vero Beach, City of	INDIAN RIVER	09-13	7-Apr-09
	Vero Beach, City of - Station Location LPA	INDIAN RIVER	2010-16	24-Jun-10
154	Vero Heritage, Inc.	INDIAN RIVER	letter	25-Sep-09
155	Volusia County Citizens for Responsible Development	VOLUSIA	letter	5-Feb-10
156	Volusia County MPO	VOLUSIA	2009-21	25-Aug-09
157	Wellington, Village of	PALM BEACH	2009-71	15-Sep-09
158	West Melbourne, City of	BREVARD	2009-17	19-May-09
159	West Palm Beach, City of	PALM BEACH	200-09	15-Jun-09
160	West Park, City of	BROWARD	2009-52	20-May-09

NOTE: Highlights indicate resolutions adopted by 8 station cities to indicate station location "locally preferred alternative" (LPA).



CHARLIE CRIST
GOVERNOR

August 5, 2009

Manny Y. Pumariega, AICP
Executive Director
Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
4000 Gateway Centre Boulevard, Suite 100
Pinellas Park, Florida 33782

Dear Mr. Pumariega:

Thank you for your letter expressing support for the proposal to improve the Florida East Coast (FEC) Rail line for intercity passenger rail services. I appreciate your willingness to share your views on this important issue with me.

As a growing state, our communities struggle with the effects of congestion. I am confident that the quality of life and the future economic success of our state and our people depend on the availability of an infrastructure that accommodates growth and the needs of businesses while protecting our environment. Our state transportation system and the proposals for high speed rail and commuter rail are economically sound ways to address congestion relief while safeguarding our environment.

I support the Department of Transportation's (DOT) proposed projects for intercity and high speed rail submitted on July 10, 2009, to the U.S. Department of Transportation. Your support of the proposed improvements to the FEC Rail line and connectors to other lines, positions Florida to compete for a substantial share of the \$8 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funds.

Thank you again for your support. I appreciate the opportunity to consider your thoughts and I look forward to working with you and your local government colleagues, the Legislature and the Florida Department of Transportation to transform our economy and expand transportation options for our citizens by providing Floridians with the benefits of rail transportation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0907

August 3, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and AMTRAK are jointly applying for \$268 million in grant funding under the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Track 2 program.

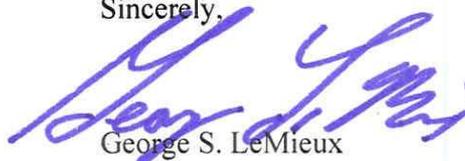
This rail project would connect Florida's east coast with AMTRAK's national system including improvements to track and construction of eight new stations to help restore passenger service on Florida's east coast. These eight new stations include St. Augustine Beach, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, and Stuart. This grant would also provide funding for a new AMTRAK rail project between Jacksonville and Miami and would pass along the Florida East Coast rail corridor.

In the past decade, Florida has experienced high levels of growth and significant population increases. We also have one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. If the grant is approved, the FDOT/AMTRAK project is estimated to help establish over 2,100 jobs in the first three years of implementation.

Along with significant increases in population growth, Florida has large population centers spread throughout the state. Dispersed population centers make getting around the state difficult, and increased growth will only further the problem as existing available modes of transportation become strained. I believe that rail travel holds tremendous promise in Florida, and this grant will go a long way towards alleviating stresses on other modes of transportation.

Construction is expected to begin on this project in 2011 and will be completed by the fall of 2013. I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of the FDOT/AMTRAK application.

Sincerely,



George S. Lemieux
United States Senator



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

July 13, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast
Washington, District of Columbia 20590

RE: High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Track 2 program

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Florida Department of Transportation's efforts to obtain a federal grant. The goal of their proposed project is to provide funding for an Amtrak rail project between Jacksonville and Miami that will connect Florida's east coast with AMTRAK's national system. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal funding.

Quality transportation programs that will create eight stations along the routes at St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce and Stuart are important to me as a U.S. Senator. The plans for this project were originally developed in the late 1990s. If funded, this project will re-establish passenger rail service for the first time since 1968 positively impacting an area comprised of 350 miles of Florida's east coast, eleven counties and a population base of 8.3 million.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

BN/ut

CC: Ms. Barbara Arthur, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

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July 14, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to share with you my support of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)/AMTRAK application for \$268 million in grant funding under the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) Track 2 program. This grant would provide funding for an Amtrak rail project between Jacksonville and Miami and would pass through my Congressional District. This project would connect Florida's east coast with AMTRAK's national system.

HSIPR funding would augment state and local funds for the cost of the construction of the Amtrak passenger stations, along with a cutover connection to the South Florida Rail Corridor in West Palm Beach to continue service to Miami, and also for acquisition of new rolling stock. Eight stations will be constructed along the route at St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce and Stuart.

The Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast and many cities developed around the train stations. By restoring "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, this project will create jobs, improve mobility, enhance safety, complement the state-wide transportation network, bolster economic development, and reduce carbon emissions.

FDOT's estimates indicate 2,100 jobs would be created in the first three years of project implementation, which are especially important given the economic conditions along the coast. This project could also help foster local economic development initiatives that are under consideration by the Federal Task Force on Space Industry Workforce and Economic Development. Additional rail connections along the FEC could enhance opportunities for some displaced aerospace workers. Rail access could also enhance tourism to help offset the economic strains generated by the aerospace industry's reduction.

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As the Department considers funding under the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of this FDOT proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill". The letters are cursive and stylized, with a large initial "B".

Bill Posey
Member of Congress

ARMED SERVICES

JUDICIARY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0916

July 30, 2010

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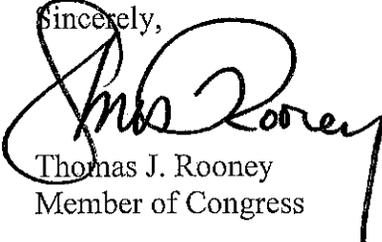
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Thomas J. Rooney
Member of Congress

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

July 30, 2010

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The plans for the project were originally developed in the late 1990s. The project will reestablish passenger rail service for the first time since 1968, positively impacting an area comprised of 350 miles of Florida's east coast, 11 counties (Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade), a population base of 8.3 million, and expected to serve an annual ridership of more than 175,000 passengers.

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Construction is expected to start in 2011 and will be completed by the Fall of 2013 when rail service would commence.

Consistent with all applicable rules and regulations, we strongly urge you to give the FDOT proposal your full and fair consideration for the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) program, and we look forward to working with you in the future on our country's transportation needs.

Sincerely,


Ron Klein
Member of Congress


Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Member of Congress

ALCEE L. HASTINGS
23RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
FLORIDA

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0923

July 12, 2010

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www.alceehastings.house.gov

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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The plans for the project were originally developed in the late 1990s. The project will reestablish passenger rail service for the first time since 1968, positively impacting an area comprised of 350 miles of Florida's east coast, 11 counties (Duval, St. Johns, Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Indian

River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade), a population base of 8.3 million, and expected to serve an annual ridership of more than 175,000 passengers. Construction is expected to start early in 2011, and will be completed by the Fall of 2013 when rail service would commence. As the Department considers funding under the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of this FDOT proposal.

Sincerely,

Alcee L. Hastings
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0924

July 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)/AMTRAK application for \$268 million in grant funding under the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) Track 2 program.

This grant would provide funding for an Amtrak rail project between Jacksonville and Miami that would pass through three communities within my congressional district. The communities in my district that would serve as stations along the route are the cities of Daytona Beach, Cocoa and Titusville. The project would connect Florida's east coast with AMTRAK's national system.

Approved funds will cover the cost of the construction of the Amtrak passenger stations, along with a cutover connection to the South Florida Rail Corridor in West Palm Beach to continue service to Miami. The funding will also cover costs for the acquisition of new rolling stock.

The Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast and many cities developed around the train stations. By restoring "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, this project will spur job creation, improve mobility, enhance safety, complement the state-wide transportation network, bolster economic development, and reduce carbon emissions.

The FDOT estimates that 2,100 jobs would be created in the first three years of the project's implementation, which are especially critical given the economic conditions along our coast. This project could also help implement local economic development initiatives identified by the Federal Task Force on Space Industry Workforce and Economic Development, providing a rail connection for displaced aerospace workers to access job centers along the FEC line.

The plans for the project were originally developed in the late 1990s. With the reestablishment of passenger rail service for the first time since 1968, positive impacts will be realized for an area comprised of 350 miles with a population base of 8.3 million. The rail service is expected to serve an annual ridership of up to 250,000 passengers.

I believe this project meets the requirements proposed for this grant opportunity and I support the favorable consideration of this application.

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Congresswoman Kosmas/Secretary LaHood Letter
RE: FDOT/High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Track 2 program
July 20, 2010
Page 2

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne M. Kosmas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

SUZANNE M. KOSMAS
Member of Congress

SMK/ea



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SENATOR THAD ALTMAN
24th District

July 30, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express my support for the Florida Department of Transportation application for the \$268 million in grant funding under the "High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" Track 2 program. This grant will provide funding for passenger rail along Florida's eastern coast from Jacksonville to Miami. Approved funds will supplement state and local contributions for the construction of Amtrak passenger stations, and for a cutover connection to the South Florida Rail Corridor in West Palm Beach to continue passenger service to Miami.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) data indicate that as many as 2,100 jobs will be created along the corridor in the first three years of the project's implementation. The project will construct eight new passenger stations in St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach, Fort Pierce and Stuart. Three of these new stations are in my State Senate District, and I have spoken with elected officials from these municipalities about our joint support for this project. In total, the rail line will span 326 miles, and FDOT estimates indicate it will serve 8.3 million Floridians.

More than 150 organizations in Florida have issued resolutions or letters of support for this passenger rail project, including local governments, MPO boards, regional planning councils, chambers of commerce, tourist development councils, merchants' associations, and other state-wide organizations. This project is overwhelmingly supported by local and statewide organizations, and would benefit a substantial portion of Florida's population.

This project will reestablish passenger rail service along Florida's eastern coast for the first time since 1968. This Amtrak project is part of Florida's statewide transit network development, which will improve mobility, reduce carbon emissions, reduce dependence on foreign oil, promote economic growth, and enhance tourism in the state. As the Department considers funding for the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" program, I support the favorable consideration of this FDOT proposal.

Sincerely,

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Thad Altman
State Senator of Florida
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REPLY TO:

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- 324 Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5053

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Florida's Economy

July 20, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Re: South Florida Rail Transit

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I represent the Treasure Coast in the Florida Senate.

In the event that federal non-stimulus funds are available for construction of rail transit in South Florida, I would request that consideration be given to a route that includes the Treasure Coast and Palm Beach County.

Sincerely yours,

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Joe Negron
State Senator
District 28

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Florida House of Representatives

Representative William D. Snyder

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July 29, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington D.C. 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

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As the Department considers funding under the "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) program, I would appreciate your full and fair consideration of this FDOT proposal.

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William D. Snyder
State Representative, District 82

Committees:

Criminal & Civil Justice Policy Council, Chair
Criminal & Civil Justice Appropriations Committee

Finance and Tax Council
Policy Council

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist,

Beachside Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens who have banded together to assist our law enforcement community and proactively promote the welfare and well-being of residents in Daytona Beach. We have more than 2,000 members who subscribe to our newsletter, and contribute to our causes. Our members are also active participants on various government and civic boards all over Daytona Beach. Overall, we are committed to the future success of the city we love and the preservation of our way of life in Daytona Beach.

The Board of Beachside Neighborhood Watch and our membership would like to express our strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a destination stop in Daytona Beach.

We feel that projects, like the AMTRAK/FEC corridor, are necessary to re-vitalize our city to make it a better place for all of our residents. It will offer our current residents added mobility and introduce Daytona Beach to visitors from all over the country.

Beachside Neighborhood Watch requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

I have also enclosed as list of signatures from our members who would like to personally show their support for this project.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Frank Heckman
Chairman
Beachside Neighborhood Watch

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Evelyn Lynn, District 7
The Honorable Tony Hill, District 1
The Honorable Dorothy Hukill, District 28
The Honorable Pat Patterson, District 26
The Honorable Dwayne Taylor, District 27
The Honorable John Thrasher, District 8

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the Volusia County Congressional Delegation:

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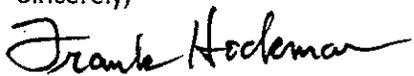
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Frank Heckman
Chairman

Beachside Neighborhood Watch

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Bill Nelson, United States Senate
The Honorable George Lemieux, United States Senate
The Honorable John Mica, United States House of Representatives, District 7
The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives, District 3
The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas, United States House of Representatives, District 24

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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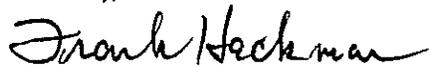
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Frank Heckman
Chairman
Beachside Neighborhood Watch

RESOLUTION 2009 - 2744

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE A COPY TO THE GOVERNOR, FDOT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

I, Debra R. Buff, City Clerk of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution No. 2009-2744, which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk. Certified this 23rd day of June, 2009.


Debra R. Buff, CMC,
City Clerk



WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Palm Beach County, Belle Glade and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, THAT:

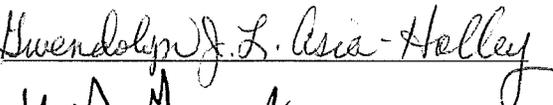
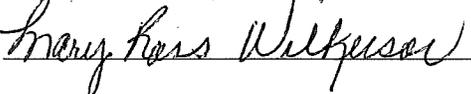
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Section 2. The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida, The Capitol, 400 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001; Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation, Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399; and Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, 421 SW Camden Avenue, Stuart, Florida 34994.

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

DONE AND RESOLVED at Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Belle Glade, Florida, held on the 15th day of June, 2009.

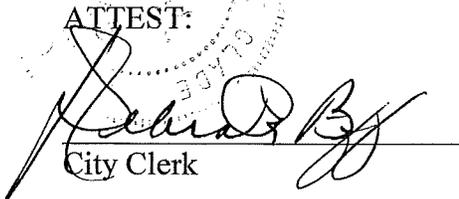
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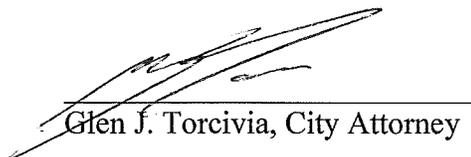
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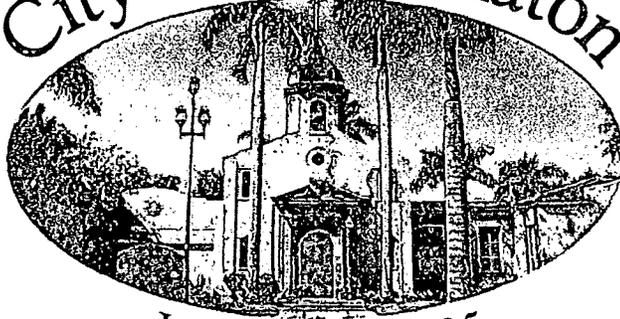
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Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

City of Boca Raton



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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOCA RATON
REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST
AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE
INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR
PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART
OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE
FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER;
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WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along
Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Boca Raton; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations and
today local governments and the private sector along the FEC corridor are implementing
programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility, a key component of which is rail transit, is highly
desired in Boca Raton and throughout the State of Florida; and

1 WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies the FEC corridor as a potential
2 "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

3 WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along the FEC
4 corridor, and reintroduction of such service would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus
5 for Florida's residents and businesses; and

6 WHEREAS, the Federal Government, under the American Recovery and
7 Reinvestment Act, is seeking projects for stimulus funding such as the Intercity FEC Corridor
8 Project (Jacksonville/Miami) that are fully planned and provide immediate and near-term job
9 opportunities; now therefore

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11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOCA
12 RATON:

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14 Section 1. The Mayor and City Council request the assistance of Governor Crist and
15 FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (From Jacksonville to
16 Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

17 Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to the Governor, the FDOT
18 Secretary, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, all members of the Florida
19 Legislature representing the City of Boca Raton and to the City lobbyist.

20 Section 3. If any section, subsection, clause or provision of this resolution is held
21 invalid, the remainder shall not be affected by such invalidity.

22 Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith shall be and
23 hereby are repealed.

24 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this 14th

day of April, 2009.

CITY OF BOCA RATON, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Sharma Hagerty
Sharma Hagerty, City Clerk

Susan Whelchel
Susan Whelchel, Mayor

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COUNCIL VOTE			
	YES	NO	ABSTAINED
MAYOR SUSAN WHELCHER	✓	✓	
DEPUTY MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE	✓	✓	
COUNCIL MEMBER ANTHONY MAJHESS	✓	✓	
COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL MULLAUGH	✓	✓	
COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANCE J. SCOTT	✓	✓	

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RESOLUTION 09-090

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH
REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE
INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR
PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF
THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Boynton Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Boynton Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

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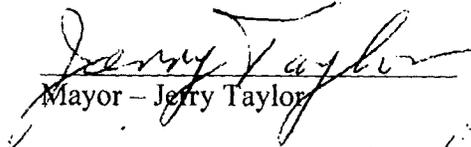
Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

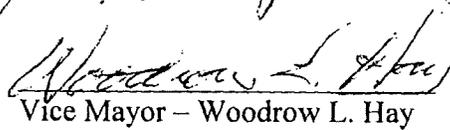
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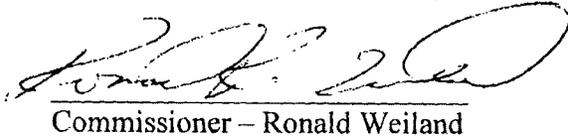
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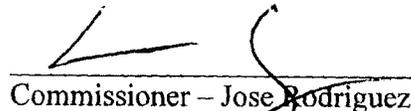
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2009.

CITY OF BOYNTON BEACH


Mayor – Jerry Taylor

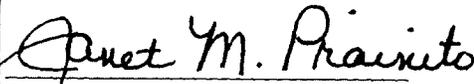

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Commissioner – Ronald Weiland


Commissioner – Jose Rodriguez


Commissioner – Marlene Ross

ATTEST:


Janet M. Prainito, CMC
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September 16, 2009

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Amtrak Passenger Service for the FEC Corridor

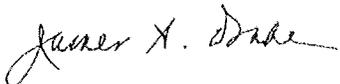
Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

As a nonpartisan public institution, Brevard Community College collaborates with county and municipal government to lend support to proposals that are designed to benefit our residents. In that spirit, I request that high-priority status be given to the Amtrak project (i.e., "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project") extending from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Historically, what is now Brevard County grew and developed in tandem with the expansion of the pioneering railroad network of Henry Flagler, and our communities continued to flourish with the easy interconnectivity made possible by railway transit. Although passenger-based railway transit remains a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, passenger service by Amtrak along the eastern coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County.

Passenger train service would expand tourist access, enhance economic development opportunities, improve urban and interurban connectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for current and future residents. The reintroduction of passenger service will also help promote Florida's "green economy," and will also improve our energy independence. For all of these reasons, we appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in the future of our state.

Cordially,



James A. Drake, Ph.D.
President
Brevard Community College

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✓ cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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September 16, 2009

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State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
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Cordially,

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President
Brevard Community College

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RESOLUTION 09- 184

A RESOLUTION OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND AS PART OF FLORIDA'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to communities in Brevard County, and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS strongly supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor, specifically in the form of Amtrak, from Jacksonville to Miami; and

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as part of Florida's statewide transportation network.

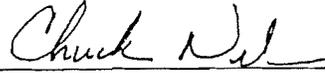
The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of September 2009.

Attest:



Scott Ellis, Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Chuck Nelson, Chairman

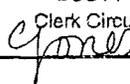
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As approved by the Board on _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and current copy of Res#
01-184 witness my hand
and official seal this 15 day of
September 20 09

SCOTT ELLIS
Clerk Circuit Court
BY  D.C.

BREVARD County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FLORIDA'S SPACE COAST



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May 19, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express my strong support regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Titusville in North Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Titusville and Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence. It is imperative that the ability of FDOT to indemnify CSXT and Amtrak for liabilities associated with its commuter operations be resolved.

It is therefore with great enthusiasm that on behalf of all North Brevard Citizens, I request the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Robin L. Fisher
Vice Chairman
Brevard County Commission

Cc: Florida US Senators
Members of Congressional Delegation
Members of Legislative Delegation
Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation, FDOT
Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

RESOLUTION 09- 184

A RESOLUTION OF THE BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND AS PART OF FLORIDA'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

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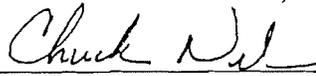
The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of September 2009.

Attest:



Scott Ellis, Clerk

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Chuck Nelson, Chairman

(SEAL)

As approved by the Board on _____

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD

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This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Res # 09-184 witness my hand and official seal this 15 day of September 2009

SCOTT ELLIS
Clerk Circuit Court
BY  D.C.



Brevard County Historical Commission
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July 12, 2010

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Brevard County Historical Commission regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, improve interconnectivity, expand quality of life opportunities for our residents, and expand economic development opportunities for our historic communities and organizations. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Brevard County Historical Commission requests the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph R. Morgan".
Joseph R. Morgan

Chairman, Brevard County Historical Commission



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State of Florida, The Capitol
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Yours truly,


Joseph R. Morgan
Chairman, Brevard County Historical Commission



Brevard Workforce Development Board Inc.

September 9, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the
FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Brevard Workforce regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

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Brevard Workforce requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Marci L. Brilley
Vice President of Operations

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14 Reinvestment Plan; and

15 WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and the Florida Department Of
16 Transportation includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service
17 on the FEC corridor; NOW THEREFORE

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING
19 ORGANIZATION:

20 **Section 1.** Support the intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (in
21 the form of Amtrak service) from Jacksonville to Miami and request the assistance of
22 the Governor and the Florida Department of Transportation prioritizing the project as
23 part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package.
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RESOLUTION 2009-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BUNNELL, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to areas such as Flagler County – specifically the City of Bunnell, the seat of Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad, such as a station in the City of Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, local governments, such as those of the of the City of Bunnell and Flagler County, and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

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WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses, specifically for those throughout Flagler County, including the City of Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects, which would be of great assistance to the unemployed workers throughout Flagler County and the City of Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

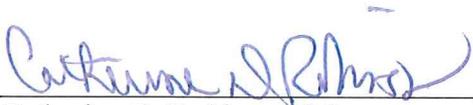
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUNNELL, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Bunnell requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project and restoring the train station located in the City of Bunnell, Florida (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Bunnell, Florida this 7th day of July 2009.


Catherine D. Robinson, Mayor

7-7-09
Date

Approved as to Form & Content:


Sidney M. Nowell, City Attorney
or Justin T. Peterson, Assistant City Attorney

7-7-09
Date

Attest:


Daniel E. Davis, City Clerk

7-7-09
Date

Seal:

CATHERINE D. ROBINSON
MAYOR

JENNY CRAIN-BRADY
VICE MAYOR



Crossroads of Flagler Count

COMMISSIONERS:

JAMES E. FLYNT, SR.

DAISY M. HENRY

ELBERT TUCKER

March 24, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor
State of Florida
400 S. Monroe St. The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
Facsimile: (850) 488-7146

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service Depot/Stop in the City of Bunnell, Florida, along the Florida East Cost (FEC) Railway

Dear Governor Crist:

I am taking this opportunity to respectfully request your support in the reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service, at the City of Bunnell Depot, along the FEC corridor in the State of Florida. As a stakeholder in this community of Northeast, Florida, the City recognizes the economic benefits and great impact this transportation initiative will provide to local residents, tourists, and businesses.

Currently, there are Amtrak Passenger Service depot stops in St. Augustine, which is north of the City of Bunnell, and Daytona Beach, which is located south of the City of Bunnell. With the City of Bunnell situated between these municipalities, reintroducing an Amtrak Service Passenger Depot in this area is a means of affordable access to train service for individuals - particularly during these times of fiscal restraint and economic responsibility.

In addition, Flagler County has a population of nearly 100,000 residents who are eager to have the opportunity to utilize and benefit from this mode of transportation. This major transportation initiative will provide access to our local disabled and elderly residents who are unable to locate transportation service to St. Augustine or Daytona Beach, entities that currently offer Amtrak Passenger Service Depots. The 2008 Census shows that 41.2% of the population is over the age of 50 in Flagler County. I have taken the liberty of including a photograph of the former City of Bunnell Depot. As you recall, this Depot was built in 1886, and has been abandoned since 1968 following the discontinuation of the Passenger Service Rail-line.

Amtrak estimates 250,000 riders in the first year of operation. This will generate tremendous exposure for local businesses with the potential of bringing in much needed revenue to this region of Northeast Florida. Flagler County, which has a current unemployment rate of 17.1% and has been battling the highest unemployment rate in the State for the last two years, is in dire need of opportunities such as this to assist in the revitalization of our Community.

The City of Bunnell Commission recognizes the importance of placing an Amtrak Passenger Service Depot in the City of Bunnell. As a symbol of strong support and commitment to the vitality of the City, the Commission recently adopted a Resolution requesting to provide a Train Dept stop for the AMTRAK Train Service that will run from Jacksonville to Miami. Enclosed is an official copy of the Resolution.

Governor Crist, any assistance you can provide the City in these endeavors will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the State of Florida, and the City of Bunnell.

Respectfully,



Catherine Robinson
Mayor

cc:

Congressman John Mica
Office of Representative John Mica, Wiley Deck
Senator Bill Nelson
Senator John Thrasher
Representative William Proctor
Senator Anthony Hill
Junior Senator George S. LeMieux
Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary Florida Department of Transportation
Noranne Downs
Michael Busha, Amtrak/FEC Corridor Coalition
Officials of the City of Bunnell Commission

RESOLUTION 2010-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BUNNELL, FLORIDA,
REQUESTING TO HAVE BUNNELL BE A STOP FOR THE
AMTRAK TRAIN SERVICE THAT WILL RUN FROM
JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Bunnell passenger rail was built by St. John's and Halifax Railway, was chartered in 1885 and started service in 1886; and

WHEREAS, the Bunnell Railway was named as such after a resident who live here by the passing Conductors with regular stops at the Depot; and

WHEREAS, the passenger railroad ran successfully through the City of Bunnell for many years; and

WHEREAS, after years of difficulties and severe financial impact due to a strike and cargo losses the Railroad decided to reroute the train through the center of the State onto the Orlando Line; and

WHEREAS, the last passenger train came through Bunnell in 1968 and the Depot was torn down shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the track that runs through Bunnell is still in use by Amtrak and freight lines; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is now in the process of reinitiating a North / South Passenger Rail from Jacksonville to Miami.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BUNNELL, FLORIDA:

1. We respectfully request to have our Historic Depot resurrected and to add a stop along the current track in Bunnell.
2. Citizens of the City of Bunnell, who reside within Flagler County that has a population nearing 100,000, are eager to participate and support this new service.

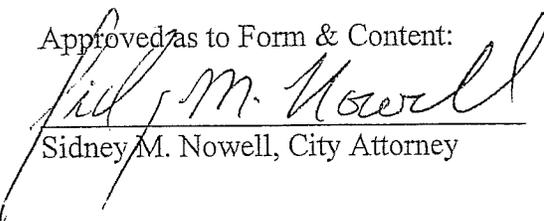
**PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Bunnell, Florida,
this 22th day of March 2010.**


Catherine A. Robinson, Mayor

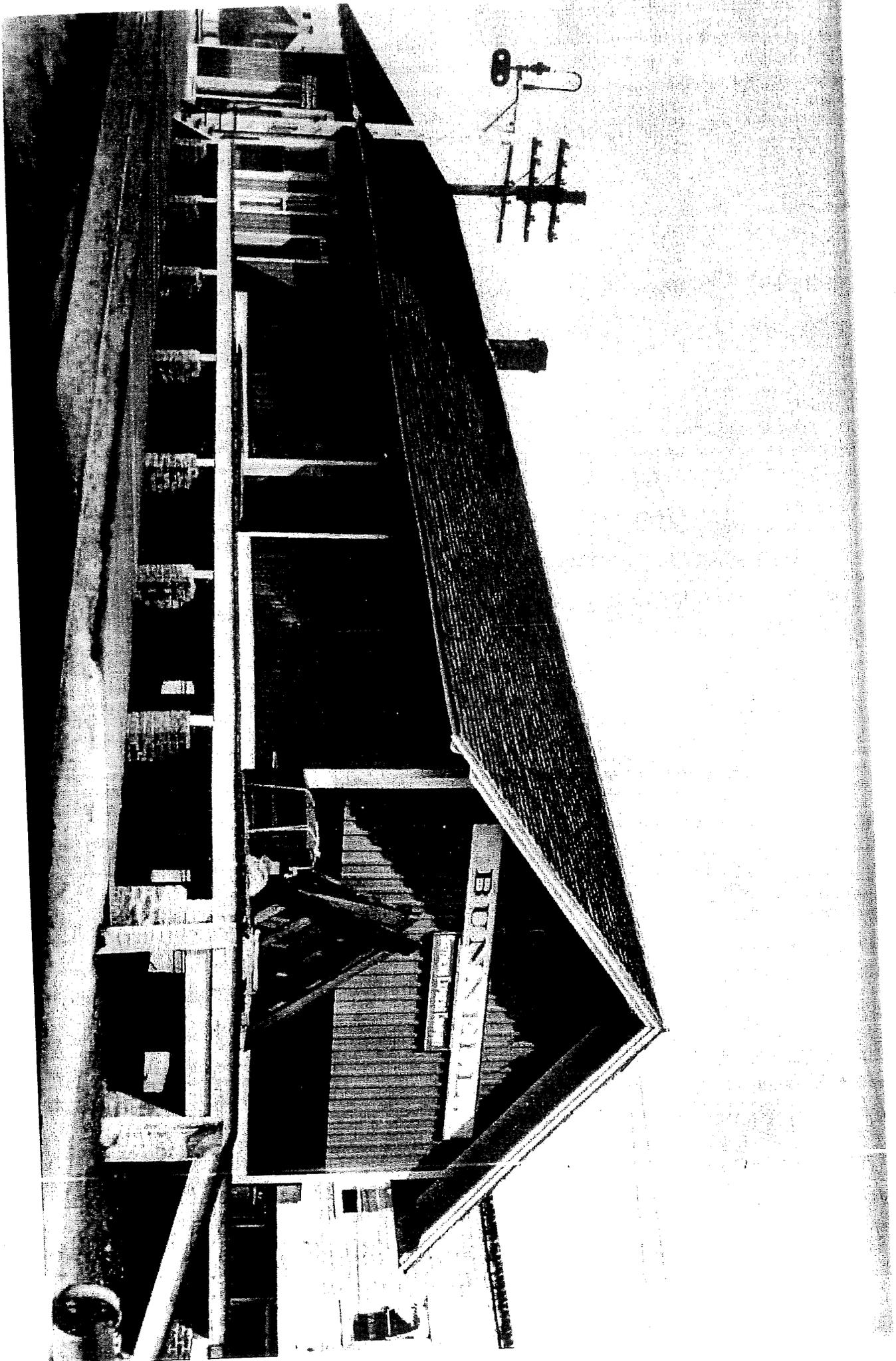
Attest:


Daniel E. Davis, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form & Content:


Sidney M. Nowell, City Attorney

SEAL:



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1002 SE Monterey Commons Boulevard, Ste. 203A · Stuart, FL 34996
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RESOLUTION 09-0506

A RESOLUTION OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF MARTIN COUNTY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to areas like Martin County and The City of Stuart; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Martin County and in the City of Stuart and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

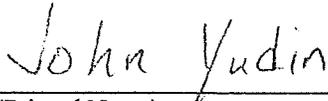
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

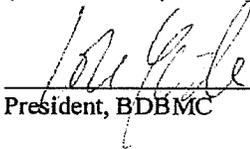
The Business Development Board of Martin County, as Martin County's official economic development organization and an Enterprise Florida partner, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The President thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of May 2009.

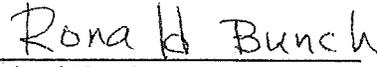
Attest:



(Printed Name)



President, BDBMC



(Printed Name)



Executive Director, BDBMC

**CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The **CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY** supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

The **CANAVERAL PORT AUTHORITY** requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, this 19th day of August 2009 at Port Canaveral, Brevard County, Florida

Canaveral Port Authority

BY: 
Tom Goodson, Chairman

ATTEST:


Malcolm E. McLouth, Secretary

RESOLUTION 2009-29

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like The City of Cape Canaveral; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in The City of Cape Canaveral and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

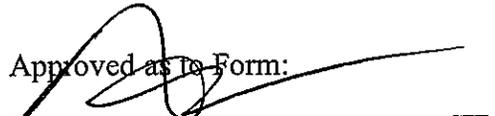
THE CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

THE CITY OF CAPE CANAVERAL requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2009:

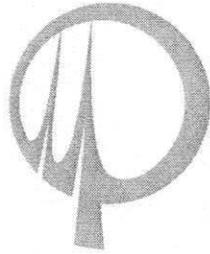
ATTEST:


Mia Goforth, Acting Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Anthony A. Garganese, City Attorney


Rocky Randels, Mayor

Name	For	Against
Robert Hoog	<u>X</u>	_____
Buzz Petsos	<u>Motion</u>	_____
Rocky Randels	<u>X</u>	_____
Shannon Roberts	<u>X</u>	_____
Betty Walsh	<u>Second</u>	_____



**CENTRAL FLORIDA
MPO
ALLIANCE**

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

**SUPPORTING FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL, SUNRAIL, AND AMTRAK PASSENGER
SERVICE ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST LINE**

WHEREAS, the Central Florida MPO Alliance brings together six metropolitan planning organizations in Central Florida and is seen as a model for regional cooperation throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida MPO Alliance collectively recognizes the importance of the development of a fully comprehensive multi-modal transportation system to provide for the travel demands now and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the Central Florida MPO Alliance collectively supports that alternative forms of passenger transportation be provided at the local, regional and statewide level to provide for a sustainable future for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, travel demand between Florida's major metropolitan areas is rapidly growing and is expected to continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a lack of transportation alternatives for intercity travel in the State of Florida and it is not practical to plan for sufficient highway capacity alone to serve the current and expected demand for intercity travel; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has filed four applications to pursue and secure federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for (1) construction to begin on the Tampa-Orlando section of the high speed rail project; (2) for the additional planning work that needs to be done for the Orlando-Miami segment; (3) to purchase the right of way for the Central Florida Commuter Rail project (SunRail), and (4) to restore Amtrak passenger rail service along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor (Jacksonville to Miami); and

WHEREAS, development of the proposed corridors would create over 25,000 permanent jobs and tens of thousands of construction jobs; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the Central Florida MPO Alliance member organizations have acted individually to support these and other statewide initiatives toward connectivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Central Florida MPO Alliance fully supports the applications filed by the Florida Department of Transportation for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to secure federal funding for high speed rail project (Tampa-Orlando); for the additional planning work that needs to be done for the Orlando-Miami segment; the Central Florida Commuter Rail project (SunRail), and restoration of Amtrak passenger rail service along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor (Jacksonville to Miami);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Florida MPO Alliance encourages the members of Florida's Congressional delegation to fully support the state's grant applications and that they actively promote the value of these projects with officials from the United States Department of Transportation and President Obama.

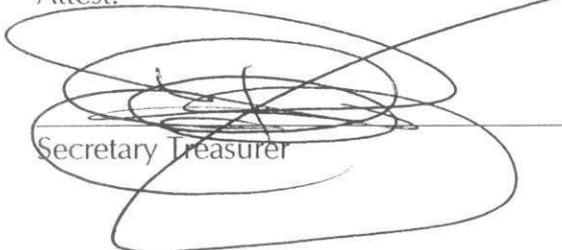
Passed and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Central Florida MPO Alliance on the 16th day of October, 2009.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting as Chair of the Central Florida MPO Alliance certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Central Florida MPO Alliance.


Chairman

Attest:


Secretary Treasurer

RESOLUTION 9-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE AIRPORT AUTHORITY, FLORIDA EXPRESSIN SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE AIRPORT COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies, several potential locations have been identified within the City of Melbourne that could accommodate a future passenger transit station, one of which is on Airport property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of Melbourne Airport Authority strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";

SECTION 2: Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak and other agencies, the City of Melbourne has preliminarily identified several potential station locations, which are identified on Exhibit A; and

SECTION 3: The City of Melbourne Airport Authority agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the Melbourne Airport Authority shall make the proposed site available for station if selected, subject to FAA approval, and (4) once constructed, the City of Melbourne would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

This Resolution was duly passed at a Regular Meeting of the Melbourne Airport Authority, Brevard County, Florida, on the 16th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

Richard A. Ennis
Executive Director

CITY OF MELBOURNE)
AIRPORT AUTHORITY)
COUNTY OF BREVARD)
STATE OF FLORIDA)

BY: [Signature]
Harry G. Goode, Jr., Chairman
Melbourne Airport Authority

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing constitutes a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 9-09 passed by the City of Melbourne Airport Authority, Melbourne, Florida at a Regular Meeting of the Authority held at the Melbourne International Airport in the City of Melbourne, Florida on the 16th day of September, A.D., 2009.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the City of Melbourne Airport Authority, Melbourne, Florida, this 16th day of September, 2009.

[Signature]
RICHARD A. ENNIS, CPFO
Executive Director
City of Melbourne Airport Authority



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION 59-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Stuart.

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Stuart.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1: The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project."

RESOLUTION 59-2010
SUPPORT AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT

SECTION 2: Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of Stuart has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is the Flagler Avenue Site which is identified on Exhibit "A."

SECTION 3: The City of Stuart agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City of Stuart would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Passed and adopted this 14th day of June, 2010.

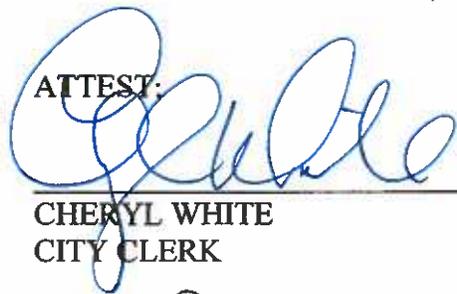
Commissioner Krauskopf offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Christie and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2010.

- MICHAEL J. MORTELL, MAYOR
- CAROL S. WAXLER, VICE MAYOR
- MARY L. HUTCHINSON, COMMISSIONER
- JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR., COMMISSIONER
- JEFFREY A. KRAUSKOPF, COMMISSIONER

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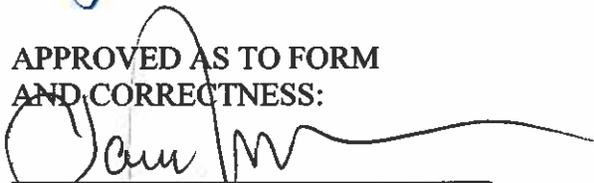


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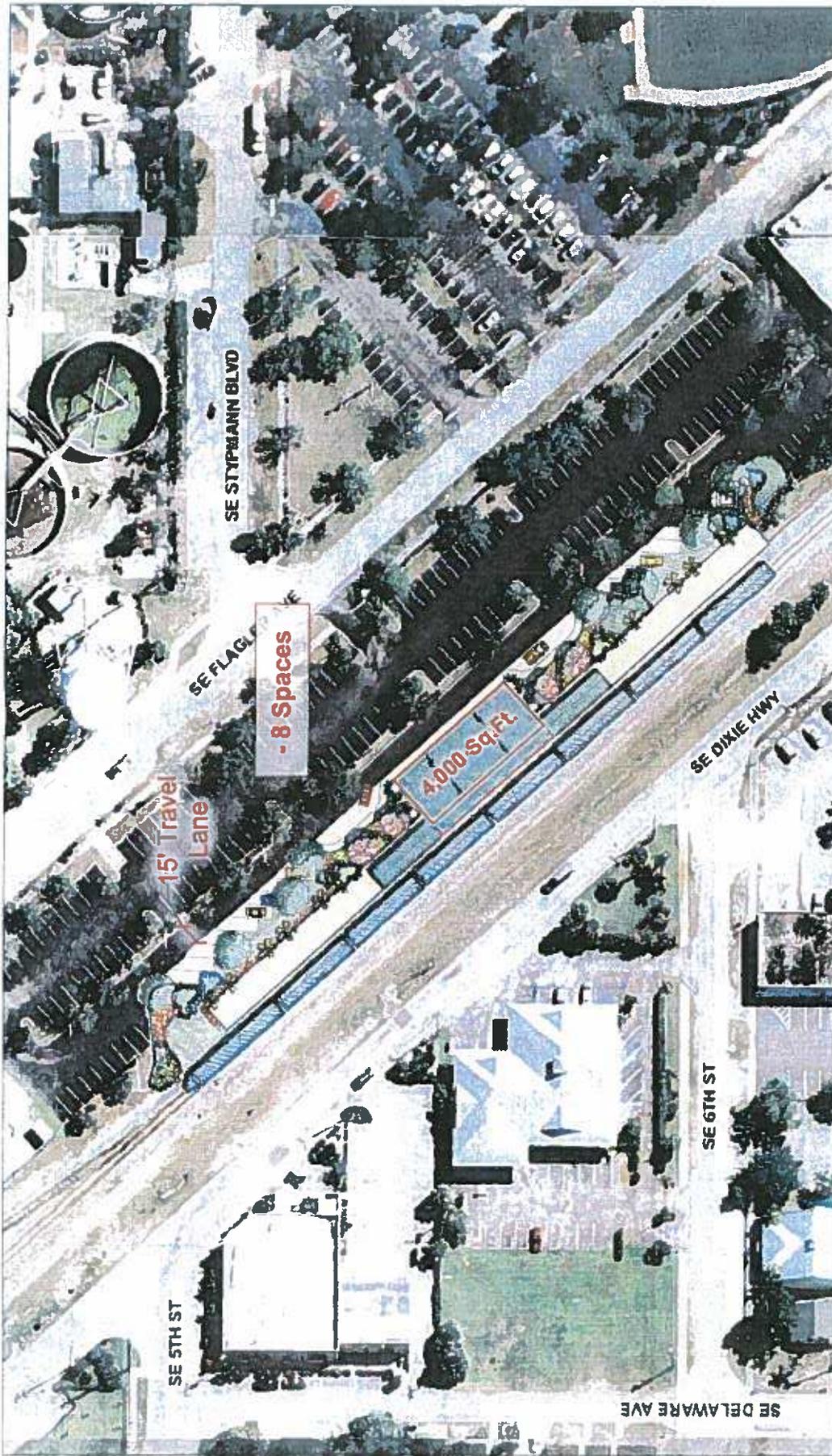
MICHAEL J. MORTELL
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



PAUL J. NICOLETTI
CITY ATTORNEY





Train Station Exhibit 5: Courthouse Parking Site

Downtown Stuart

Exhibit "A"

RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CLOUD LAKE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Town of Cloud Lake; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Cloud Lake and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF CLOUD LAKE requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 13th day of August 2009.

TOWN OF CLOUD LAKE


Betty G. James, Mayor

Attest:


Dorothy C. Gravelin, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 64

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Cocoa; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Cocoa and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

WHEREAS, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Cocoa requests the assistants of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Brevard County Legislative Delegation, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and municipalities within Brevard County.

Section 3. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 4. Severability. Should any section or provision of this resolution, or any portion hereof, any paragraph, sentence, or word be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereto as a whole or part thereof to be declared invalid.

Section 5. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, in a regular meeting assembled on the 23rd day of June, 2009.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

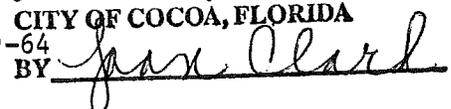

Joan Clark, City Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of records filed in the office of the City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official seal this
24 day of June, 2009

JOAN CLARK, CITY CLERK
CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA

BY 

RESOLUTION 2010-083

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Cocoa.

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Cocoa;

WHEREAS, NOW, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, as follow:

Section 1. The City of Cocoa strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";

Section 2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of Cocoa has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is Rosa L Jones, which is identified on Exhibit A; and

Section 3. The City of Cocoa agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City of Cocoa would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

Section 4. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Resolutions. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

Section 5. Severability. Should any section or provision of this resolution, or any portion hereof, any paragraph, sentence, or word be declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder hereto as a whole or part thereof to be declared invalid.

Section 6. Effective date. This resolution shall become effective immediate upon adoption by the City of Council or the City of Cocoa, Florida.

ADOTPED by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, in a special meeting assembled on the 23rd day of June 2010.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

Attest:


Joan Clark, City Clerk *for*



400 Fortenberry Road
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE *COCOA BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE* REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County/ and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

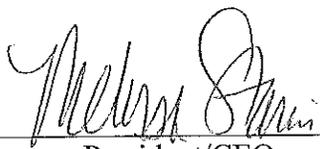
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Cocoa Beach Area Chamber of Commerce thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 9 day of September 2009.

Attest:



President/CEO

(Name) Title



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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Cocoa Beach Area Hotel and Lodging Association regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would greatly expand tourist access at a time when our area sorely needs it. In addition, it would improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The 15 member hotels of the Cocoa Beach Area Hotel and Lodging Association resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Tom Williamson
President
Cocoa Beach Area Hotel and Lodging Association

cc: Charlie Crist, Governor, State of Florida
Stefanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation, Florida Department of Transportation

RESOLUTION 2009-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COCOA BEACH, as follows:

The City of Cocoa Beach supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

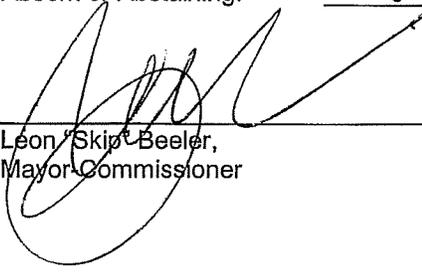
The City of Cocoa Beach requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2: Effective Date: This resolution shall become in full effect upon adoption.

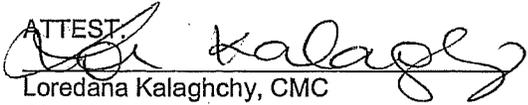
Upon Motion by Commissioner _____ and Seconded by Commissioner _____, this Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach, Florida, held on the 17th day of September 2009.

Approved by consensus

Ayes:	<u>5</u>
Nays:	<u>0</u>
Absent or Abstaining:	<u>0</u>



Leon/Skip Beeler,
Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST.

Loredana Kalaghchy, CMC
City Clerk

RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE GREATER COCOA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, INC., DBA COCOA MAIN STREET, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local government and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Cocoa, Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

GREATER COCOA PARTNERSHIP, INC., DBA COCOA MAIN STREET supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

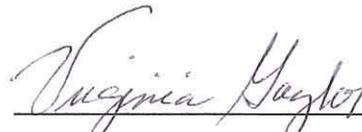
GREATER COCOA PARTNERSHIP, INC., DBA COCOA MAIN STREET requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrack/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of September 2009.

Attest:



Theresa Clifton, President/Chairman



Virginia Gaylor, Secretary

RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE COCOA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Cocoa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Cocoa Florida and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

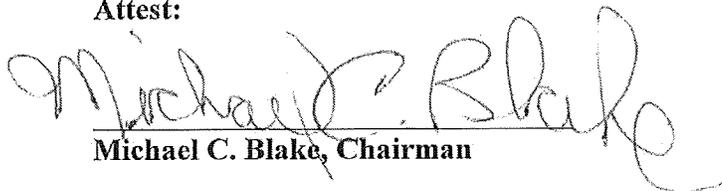
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

The Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September 2009.

Attest:


Michael C. Blake, Chairman

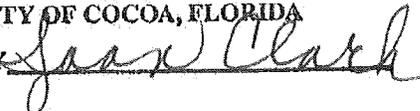
ATTEST:


Heidi Byron, Recording Secretary

**STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD**

This is to certify that the foregoing is
a true and correct copy of records filed
in the office of the City Clerk.

Witness my hand and official seal this
2nd day of Sept, 20 09
JOAN CLARK, CITY CLERK
CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA

BY: 

RESOLUTION R-2009-134

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Town of Davie; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Town of Davie and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA.

SECTION 1. The Town of Davie requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF June, 2009


MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF June, 2009

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist,

Beachside Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens who have banded together to assist our law enforcement community and proactively promote the welfare and well-being of residents in Daytona Beach. We have more than 2,000 members who subscribe to our newsletter, and contribute to our causes. Our members are also active participants on various government and civic boards all over Daytona Beach. Overall, we are committed to the future success of the city we love and the preservation of our way of life in Daytona Beach.

The Board of Beachside Neighborhood Watch and our membership would like to express our strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a destination stop in Daytona Beach.

We feel that projects, like the AMTRAK/FEC corridor, are necessary to re-vitalize our city to make it a better place for all of our residents. It will offer our current residents added mobility and introduce Daytona Beach to visitors from all over the country.

Beachside Neighborhood Watch requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

I have also enclosed as list of signatures from our members who would like to personally show their support for this project.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Frank Heckman
Chairman
Beachside Neighborhood Watch

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Evelyn Lynn, District 7
The Honorable Tony Hill, District 1
The Honorable Dorothy Hukill, District 28
The Honorable Pat Patterson, District 26
The Honorable Dwayne Taylor, District 27
The Honorable John Thrasher, District 8

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the Volusia County Congressional Delegation:

Beachside Neighborhood Watch is a group of concerned citizens who have banded together to assist our law enforcement community and proactively promote the welfare and well-being of residents in Daytona Beach. We have more than 2,000 members who subscribe to our newsletter, and contribute to our causes. Our members are also active participants on various government and civic boards all over Daytona Beach. Overall, we are committed to the future success of the city we love and the preservation of our way of life in Daytona Beach.

The Board of Beachside Neighborhood Watch and our membership would like to express our strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a destination stop in Daytona Beach.

We feel that projects, like the AMTRAK/FEC corridor, are necessary to re-vitalize our city to make it a better place for all of our residents. It will offer our current residents added mobility and introduce Daytona Beach to visitors from all over the country.

Beachside Neighborhood Watch requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

I have also enclosed as list of signatures from our members who would like to personally show their support for this project.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Frank Heckman
Chairman

Beachside Neighborhood Watch

BEACHSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

DAYTONA BEACH, FL

January 14, 2010

The Honorable Bill Nelson, United States Senate
The Honorable George Lemieux, United States Senate
The Honorable John Mica, United States House of Representatives, District 7
The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives, District 3
The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas, United States House of Representatives, District 24

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the United States Congress representing Volusia County:

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The Board of Beachside Neighborhood Watch and our membership would like to express our strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a destination stop in Daytona Beach.

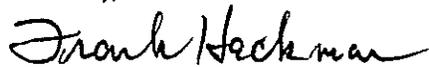
We feel that projects, like the AMTRAK/FEC corridor, are necessary to re-vitalize our city to make it a better place for all of our residents. It will offer our current residents added mobility and introduce Daytona Beach to visitors from all over the country.

Beachside Neighborhood Watch requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

I have also enclosed as list of signatures from our members who would like to personally show their support for this project.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Frank Heckman
Chairman
Beachside Neighborhood Watch

RESOLUTION NO. 09-241

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, several potential locations have been identified within the City that could accommodate a future passenger transit station; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of preliminary station locations have been identified in the City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 01-48, attached, the City Commission previously expressed its support and encouragement of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Commission strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project".

SECTION 2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City has preliminarily identified a series of potential station locations, which are identified on Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. The City Commission agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; and (3) once constructed, the City would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.



GLENN S. RITCHEY
Mayor

ATTEST:



JENNIFER L. THOMAS
City Clerk

Adopted: September 9, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 10-158

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, several potential locations have been identified within the City that could accommodate a future passenger transit station; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified in the City; and

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution Nos. 01-48 and 09-241, attached, the City Commission previously expressed its support and encouragement of this project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA:

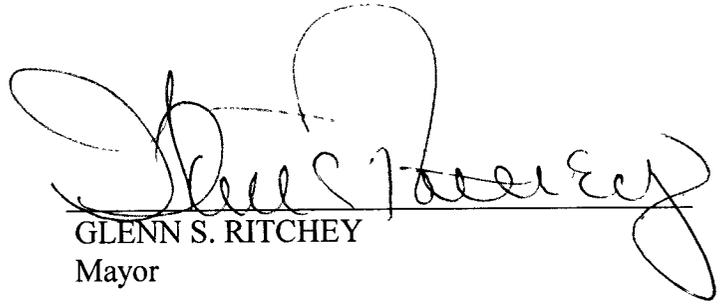
SECTION 1. The City Commission strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project".

SECTION 2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is Downtown-Magnolia which is identified on Exhibit A as Site 1.

SECTION 3. The City Commission agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a certified copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.



GLENN S. RITCHEY
Mayor

ATTEST:



JENNIFER L. THOMAS
City Clerk

Adopted: June 16, 2010



December 17, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist,

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December 17, 2009

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United States House of Representatives, District 7
100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340
Maitland, FL 32751-4495

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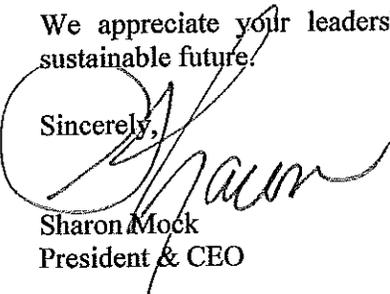
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201 S. Orange Ave., Suite 350
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219 Lime Avenue
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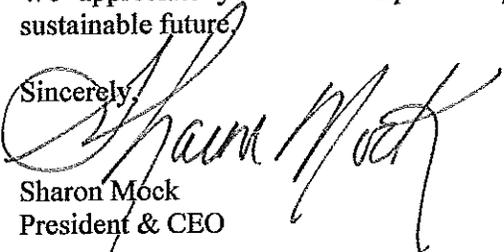
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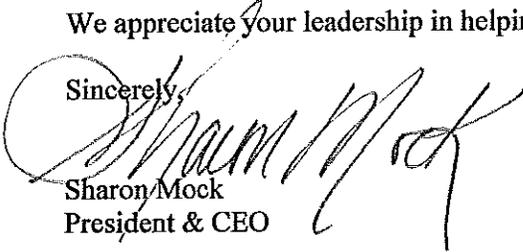
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5600 New Kings Road
Suite 5
Jacksonville, FL 32209-2146

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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536 North Halifax Avenue, Suite 101
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732 Orange Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-4773

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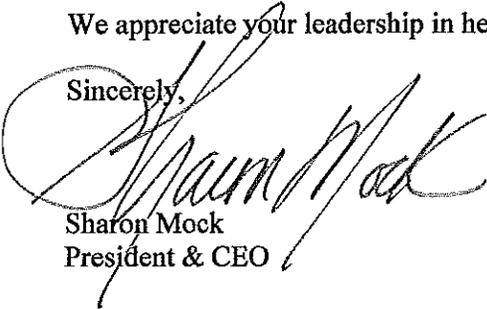
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9485 Regency Square Blvd., Suite 108
Jacksonville, FL 32225-8145

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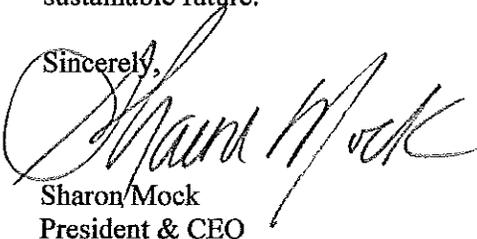
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Suite 1-A
1402 Dunlawton Ave.
Port Orange, FL 32127-2918

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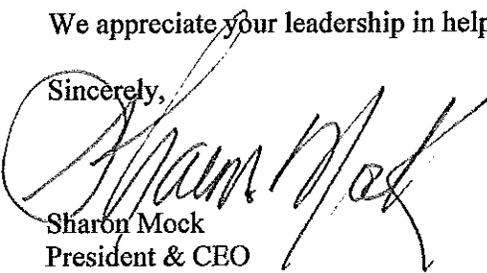
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United States House of Representatives, District 24
1000 City Center Circle, 2nd Floor
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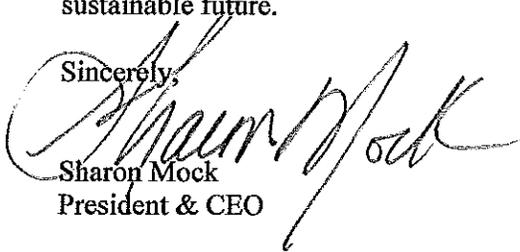
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Room 206
DeLand City Hall
120 S. Florida Avenue
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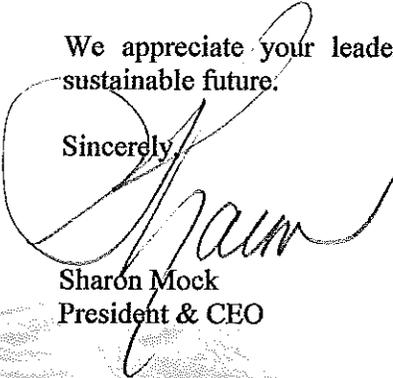
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State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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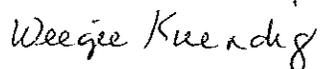
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January 5, 2010

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Chris Bowler
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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 19-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECTS (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

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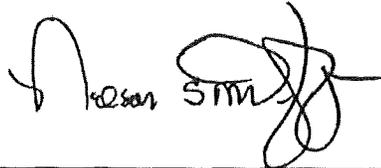
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Delray Beach requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Stephanie C. Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

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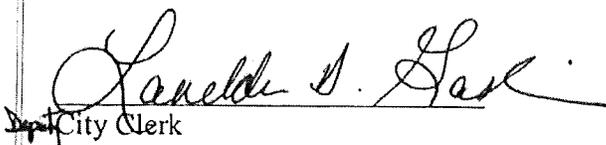
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of Delray Beach City Commission at the regular meeting assembled this 21st day of April, 2009.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO: 09-02

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in downtown Delray Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

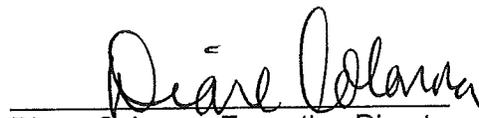
The Delray Beach Community Redevelopment Agency requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted on the 28 day of May 2009.

Attest:



Frank Wheat, Chair



Diane Colonna, Executive Director

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DOWNTOWN MELBOURNE
Est. 1880

Melbourne Main Street ~ P.O. Box 754 ~ Melbourne, FL 32902 ~ (321) 724-1741

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

7/16/2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of Melbourne Main Street regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of Melbourne Main Street resoundingly requests the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Peter Flotz
President
Melbourne Main Street



EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

309 Cranes Roost Blvd. Suite 2000 · Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Phone (407).262.7772 · Fax (407).262.7788 · www.ecfrpc.org

Philip Laurien, AICP
Executive Director

August 19, 2009

Office of Governor Charlie Crist
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist,

The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) strongly endorses the Amtrak Florida East Coast Corridor Project.

On July 22, 2009 the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council unanimously voted to endorse Amtrak's inclusion of the Intercity Rail Component of the Florida East Coast (FEC) Corridor Project as part of Florida's Economic Stimulus Plan.

The Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project is eligible for funding under the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Thus, we strongly urge the State of Florida to include the project as part of its request for Federal economic stimulus dollars. The project includes train track and local train station improvements over the 326-mile FEC railway corridor with an estimated population of 8.3 million served within 30 miles of the corridor.

Amtrak service could provide enhanced inter and intra-regional mobility within southern, central, and northeast Florida. With Americans taking 10.7 billion trips on mass transit last year, the highest level since 1952, the time is right for the project. Introduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast will provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's workforce and businesses. Additionally, the project should contribute to reduction in Florida's overall greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

Executive Committee

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The East Central Florida Regional Planning Council wholeheartedly supports Amtrak's application for the FEC Corridor Project.

Sincerely,



Vice-Mayor Mary Martin
Chair, ECFRPC



Phil Laurien, AICP
Executive Director

Cc: Ms. Kim DeLany, Growth Management Coordinator, TCRPC

RESOLUTION 09-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Martin County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

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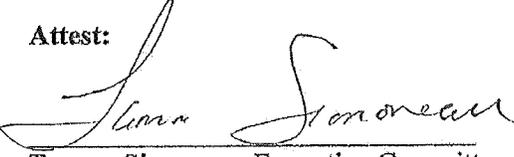
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

ECONOMIC COUNCIL OF MARTIN COUNTY requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of May, 2009.


Robert Raynes Chairman/Mayor

Attest:

Tammy Simoneau Executive Committee



August 31, 2009

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Economic Development Commission of Florida's Space Coast resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Lynda L. Weatherman
President & CEO

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

597 Haverly Court, Suite 100
Rockledge, Florida 32955
Phone: (321) 638.2000
Toll-Free: (800) 535.0203
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RESOLUTION NO. 2010-R-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI; REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR PRIORITIZING THE PROJECT; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the City of Edgewater, Florida has made the following determinations:

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Edgewater; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad;

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Edgewater and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida as part of Florida's statewide transportation network; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for project; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Edgewater, Florida:

Section 1. The City of Edgewater strongly supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor, specifically in the form of Amtrak (from Jacksonville to Miami).

Section 2. The City of Edgewater requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as part of the Florida's statewide transportation network.

Section 3. City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to Governor Crist, FDOT Secretary Kopelousos and Volusia County Chair Bruno.

Section 4. City Council hereby directs the City Clerk to make available a petition for citizens to sign in support of this initiative.

Section 5. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

After Motion to approve by Councilwoman Rogers with Second by Councilman Cooper, the vote on this resolution held on June 21, 2010, was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Mayor Mike Thomas	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilwoman Debra J. Rogers	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilwoman Gigi Bennington	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilwoman Harriet B. Rhodes	<u>X</u>	_____
Councilman Ted Cooper	<u>X</u>	_____

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 21st day of June, 2010.

ATTEST:

Bonnie Wenzel

Bonnie Wenzel
City Clerk

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF EDGEWATER, FLORIDA**

By: Mike Thomas

Mike Thomas
Mayor

Robin L. Matusick

Robin L. Matusick
Paralegal

For the use and reliance only by the City of Edgewater, Florida. Approved as to form and legality by:
Carolyn S. Ansay, Esquire
City Attorney
Doran, Sims, Wolfe, Ansay,
Kundid & Birch

Approved by the City Council of the City of Edgewater at a meeting held on this 21st day of June, 2010 under Agenda Item No. 8C.



Promoting & Organizing Flagler County Economic Development

RESOLUTION 09-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE ENTERPRISE FLAGLER (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to areas such as Flagler County – specifically the City of Bunnell, the seat of Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad, such as a station in the city of Bunnell; and

WHEREAS, local governments, such as those of the City of Bunnell and Flagler County, and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired along Florida's east coast and through the City of Bunnell and Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, The 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses within Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects, which would be of great assistance to the unemployed workers throughout Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF ENTERPRISE FLAGLER, PALM COAST, FLORIDA as follows:

Enterprise Flagler is Supported by its Members and





Promoting & Organizing Flagler County Economic Development

SECTION 1. Enterprise Flagler and it's Affiliates requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

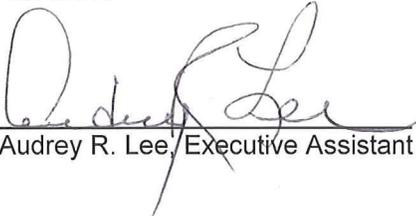
PASSED this 27th Day of May, 2009

ENTERPRISE FLAGLER AND AFFILIATES



Greg Rawls, Deputy Director

ATTEST:



Audrey R. Lee, Executive Assistant

Enterprise Flagler is Supported by its Members and



**RESOLUTION
09-H**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FELLSMERE, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVING FOR RATIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Fellsmere; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Fellsmere and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fellsmere Indian River County, Florida, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 1. RATIFICATION. The above recitals are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted.

SECTION 2. CONFLICT. All previous resolutions or parts thereof, which conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, to the extent of such conflict, as superseded and repealed.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Herrera. The motion was seconded by Council Member Savage and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor, Susan P. Adams	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Fernando Herrera	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Joel Tyson	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Sara J. Savage	<u>Yes</u>
Council Member Daniel Naranjo	<u>Yes</u>

^{or}
16 day of April, 2009.

CITY OF FELLSMERE, FLORIDA
Susan P. Adams
Susan P. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:
Deborah C. Krages
Deborah C. Krages, City Clerk
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RESOLUTION 2009-____

A RESOLUTION BY THE FLAGLER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AFFILIATES REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects, which would be of great assistance to the unemployed workers throughout Flagler County ; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AFFILIATES, PALM COAST, FLORIDA as follows:

SECTION 1. The Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED this 29th DAY OF May, 2009.

FLAGLER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND AFFILIATES



Doug Baxter, President

ATTEST:



Rebecca DeLorenzo Executive VP



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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

March 10, 2010

Armando Martinez
City of Bunnell
P.O. Box 756
Bunnell, FL 32110

Dear Armando,

On behalf of the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce & Affiliates, please accept this letter of support to re-initiate a railroad passenger stop and depot in Flagler County.

As you may know, passenger rail service played a key role in our county's development, and this common history underlies our support of reintroducing both local rail service and a local railroad passenger stop. Our county seat, the City of Bunnell, developed as a train station and mail stop in the late 1880s along what eventually became the Florida East Coast Railway Company. Chartered in 1885, the Bunnell passenger rail started service in 1886 and closed in 1968 after the railroad company rerouted service through the center of the State onto the Orlando Line.

Reintroduction of Amtrak service through Flagler County would be a win/win for all parties by enhancing economic development, improving connectivity and expanding tourism opportunities. Further, increased transit service will reduce Florida's carbon footprint and help accomplish Florida's green priorities, improving quality of life statewide. A local passenger stop and depot would directly benefit our residents and businesses by providing near-term jobs and much-needed economic stimulus. With the highest unemployment rate in the state, the unemployed workers of Flagler County need your assistance.

Thank you for this opportunity. Please do not hesitate to call me with questions.

Sincerely,

Doug Baxter
President

RESOLUTION 2009- 24

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE
OF GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY STEPHANIE KOPELOUSOS
TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST
(FEC) CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI)
AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE
FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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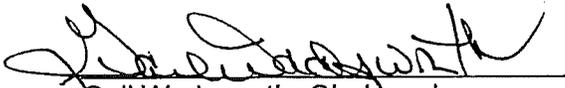
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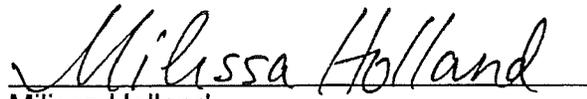
The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners requests the assistance of Governor Charlie Crist and FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair hereupon declares the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18TH day of May, 2009.

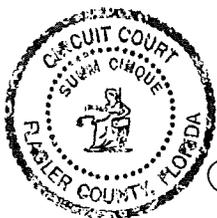
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FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONES


Gail Wadsworth, Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board

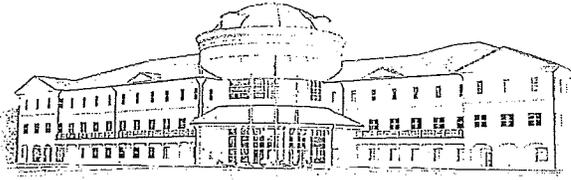

Milissa Holland
Chair


Al Hadeed
County Attorney



I HEREBY CERTIFY this to be a true
And correct copy of the original
GAIL WADSWORTH
CLERK OF COURTS

By  DC



Flagler County

Board of County Commissioners



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March 16, 2010

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Armando G. Martinez, City Manager
City of Bunnell
1769 E. Moody Blvd.
Bunnell, Florida 32110

MAR 29 2010

TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Received:

Date: 3/18/10

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On behalf of the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners we wish to give our wholehearted support to the efforts on the part of the City of Bunnell to reestablish a railroad station in the City.

Most agree that passenger rail service is a critical link to the economic development of the State of Florida and especially to Flagler County. The planned rail system places our County in a strategic central location between Daytona Beach and St. Augustine that would provide a remarkable transportation opportunity for our citizens and visitors to access recreation, shopping and most importantly jobs in other areas of the State.

Flagler County has a fundamental relationship with rail transportation, as the County's namesake, Henry Flagler, recognized in late 1800's that Florida needed an effective rail transportation system to spark Florida's economy. He recognized Florida's potential to attract out-of-state visitors was closely tied to the need for effective rail transit. Mr. Flagler also understood Florida's agricultural industry could prosper with better and more complete rail connections. One of the original rail lines included the Bunnell railroad depot, operating successfully until 1968 when a labor dispute ended passenger rail service to the area. Henry Flagler's foresight concerning the importance of rail service is just as it was over one hundred years ago. But today we are facing a much broader need for expanded rail transportation than simply tourism.

Please accept our endorsement of your efforts to work with the State of Florida and Federal Legislators to once again establish a rail station in the City of Bunnell.

Sincerely,

George Hanns, Chairman
Flagler County Board of County Commissioners

xc: Board of County Commissioners

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RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGLER COUNTY PALM COAST HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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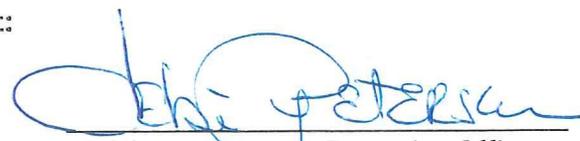
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Flagler County Palm Coast Home Builders Association requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrack/EC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus Package for the State of Florida.

The President of the Flagler County Palm Coast Home Builders Association thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May 2009.

Attest:


Luis Medeiros President


debi Peterson Executive Officer



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Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary
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Willing to Serve,

Rodney J. Long, President

cc: Marcos Marchena, Chair, Florida Transportation Commission
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September 30, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist:

On behalf of the Florida High Tech Corridor Council and its university, economic development and high tech industry partners, I offer my enthusiastic support for the City of Cocoa Office of Economic Development and its dedication to reintroducing Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast.

The Florida High Tech Corridor Council was established by the Legislature in 1996 to attract, retain and grow high tech industry and to help develop the workforce to support those industries in the 23-county service areas of the University of Central Florida, the University of South Florida and the University of Florida. This unique economic development partnership merges the strengths of these three world-class universities and industry partners to help build the Corridor and our state into a globally recognized place where innovation is cultivated and thriving, especially in our region's growing life sciences and biomedical industry.

The introduction of passenger rail service will support our long-term goals by expanding tourist access, increasing economic development opportunities, improving interconnectivity, and expanding quality of life opportunities for residents of Brevard County and the surrounding region.

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Sincerely,

Randy Berridge
President

cc: Mary Sharpe, Manager, City of Cocoa Office of Economic Development

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Randy Berridge
President

cc: Mary Sharpe, Manager, City of Cocoa Office of Economic Development



THE FLORIDA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Office of the Executive Director

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
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October 2, 2009

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cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

Mayor Richard J. Kaplan
Chairman

July 7, 2010

Stephanie C. Kopelousos, Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street MS 57
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Dear Secretary Kopelousos,

In a letter dated August 5, 2009, the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC) endorsed three separate rail projects for federal High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) program funding in FY 2009. Among those projects was the restoration of Amtrak passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor between Jacksonville and Miami. While that project did not receive funding in FY2009, work on the project has continued and required environmental documentation is expected to be completed by July 23, 2010. On April 1, 2010, the MPOAC approved a motion affirming our continuing support for the project.

On June 28, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) released a letter seeking applications for \$2.1 billion in grants to continue the development of high-speed intercity passenger rail corridors. In addition, FRA will make another \$245 million available for individual construction projects within a corridor. Funds for both grant programs will come from the FY 2010 Department of Transportation Appropriations Act and applications are due on August 6, 2010.

The availability of new federal funds is a great opportunity to advance the development of passenger rail in Florida. Along with the MPOs and many local governments in the corridor, we view the restoration of Amtrak service along the east coast of Florida as a critical step toward the realization of a statewide rail network.

Therefore, on behalf of the MPOAC, I strongly encourage the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to submit an application for FY 2010 federal HSIPR program funds to restore Amtrak passenger rail service on the FEC corridor between Jacksonville and Miami.

Howard Glassman, Executive Director

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Secretary Stephanie C. Kopelousos
July 7, 2010
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Thank you again for your current and future efforts to secure federal funds for premium rail services in Florida. We look forward to working with you, your staff and our transportation partners to advance multi-modal transportation options in Florida for the benefit of our citizens and businesses. Please call Mr. Howard Glassman, MPOAC Executive Director at (850) 414-4062 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mayor Richard J. Kaplan
Chairman

cc: Governor Charlie Crist
MPOAC members



The Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council

Mayor Richard J. Kaplan
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August 5, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
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Dear Governor Crist,

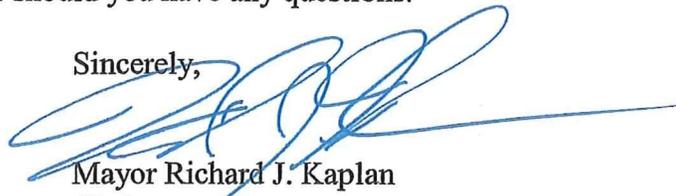
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1. Construct the Tampa to Orlando leg of the proposed Florida High Speed Rail System and complete the environmental and engineering work for the Orlando to Miami leg,
2. Restore Amtrak passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami, and
3. Purchase an existing 61-mile freight rail corridor in Central Florida that will be used for multiple technologies including Intercity Rail, High Speed Rail, Commuter Rail and light rail.

On behalf of the Florida Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council (MPOAC), I want to express our endorsement of and thanks for the initiative and leadership being shown by the FDOT to secure funding for these three extremely important passenger rail projects. From Orlando to Jacksonville, from Southeast Florida to the Tampa Bay area, MPOs across the state have been working to increase the availability of premium passenger rail services within and between Florida's metropolitan areas. It is in that spirit that Florida's MPOs enthusiastically support each of the three proposed projects.

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Mayor Richard J. Kaplan
Chairman

cc: Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, FDOT
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May 12, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service, FEC Corridor

Dear Governor Crist:

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Rochelle W. Lawandales
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Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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in Florida

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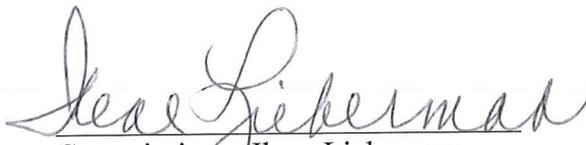
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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Florida Regional Councils Association requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this ____ day of _____ 2009.



Commissioner Ilene Lieberman
President, Florida Regional
Councils Association

Attest:



Pat Steed, Chairman
Executive Directors Advisory Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 10-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA; EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF **FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION**; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

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WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, by working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies, a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Fort Pierce; and

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Fort Pierce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as follows:

SECTION 1: The City of Fort Pierce strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";

SECTION 2: Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of Fort Pierce has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is along Depot Drive on the east side of the FEC Railway tracks, south of Orange Avenue and north of Citrus Avenue, which is identified on Exhibit A; and

SECTION 3: The City of Fort Pierce agrees with the general project concept whereby:

- (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service;
- (2) The State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations;
- (3) The City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds toward the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and

- (4) Once constructed, the City of Fort Pierce would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution was duly adopted this 21st day of June, 2010.



Edward W. Becht, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Cassandra Steele, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

STATE OF FLORIDA
ST. LUCIE COUNTY
CITY OF FORT PIERCE

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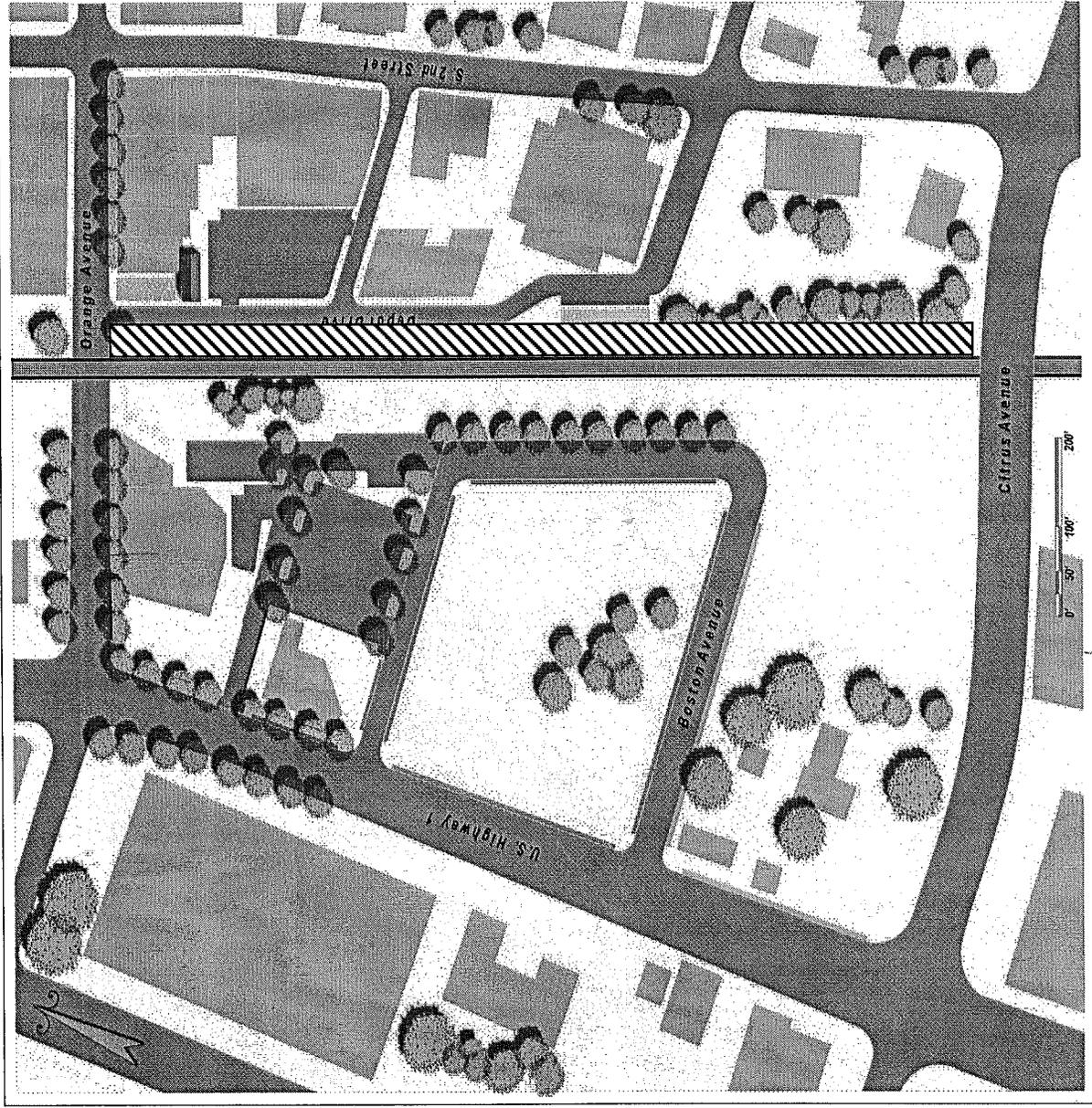
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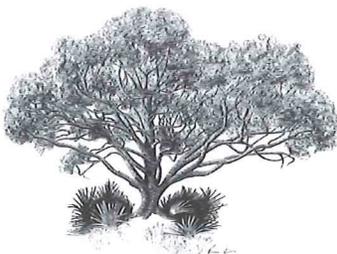
EXHIBIT A:

Fort Pierce Station:

Location: Along Depot Drive, on the East side of the FEC Railway tracks and South of Orange Avenue, North of Citrus Avenue.

 = Fort Pierce Station Location





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Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

June 12, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. resoundingly requests the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoelscher
Past President

→ Signing for the Board of Directors

Cc: Members of Congressional Delegation
Members of Legislative Delegation
✓ Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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RESOLUTION NO. 09-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REINTRODUCTION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) RAIL CORRIDOR, AS PART OF FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Fort Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Fort Lauderdale and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

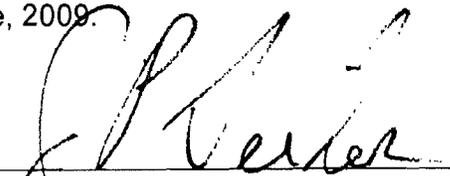
Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, FL hereby supports the reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Rail Corridor, as part of Florida's Economic Stimulus Plan.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor; Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation; and Michael J. Busha, Executive Director of Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Section 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. That the Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of June, 2009.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH

RESOLUTION NO. 09-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE **INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT** (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Fort Pierce, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Fort Pierce and throughout the State of Florida; and

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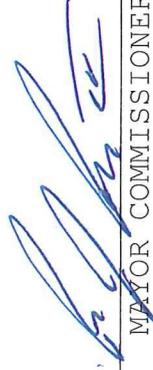
WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville / Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE AS FOLLOWS:

The City of Fort Pierce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 6th day of April, 2009.



MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)



FORT PIERCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

City of Fort Pierce
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Fort Pierce, Florida 34954-1480
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jward@city-ftpierce.com

August 24, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. St. Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in St. Lucie County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Jon Ward
Director

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-15

A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing and providing rail connections to urban areas like West Palm Beach, the largest city in Palm Beach County and the county seat; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Greenacres, Palm Beach County, and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville to Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior work by Amtrak and FDOT included plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; and

WHEREAS, significant countywide tax dollars have been invested in facilities in downtown West Palm Beach, such as the Palm Beach County Convention Center, that would benefit from the improved intra-state and inter-state access that Amtrak service on the FEC corridor would provide; and

WHEREAS, aspects of the improvement of the FEC corridor for use by Amtrak between Jacksonville and West Palm Beach will also facilitate rail transit access to Jupiter where significant countywide and statewide tax dollars have been invested in the Scripps project and such access will provide economic opportunity for the residents of the City of Greenacres.

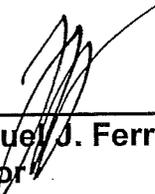
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENACRES, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Greenacres hereby requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

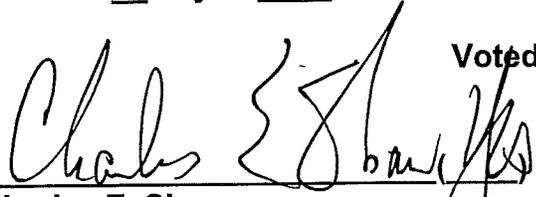
Section 2. The City Council of the City of Greenacres authorizes copies of this Resolution to be sent to Governor Charlie Crist, FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Michael Busha.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of June, 2009.

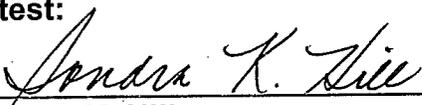


Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

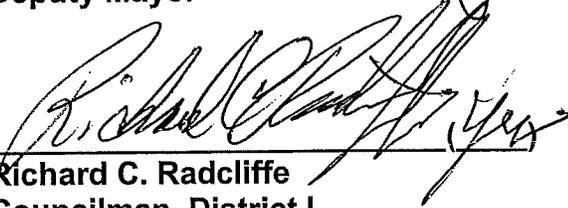


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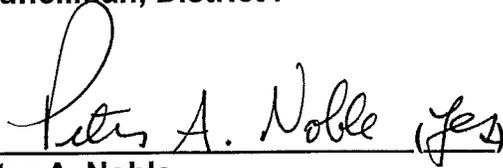
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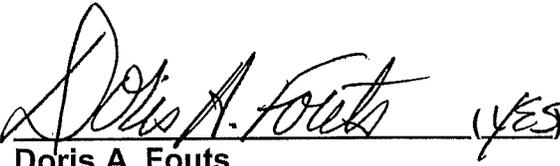
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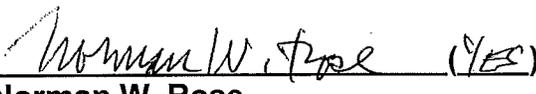
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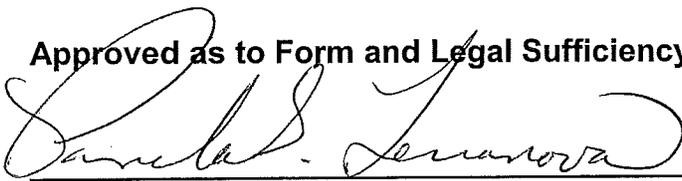


Doris A. Fouts
Councilwoman, District IV



Norman W. Rose
Councilman, District V

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Pamela S. Terranova
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 009-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GULF STREAM, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm Beach County; and

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF GULF STREAM, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

The Town of Gulf Stream requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from

Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in a regular session assembled this 9th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:

Rita L. Taylor
TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF GULF STREAM

MAYOR

Mark T. Fesch

VICE MAYOR

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Authority

December 17, 2009

The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Landmark Two
225 East Robinson Street, Ste 410
Orlando, Florida 32801

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the United States Congress representing Volusia County:

The Halifax Area Advertising Authority would like to express its strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a depot stop in Daytona Beach.

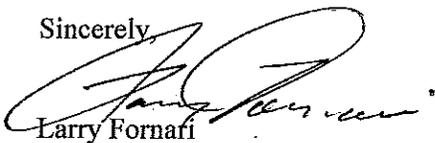
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The Honorable Corrine Brown
United States House of Representatives, District 3
219 Lime Avenue
Orlando, FL 32805

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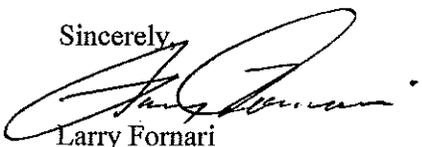
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United States Senate
201 S. Orange Ave., Suite 350
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The Honorable John Mica
United States House of Representatives, District 7
100 East Sybelia Avenue, Suite 340
Maitland, FL 32751-4495

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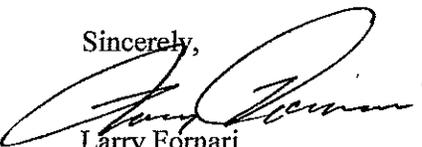
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The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas
United States House of Representatives, District 24
1000 City Center Circle, 2nd Floor
Port Orange, FL 32129

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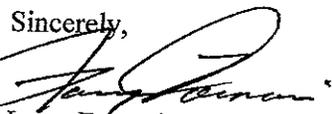
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December 17, 2009

The Honorable Dorothy Hukill, District 28
Suite 1-A
1402 Dunlawton Ave.
Port Orange, FL 32127-2918

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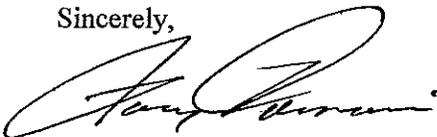
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Authority

December 17, 2009

The Honorable Dwayne Taylor, District 27
732 Orange Avenue
Daytona Beach, FL 32114-4773

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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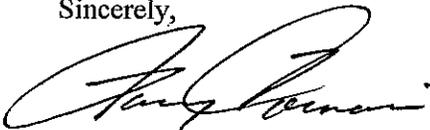
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The Honorable Evelyn Lynn, District 7
536 North Halifax Avenue, Suite 101
Daytona Beach, FL 32118

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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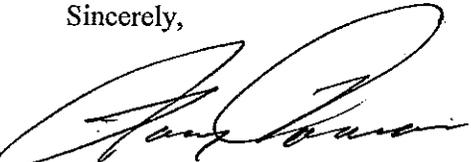
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The Honorable John Thrasher, District 8
9485 Regency Square Blvd., Suite 108
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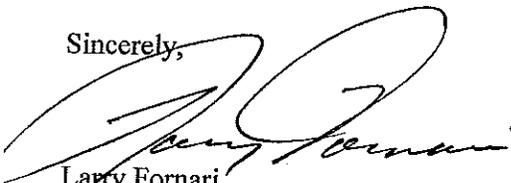
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December 17, 2009

The Honorable Pat Patterson, District 26
Room 206
DeLand City Hall
120 S. Florida Avenue
DeLand, FL 32720

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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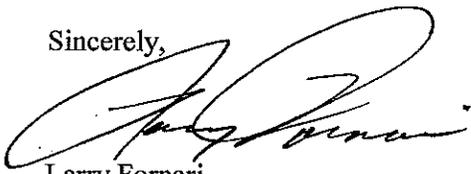
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The Honorable Tony Hill, District 1
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Suite 5
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Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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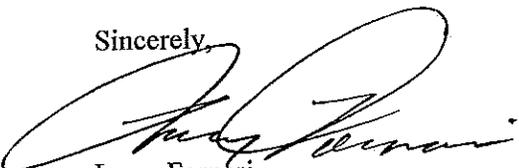
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Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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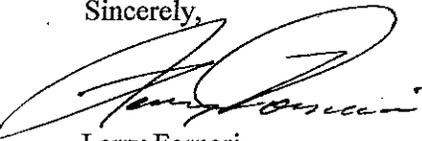
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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

5/21/2010

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Historical Society of North Brevard regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was assisted historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County & the City of Titusville. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

Mailing Address ~ P.O. Box 5265 Titusville, FL 32783 • 321.269.3658 • emkindle@bellsouth.net

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH BREVARD

The Board of the Historical Society of North Brevard resoundingly requests the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

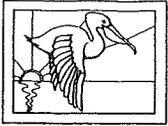
Historically Yours,



Edmund M. Kindle
President

Historical Society of North Brevard
301 South Washington Ave
Titusville, FL 32796





Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce

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RESOLUTION 2009-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE HOBE SOUND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Martin County and throughout the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

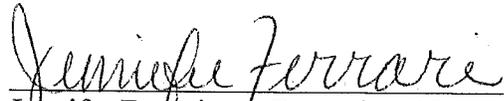
The Hobe Sound Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18 day of May 2009.

Attest:



Mary Lopopolo Chamber President



Jennifer Ferrari Executive Director



Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

May 13, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Holiday Inn regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. St. Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900's and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

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Natascha Ganieany
General Manager

Cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



December 17, 2009

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The Honorable Dorothy Hukill, District 28
The Honorable Pat Patterson, District 26
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The Honorable John Thrasher, District 8

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Members of the Volusia County Congressional Delegation:

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December 17, 2009

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The Honorable John Mica, United States House of Representatives, District 7
The Honorable Corrine Brown, United States House of Representatives, District 3
The Honorable Suzanne Kosmas, United States House of Representatives, District 24

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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TOWN OF HYPOLUXO

RESOLUTION 09-371

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY ("FEC") CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Town of Hypoluxo; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Town of Hypoluxo and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between municipalities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and



RESOLUTION 09-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Indian River County and throughout the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Indian River County Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The President thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of May 2009.

Attest:



Penny Chandler,
President
Indian River County
Chamber of Commerce

RESOLUTION 2009- 120

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor historically functioned as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas such as Vero Beach and Sebastian in Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Indian River County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

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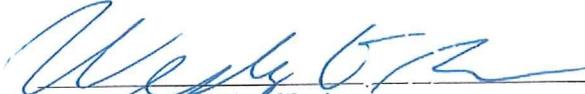
The INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS strongly supports inclusion of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION was moved for adoption by Commissioner O'Bryan, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Flescher, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Wesley S. Davis, Chairman	<u>AYE</u>
Joseph E. Flescher, Vice Chairman	<u>AYE</u>
Bob Solari, Commissioner	<u>NAY</u>
Peter D. O'Bryan, Commissioner	<u>AYE</u>
Gary C. Wheeler, Commissioner Gary Wheeler	<u>AYE</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of August, 2009.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:

J.K. BARTON
CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT

Lena Allen, D.C.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY



COUNTY ATTORNEY



Ruth Stanbridge

Consultant • Historic/Environmental Research • Grant Writing

July 4, 2010

IRC Historian

Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor
Office of the Governor
The Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

RE: FDOT AMTRAK - High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail - APPLICATION

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to request your support for the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) AMTRAK application that will be submitted in early August for grant funding under the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail™ (HSEPR) Program.

As a historian, I am always mindful of history. In this case, history can repeat itself. Over one hundred years ago (1894) the tracks of Henry Flagler's railroad had been newly laid along the East Coast of Florida and through small communities such as Vero Beach. Over these tracks would come farmers, businessmen, settlers, and tourists to help shape the vitality of the region and create new cities and the new counties.

The hope was THEN (as it is NOW) that this passenger service WOULD (and WILL) help balance out a ragged economy and redirect the energy and vitality of this region - including the City of Vero Beach and Indian River County.

In 1984, the Indian River County Historical Society relocated the original Vero Beach Railroad Station to a new site. This new site along the FEC tracks had actually been purchased in 1924 "to relocate" the old station or "to build" a new one. Sixty years later this was accomplished.

Today, this beautifully landscaped site contains the restored 1903 FEC Vero Beach Railroad Station (listed on the National Register), a modern parking area adjacent to downtown with access to multi-transit; and is just waiting to welcome rail passengers to the City of Vero Beach, Indian River County, and the East Coast of Florida. I was honored to be part of the preservation and restoration of this historic building and site.

With your support for the FDOT/AMTRAK High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail, history will come full circle. Once again, small cities like Vero Beach and counties like Indian River can thrive and refocus their energy on making Florida the "special place" it is.

Sincerely,

Ruth Stanbridge
Historian

On a personal note - if you are coming our way, we would love to show you this wonderful little station and the role it could play in Florida's "new" history.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Vero Station
Established 1903

Marian Fell Library
Established 1915

Hallstrom House
Established 1918

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

May 25, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger service on the Florida East Coast Railway
Corridor

Dear Governor Crist:

The Board of Directors of the Indian River County Historical Society wishes to express its strong, enthusiastic support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the Florida East Coast Railway corridor. Historically speaking, it was Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway that opened up development of Florida's East Coast in the early 1900's. Our Society is proud to have saved and restored one of only two remaining original railroad passenger stations on the FEC Railway. The station serves as our administrative office and museum in downtown Vero Beach, Indian River County, Florida.

The last passenger train on the FEC Railway stopped in Vero Beach in 1968, 42 years ago. We believe that with the population growth of Vero Beach and Indian River County in the past 42 years, the time has come for railroad passenger service to be restored. On May 1, 2010, the day the special Amtrak inspection train ran from Miami to Jacksonville, it was apparent from the number of Indian River County residents who greeted the train when it stopped in Vero Beach that others in the local community share our interest, enthusiasm, and support for train service. There are many residents who enjoy traveling by train and many more who wish to ride the train just for the experience. Beyond that, though, passenger rail service would provide an excellent alternative means of transportation for those who do not want to drive on congested highways; nor take a crowded, cramped bus for long distances, nor be subject to long lines and inconvenient, sometimes embarrassing screenings at the airports. The train would provide an excellent opportunity for Floridians to see cities and towns from a different perspective, see parts of Florida where no vehicles travel other than the train, and enjoy views of the Indian River that motorists will never be able to experience.



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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May 25, 2010

Letter to Governor Crist

RE: Reintroduction of Amtrak

Passenger Service on the FEC

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We firmly believe that Amtrak passenger service will strengthen tourism in our town as well as towns along Florida's East Coast without tourists having to worry about fluctuations in gasoline prices to curtail their experience. We also believe that not only will additional jobs be created in direct association with the railroad, but other jobs such as local transportation services, retail merchandizing, the food service industry, the hospitality industry, sightseeing industry, and other related industries will experience an upsurge in overall economic activity. We also believe that during critical times such as hurricanes or even fires as those experienced in 1998, passenger trains could play a crucial role in evacuations, if necessary. Possibly, even an auto train could be instituted on the FEC corridor such as the auto train on the CSX corridor emanating in Sanford, Florida.

The Board of Directors of Indian River County unanimously requests that your office, the Florida Dept. of Transportation, and the Florida legislature all strive to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (known as the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida, and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail Program and all other appropriate Federal Funding sources. We look toward your support and leadership as Governor of the State of Florida to help secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future. Without your valuable influence and direction at a time when considerable Federal funding is being made available, the State of Florida may never again have such an opportunity to make such an important, beneficial project possible for the east coast of Florida. We implore you to champion the cause to reintroduce Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Railway corridor and make it a priority of your administration, one that you will be remembered for future generations to come.

Respectfully,

Hildie Tripson

President

Indian River Co. Historical Society



Indian River County Historical Society, Inc.

P.O. BOX 2192, VERO BEACH, FL 32961-2192
Tel: (772) 778-3435 E-Mail: indianriverhisto@bellsouth.net



July 19, 2010

Mr. Michael Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 S.W. Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Dear Mr. Busha:

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We strongly urge your consideration and approval of the application for funding of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Hildie Tripson and
President
HT/rs

Rich Votapka
Chairman, Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project



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July 19, 2010

Kim DeLaney, PH.D
Growth Management Coordinator
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Dear Dr. DeLaney:

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Hildie Tripson and
President
HT/rs

Rich Votapka
Chairman, Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project

RESOLUTION 2009-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor historically functioned as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas such as Vero Beach and Sebastian in Indian River County; and

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Indian River County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

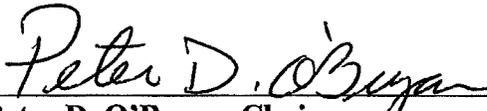
The **INDIAN RIVER COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION** strongly supports inclusion of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

THIS RESOLUTION was moved for adoption by Flescher, and the motion was seconded by Atkinson, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Chairman Peter D. O'Bryan	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Chairman Debbie MacKay (School Board)	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Bob Solari	<u>Nay</u>
Commissioner Joseph Flescher	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Gary Wheeler	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Wesley Davis	<u>Nay</u>
Mayor of Vero Beach, Sabin Abell	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember of Vero Beach, Bill Fish	<u>Absent</u>
Councilmember of Sebastian, Dale Simchick	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor of Sebastian, Jim Hill	<u>Aye</u>
Mayor of Fellsmere, Susan Adams	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember of Indian River Shores, Frannie Atchison	<u>Aye</u>

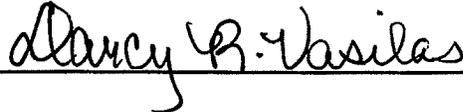
The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of July, 2009.

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**



Peter D. O'Bryan, Chairman

ATTEST:



**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**



for COUNTY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION 09-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

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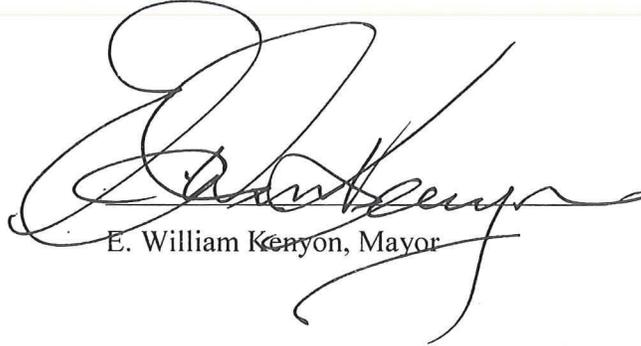
WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES THAT:

THE TOWN COUNCIL HEREBY requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDoT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

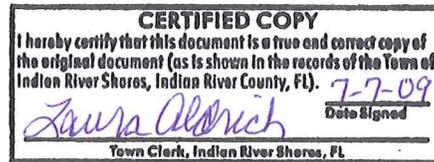
Approved by the Town Council and Adopted this 25th Day of June, 2009.

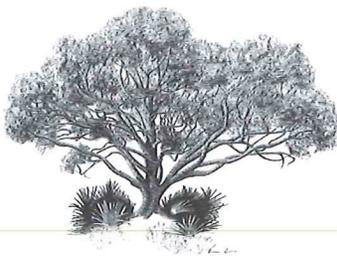


E. William Kenyon, Mayor

ATTEST:


Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk





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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Friends of the Enchanted Forest Incorporated

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

June 12, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Friends of the Enchanted Forest, Inc. resoundingly requests the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hoelscher
Past President

→ Signing for the Board of Directors

Cc: Members of Congressional Delegation
Members of Legislative Delegation

✓ Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

444 Columbia Boulevard ~ Titusville ~ Florida ~ 32780

The Friends of the Enchanted Forest Incorporated is a 501(c)(3) Organization

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2010-328-A**

5 A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CITY OF
6 JACKSONVILLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT
7 OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN
8 JACKSONVILLE AND SOUTH FLORIDA UTILIZING THE
9 FEC RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.
11

12 **WHEREAS**, rail passengers have not traveled on FEC Railway
13 tracks along Florida's east coast since 1968; and

14 **WHEREAS**, many interested parties are currently working on a
15 proposed \$120 million plan to restore Amtrak passenger rail service
16 from Jacksonville to Miami utilizing the FEC Railway tracks; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the plan would establish 8 new passenger stations
18 along Florida's east coast that would serve as an economic stimulus
19 for Florida's workforce, businesses, and national and international
20 tourism industries; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the proposed rail corridor would provide convenient,
22 environmentally friendly, fuel efficient transportation service to
23 8.3 million Florida residents in the 11 counties through which the
24 service would run in addition to serving potentially millions of
25 tourists and business travelers to the state; and

26 **WHEREAS**, passenger rail ridership is on the increase across
27 the United States as more people seek economical, quick and easy
28 modes of transit that connect directly from downtown to downtown
29 without the need for paying high gasoline prices to drive personal
30 vehicles on crowded highways or enduring long lines, high costs,
31 intrusive security checks and overcrowded conditions on the

1 nation's airlines; and

2 **WHEREAS**, new Amtrak service from Jacksonville to South Florida
3 would be both an economic and transportation boon to the city; now
4 therefore

5 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

6 **Section 1.** That the City of Jacksonville hereby endorses
7 and supports efforts to re-establish Amtrak passenger rail service
8 between Jacksonville and Miami on the Florida East Coast Railway
9 corridor and urges Governor Charlie Crist, the Florida Department
10 of Transportation and the Jacksonville Congressional delegation to
11 initiate a formal request to Amtrak for a preliminary feasibility
12 analysis and ridership forecast for passenger rail service on the
13 FEC corridor along Florida's Atlantic coast.

14 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
15 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
16 without the Mayor's signature.

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18 Form Approved:

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20 /s/ Margaret M. Sidman

21 Office of General Counsel

22 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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RESOLUTION
Board of Directors
Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce

THE JACKSONVILLE REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS FLORIDA'S APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE CONNECTING JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI.

WHEREAS, rail is the safest, most efficient and most environmentally friendly mode of transportation for both freight and passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is offering \$8 billion in stimulus money attached to President Barack Obama's vision for "world-class passenger rail" in 10 major corridors and an additional \$1 billion for high-speed rail for each of the next five years; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has submitted an application for an intercity passenger rail system in Florida that would connect Jacksonville to Miami on Florida's east coast using the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) corridor and connecting to Tri-Rail in South Florida, providing intercity passenger service to major population centers along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville currently serves as a major hub for intercity passenger rail and freight rail service into and out of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville and Northeast Florida want to be included in long-term transportation options with the understanding that when options for Northeast Florida are considered we will work with public and private stakeholders to ensure that our ability to move goods throughout our region is not adversely impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber acknowledges concerns that expansion of passenger rail operations over freight rail lines could, without infrastructure improvements to these rail lines, reduce capacity to operate freight rail transportation service in Jacksonville and in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that a reduction in capacity to operate freight rail transportation service would increase the amount of freight carried through Jacksonville and in the State of Florida on highways and other road infrastructure, which would be detrimental to the public of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Chamber believes that, prior to the expansion of passenger rail operations over freight rail lines, a rail capacity study should be conducted to



determine how much new capacity is required to insure the safe, reliable and fluid operation of the new and existing passenger and freight rail service in Jacksonville and in the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, if capacity does not currently exist to permit the safe and reliable operation of both the new passenger trains and the existing passenger and freight trains substantial infrastructure improvements may be required; and,

WHEREAS, funding of certain infrastructure improvements to freight rail lines will benefit the public by enabling the furnishing of additional passenger rail service by the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (“Amtrak”) while simultaneously preserving the ability to provide freight rail transportation service; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce supports Florida’s application for intercity passenger rail that would connect Jacksonville to Miami on Florida’s east coast using the Florida East Coast Railway (FEC) corridor and connecting to Tri-Rail in South Florida; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce will continue to work with the public and private sector on any future rail initiatives to ensure that the movement of freight is not adversely impacted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Hightower".

Mike Hightower, Chair

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wally Lee".

Wally Lee
September 30, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, IN SUPPORT OF AN
AMTRAK PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AND RIDERSHIP
FORECAST FOR PASSENGER SERVICE ALONG
FLORIDA'S EAST COAST.**

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Rail corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, beginning on the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations, including the historic Jacksonville Terminal and the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC); and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the First Coast Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak continues the expertise and knowledge to conduct an evaluation for new passenger rail service along Florida's east coast, including the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, JTA has just completed a Commuter Rail Feasibility and the FEC corridor is identified as one of the top three candidates for passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, the current political climate is highly interested in funding passenger rail projects through highspeed rail, passenger intercity rail and commuter rail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the JTA Board requests the assistance of Governor Crist; Transportation Secretary Kopelousos, Congresswoman Brown, District 3; Congressman Mica, District 7; Congressman Crenshaw, District 4; and Congressman Stearns, District 6 to initiate a formal request to Amtrak for the preliminary feasibility analysis and ridership forecast for passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor along Florida's east coast, specifically including Nassau, Duval, St Johns and Flagler counties.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO REQUESTS SUPPORT FROM GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FDOT TO INCLUDE THE JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI LINK AS A PRIORITY SEGMENT OF THE STATE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority has the authority to develop transportation modes that will serve the regional citizens of Duval County in partnership with the FDOT and other agencies as authorized by Chapter 341, Florida Statutes and/or by the Federal Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended:

WHEREAS, The Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center is being designed to serve rail transportation as an integral mode to include a return of Amtrak to a more central location and to support commuter rail services; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville to Miami (FEC) rail corridor could provide a major improvement to the mobility of Florida east coast citizens and visitors including some reduction of congestion along I-95; and

WHEREAS, The FDOT 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger service along this corridor as a potential route; and

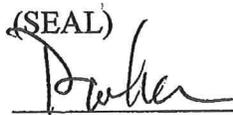
WHEREAS, Amtrak has indicated a strong interest in providing a new service along this corridor; and

WHEREAS, Jacksonville is already as part of the National High Speed Rail Plan as accessed from the north;

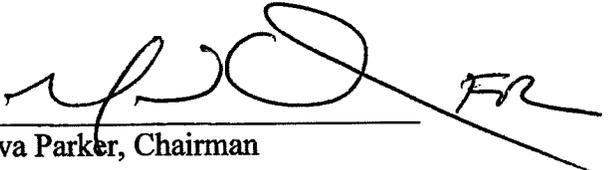
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors, Jacksonville Florida: that the Jacksonville Transportation Authority requests support form Governor Crist and the Florida Department of Transportation to include the Jacksonville to Miami link as a priority part of the State High Speed Rail Plan.

WE, the undersigned, being the Chairman and the Secretary of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority held on June 25, 2009.


Ava L. Parker, Chairman

(SEAL)

Donald P. Hinson, Secretary


WE, the undersigned, being the Chairman and Secretary of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority held on June 25, 2009.


Ava Parker, Chairman

(SEAL)

Donald P. Hinson, Secretary

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE JENSEN BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Jensen Beach and Stuart; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Jensen Beach and Stuart and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

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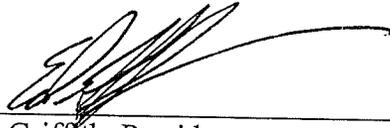
The Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 19 day of May 2009.

Attest:



Ronald Rose, Executive Director



Ed Griffith, President

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June 7, 2010

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

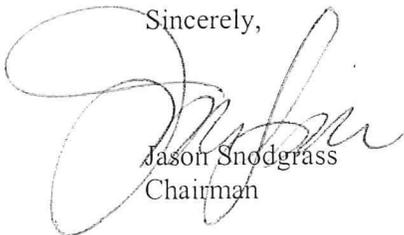
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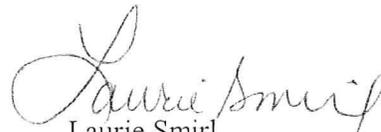
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Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Executive Committee of the Jess Parrish Medical Foundation Board of Directors voted unanimously on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 to support this initiative. We request the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,


Jason Snodgrass
Chairman


Laurie Smirl
Executive Director

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June 7, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

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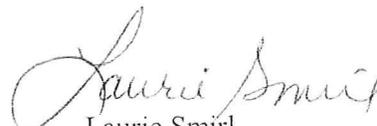
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Jason Snodgrass
Chairman



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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-09

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Town of Juno Beach; and

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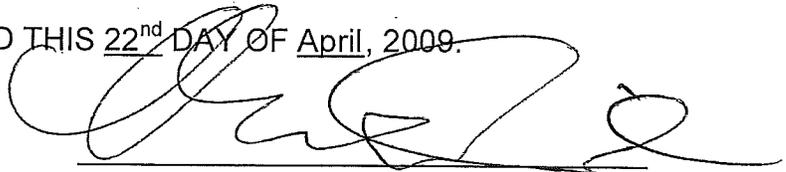
1 **WHEREAS**, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the
2 improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.
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4 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE**
5 **TOWN OF JUNO BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:**
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7 **Section 1.** The Town Council of the Town of Juno Beach hereby requests the
8 assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the
9 Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal
10 economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.
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12 **Section 2.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
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14 RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 22nd DAY OF April, 2009.
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18 Mort Levine, Mayor

19 ATTEST:

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22 Vanessa M. Dunham, Town Clerk
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24 APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
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28 Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Town of Jupiter; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Town of Jupiter and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would
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8 appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and
9 Reinvestment Plan; and

10 **WHEREAS**, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the
11 improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

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13 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE**
14 **TOWN OF JUPITER:**

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16 The Town Council of the Town of Jupiter requests the assistance of Governor Crist and
17 FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville
18 to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

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The foregoing Resolution was offered by Vice-Mayor Todd R. Wodraska, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by, Councilor Robert M. Friedman, and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR KAREN J. GOLONKA	X	_____
VICE-MAYOR TODD R. WODRASKA	X	_____
COUNCILOR ROBERT M. FRIEDMAN	X	_____
COUNCILOR WENDY HARRISON	X	_____
COUNCILOR JIM KURETSKI	X	_____

The Mayor thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution 16-09 duly passed and adopted this 7th day of April, 2009.

ATTEST:



 SALLY M. BOYLAN, CMC
 TOWN CLERK

(TOWN SEAL)



TOWN OF JUPITER, FLORIDA

BY: 

 KAREN J. GOLONKA
 MAYOR



 THOMAS J. BAIRD, ESQ.
 Approved as to form and
 legal sufficiency

TOWN OF JUPITER ISLAND

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July 16, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

As Mayor of the Town of Jupiter Island in Southeast Florida, I hereby share my support of the application of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and AMTRAK for \$268 million in grant funding under the Federal "High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail" (HSIPR) program.

The project would connect the AMTRAK national rail system with Florida's east coast rail corridor and restore intercity passenger service between Jacksonville and Miami. The allocation of HSIPR funding would augment state and local funds to acquire new rolling stock and to construct eight planned AMTRAK passenger stations, along with a crossover connection to the South Florida Rail Corridor in West Palm Beach. The city of Stuart, only about 15 miles from the Town of Jupiter Island, would be one of the stations constructed along the route. Others stations would be at St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Titusville, Cocoa/Port Canaveral, Melbourne, Vero Beach and Fort Pierce, all to the north of us.

The availability of funding for this project will create jobs in all the cities along this route and enhance economic development. It also will reduce the number of vehicles on our highways, enhancing traffic safety and reducing the need for new highway construction projects. I respectfully request your support of the FDOT/AMTRAK grant application.

Sincerely,

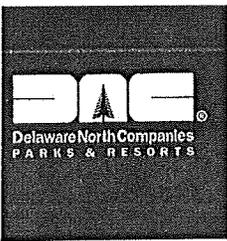


Charles A. Falcone
Mayor

✓ bcc: Commissioner Doug Smith

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September 16, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express strong support of the City of Cocoa, regarding the reintroduction of the Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. The Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex (Delaware North Parks and Resorts) enjoys visitation of 1.5 million guests per year and support visitation to the destination in all forms. Four of the top five feeder markets to our destination are located on the east coast of the U.S. Interconnectivity provided by rail transit would allow the community to flourish.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the City of Cocoa resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project); from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Respectfully,

William Moore
Chief Operating Officer
Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex

CC: Secretary of the Treasury
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

RESOLUTION 09-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE CLARKE SHORES REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Town of Lake Clarke Shores; and

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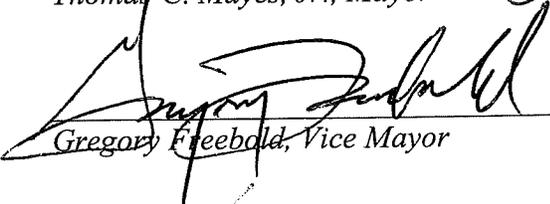
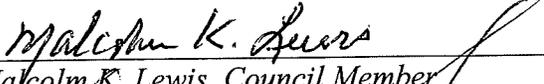
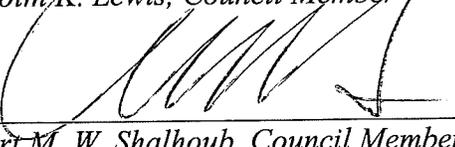
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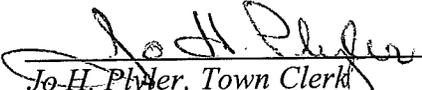
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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Lake Clarke Shores, Florida, this 15th day of September 2009.

	FOR	AGAINST
By:  Thomas C. Mayes, Jr., Mayor	<u>X</u>	_____
 Gregory Freebold, Vice Mayor	<u>X</u>	_____
 Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. Pres. Pro Tem	<u>✓</u>	_____
 Malcolm K. Lewis, Council Member	<u>✓</u>	_____
 Robert M. W. Shalhoub, Council Member	<u>X</u>	_____

Attested:


Jo H. Phelan, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-07-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LANTANA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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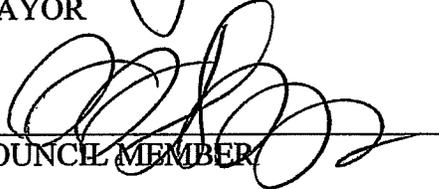
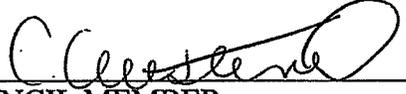
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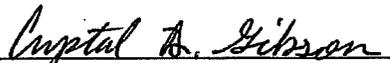
The Town Council of the Town of Lantana requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 22nd day of June, 2009.

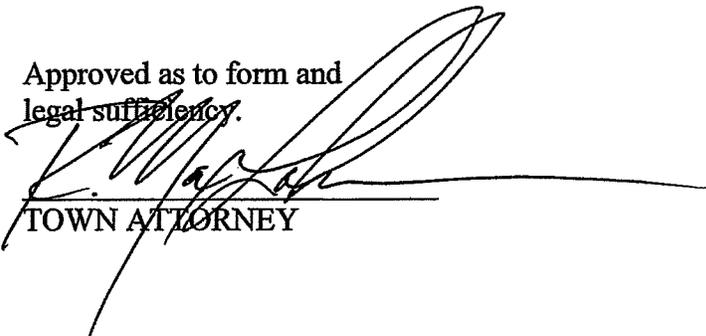
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ATTEST:

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TOWN ATTORNEY



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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

September 08, 2009

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Main Street Vero Beach, regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Indian River County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Indian River County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Main Street Vero Beach resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Daniel C. Fourmont
President



Mayor and Council

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August 11, 2009

Ms. Noranne Downs
District 5 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
1719 S. Woodland Boulevard
Deland, Florida 32720

Received
AUG 13 2008
D5 Executive Suite

Re: SunRail Funding Support
High Speed Rail Support

Dear Ms. Downs:

This letter is provided to reiterate our commitment to the SunRail project and to support the Application for High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Track 1 Funding of the Florida Department of Transportation for right-off-way acquisition for the 61.5 mile corridor that will facilitate intercity rail travel.

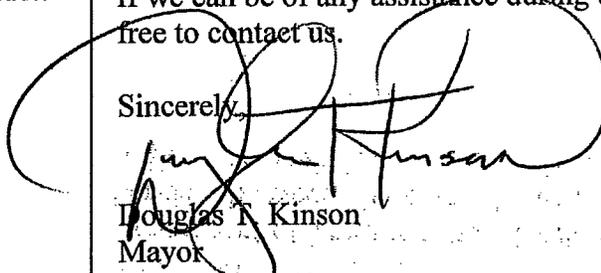
Further, the City of Maitland supports the Florida Department of Transportation Track 2 Application for Funding the Florida High Speed Rail Program (connecting Tampa, Orlando, and Miami); and the Florida Department of Transportation Track 2 Application for Funding Amtrak Service between Jacksonville and Miami on Florida's East Coast Railroad through the High Speed Intercity Rail Program.

All three of these systems will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system and, with concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within Florida.

The City of Maitland is committed to championing multi-modal transportation systems throughout all of Florida that will contribute significantly to enhancing the vitality and quality of life for all those who live in and visit Florida.

If we can be of any assistance during the application period, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,


Douglas T. Kinson
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Space Coast Region; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. That the Town of Malabar requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Governor, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and municipalities within Brevard County.

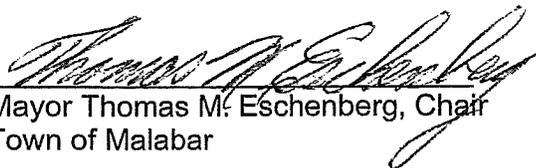
Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Borton. This motion was seconded by Council Member Vail and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

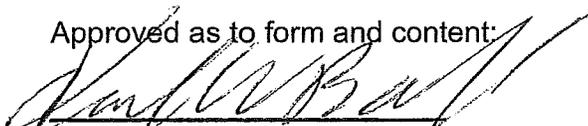
Council Member Nancy Borton	<u>NAY</u>
Council Member Brian Vail	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Steven (Steve) Rivet	<u>NAY</u>
Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Patricia (Pat) D. Dezman	<u>Aye</u>

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 18 day of May, 2009.

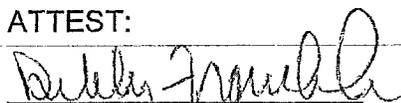
By:


Mayor Thomas M. Eschenberg, Chair
Town of Malabar

Approved as to form and content:


Karl W. Bohne, Jr., Town Attorney

ATTEST:


Debby K. Franklin
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)

RESOLUTION 09-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Mangonia Park; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Mangonia Park and through the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Town of Mangonia Park requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

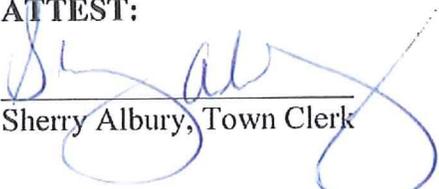
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2009.

TOWN OF MANGONIA PARK


WILLIAM H. ALBURY, III, MAYOR

(SEAL)

ATTEST:


Sherry Albury, Town Clerk

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-460

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA;
REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST
AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE
INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR
PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART
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THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Margate, Broward County and throughout the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by

the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the above whereas clauses are adopted as set forth herein.

Section 2: That the City Commission of the City of Margate goes on record requesting the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project (From Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State of Florida.

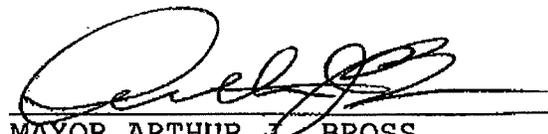
Section 3: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Florida, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos, the Broward County Legislative Delegation and other members of the Florida Legislature.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2009

ATTEST:


LESLIE RAE WALLACE
CITY CLERK


MAYOR ARTHUR J. BROSS

RECORD OF VOTE

Donovan Yes
McLean Yes
Talerico Aye
Varsallone Aye
Bross Aye



RESOLUTION 09- May 6th, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

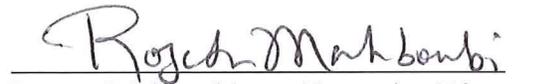
Martin County Convention & Visitors Bureau requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 6th day of May 2009.

Attest:



Gary Guertin CVB Chairman



Rozeta Mahboubi Executive Director

MARTIN COUNTY

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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July 29, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee FL 32399-0001

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee FL 32399-0450

**RE: Resolution of Support by Countywide Redevelopment Advisory Committee
To Include the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project
In Florida's Economic Stimulus Plan**

Dear Governor Crist and Secretary Kopelousos,

The Countywide Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee to Martin County's Community Redevelopment Agency strongly supports including the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project in Florida's Economic Stimulus Plan. We are excited by this effort to bring AMTRAK passenger rail service to existing FEC rail lines in coastal Martin County. This project would improve access to and from our redevelopment areas, boosting our economy and increasing choices and quality of life for our residents.

Ours is a citizens' committee, with representatives from seven CRA areas in unincorporated Martin County. The FEC rail line runs through or beside 5 of the 7 areas. All seven areas could benefit from a passenger rail stop in Stuart, which is part of the Intercity Rail Component. Specifically:

1. This project would better connect Martin County's coastal areas to the rest of Florida's east coast and beyond.
2. The use of existing FEC rail lines would provide alternatives to widening roads and would support CRA efforts to make these areas more pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly.
3. The track record of stable to increasing property values near rail stations would support our long-term economic redevelopment goals.

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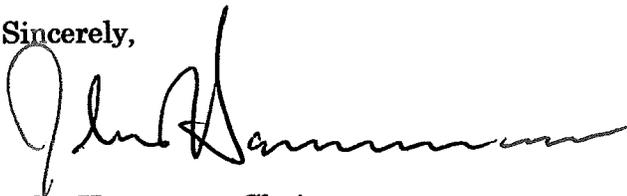
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**Letter of Support to Gov. Christ and FDOT
Martin County Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee
Intercity Rail Component of FEC Corridor Project
Page 2**

- 4. As part of a well-planned multi-modal transportation system, this passenger rail service would improve access to international airports, commuter rail services, and future high-speed rail facilities.**
- 5. As longtime population hubs, our redevelopment areas are ideal locations for passenger rail service within a regional mass transit system.**
- 6. Improved access to our area would help the economic revitalization efforts of our adopted Community Redevelopment Plans. Rail service plus our proximity to the Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal Waterway, and St. Lucie Estuary would attract more customers to waterfront, tourism, and other small businesses.**
- 7. Improved access would provide our residents with more choices for employment, travel, and shopping.**
- 8. We support sustainable transportation options, those which Reduce Carbon Emissions and provide Green Sustainability.**
- 9. The Martin County Comprehensive Plan makes a multimodal transportation system a goal for our Community Redevelopment Areas. The FEC option would dovetail nicely with our other transportation efforts.**

We welcome the opportunity to connect to one of the most robust passenger rail lines in the Country. Please include the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project in Florida's economic stimulus proposal for American Recovery and Reinvestment dollars.

Sincerely,



**John Hennessee, Chair
(Martin) Countywide Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee**

JH:cr

**cc: Martin County Community Redevelopment Agency Board
Martin County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council**

RESOLUTION NO. 09 -05.34

[A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY STEPHANIE C. KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.]

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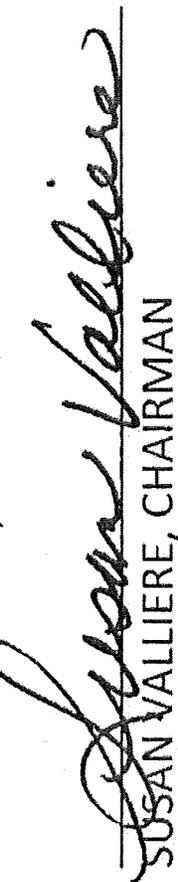
Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Martin County Board of County Commissioners that:

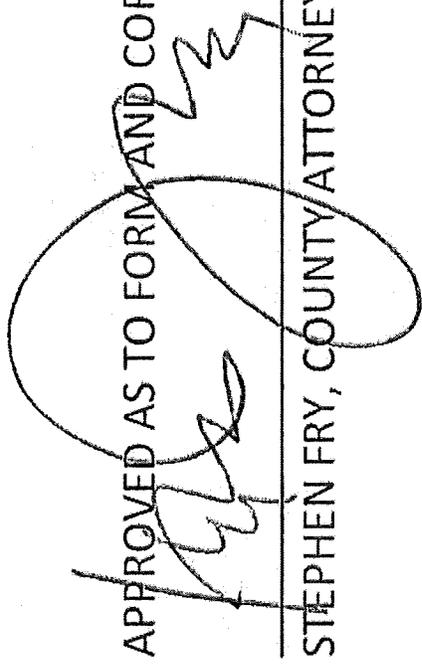
Martin County requests the assistance of Governor Crist and the FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of May, 2009.

ATTEST:


MARSHA EWING, CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARTIN COUNTY, FLORIDA

SUSAN VALLIERE, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

STEPHEN FRY, COUNTY ATTORNEY



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The Town Of Sewall's Point

February 22, 2010

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri, Chairman
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Re: Florida East Coast Amtrak Service

Dear Mayor Ferreri:

At its February 15, 2009 meeting, the Martin MPO Board discussed the January 28th announcement from the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S.DOT)-Federal Railroad Administration regarding the applications for the High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program (HSIPR) in the State of Florida. While the U.S. DOT has not initially selected the application to fund the Florida East Coast Amtrak Service, our Board remains committed in its support for this vital rail project. The Martin MPO Board considers this rail project as an essential transportation link that will promote the environmental and economic sustainability of the entire east coast of Florida.

The Martin MPO Board appreciates the commitment of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) in supporting the Florida East Coast Amtrak Service and the HSIPR application process. We encourage the TCRPC to continue its support by submitting a written correspondence to all the MPO/TPO Boards on Florida's east coast and request that they submit a letter to their respective Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) District Secretaries requesting their full engagement in the FEC Amtrak Corridor Coalition discussions. Please find the attached letter from the Martin MPO to James Wolfe, FDOT-District IV Secretary, requesting his full engagement in the FEC Amtrak Corridor Coalition discussions.

Sincerely,


Mayor Michael Mortell
Martin MPO Chairman



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Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri

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cc: Senator George LeMieux
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February 22, 2010

Secretary James A. Wolfe, P.E.
Florida Department of Transportation, District IV
3400 West Commercial Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

Re: Florida East Coast Amtrak Service

Dear Secretary Wolfe:

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The Martin MPO Board appreciates the effort of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in preparing the HSIPR application and pursuing the funding for the Florida East Coast Amtrak Service. We encourage FDOT to build upon the collaborative relationship developed with the U.S. DOT to secure the federal funding that is necessary to complete a project of this importance, and request your full engagement as FDOT-District IV Secretary in the FEC Amtrak Corridor Coalition discussions.

Sincerely,


Mayor Michael Mortell
Martin MPO Chairman

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May 18, 2009

Gary Wheeler, Indian River County Commissioner and
Chairman, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 S.W. Camden Avenue
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RE: Martin MPO Support for Amtrak Service to Florida

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

As a Commissioner for the City of Stuart and on behalf of the Martin Metropolitan Planning organization, it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter of support for Amtrak passenger train service to Florida.

It will take all of us working in concert to bring light rail to the Treasure Coast. Our hope is that one day this service will be available to all of Martin County residents perhaps with a stop in the City of Stuart.

Please contact Ann Perrotta, Martin MPO Director, at 772-288-5484 if we can assist further in this worthy effort.

Sincerely,


Michael Mortell, Chairman
Martin MPO Policy board

cc: Martin MPO Policy Board members
Mike Busha, Executive Director, TCRPC

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE MARTIN COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Jensen Beach, Stuart, Port Salerno, and Hobe Sound; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Jensen Beach, Stuart, Port Salerno, and Hobe Sound and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

RESOLUTION NO. 3060

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's East Coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, Florida's East Coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC Railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's East Coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Melbourne and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's East Coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal Economic Stimulus Package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and Florida Department of Transportation includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

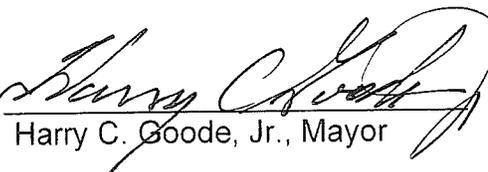
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City of Melbourne requests the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State of Florida.

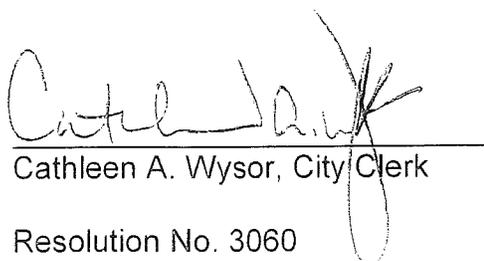
SECTION 2. That the City Manager is authorized and directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption in accordance with the Charter of the City of Melbourne.

SECTION 4. That this resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 12th day of May, 2009.

BY: 
Harry C. Goode, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Cathleen A. Wysor, City Clerk

Resolution No. 3060

RESOLUTION NO. 3143

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Melbourne; and

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Melbourne.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City of Melbourne strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project".

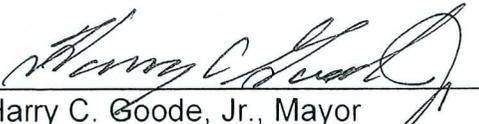
SECTION 2. That the City of Melbourne, working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is the Downtown Melbourne site, which is identified on Exhibit A.

SECTION 3. That the City of Melbourne agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to identify appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) upon its construction, the City of Melbourne would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

SECTION 4. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption in accordance with the Charter of the City of Melbourne.

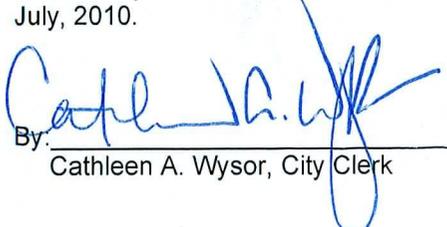
SECTION 5. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. That this resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 13th day of July, 2010.

BY: 
Harry C. Goode, Jr., Mayor

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF BREVARD
CITY OF MELBOURNE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true & correct copy of Resolution No. 3143, witness my hand and seal this 14th day of July, 2010.

By: 
Cathleen A. Wysor, City Clerk

ATTEST:


Cathleen A. Wysor, City Clerk

Resolution No. 3143

Attachment: Exhibit A – Locally Preferred Location

Exhibit A
Downtown Melbourne Location
Locally Preferred Site

Melbourne Station
Downtown Location
(North of SR 192)





MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2575 N. Courtenay Parkway, Room 207
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Phone (321) 454-6610
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September 24, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Sue Nisbet-Lawrence
Chairperson – Board of Directors

RESOLUTION 09- 01

A RESOLUTION OF THE MERRITT ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND AS PART OF FLORIDA'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County/Merritt Island; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County/Merritt Island and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida as part of Florida's statewide transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency strongly supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor, specifically in the form of Amtrak, from Jacksonville to Miami; and

The Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as part of Florida's statewide transportation network.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 24th day of September 2009.

Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency
Board of Directors of Brevard County, Fl

Attest:


Sue Nisbet-Lawrence, Chairperson


Cheryl J. Hurren, Special Projects Coordinator

As approved by the Board of Directors on September 24, 2009



September 21, 2009

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Stephanie:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Merritt Square Mall regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900's, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network; one that promotes Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The management of the Merritt Square Mall resoundly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed: Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project) from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bob Sheard".

Bob Sheard
General Manager
Merritt Square Mall

cc: Michael Busha
Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

cc: Mary Sharpe, Office of Economic Development
City of Cocoa, Florida



APPROVED BY
METROPLAN ORLANDO
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RESOLUTION NO. 09-20

SUBJECT:

**SUPPORT FOR FLORIDA EAST COAST AMTRAK SERVICE
THROUGH THE FEDERAL HIGH SPEED RAIL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, alternative forms of passenger transportation must be provided at the local, regional, statewide and national levels to provide for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a lack of transportation alternatives for intercity travel in the State of Florida and it is not practical to plan for sufficient highway capacity alone to serve the current and expected demand for intercity travel; and

WHEREAS, improving intercity passenger service in the State of Florida is consistent with plans developed by the Florida Department of Transportation and the metropolitan planning organizations serving Central Florida, including METROPLAN ORLANDO; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service between Jacksonville and South Florida along Florida's east coast was discontinued in 1968 leaving Flagler, Volusia, Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties without any form of passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (serving Brevard County) is among the many entities that has made restoring passenger rail service along Florida's east coast a top priority; and

WHEREAS, METROPLAN ORLANDO recognizes that the benefits of projects of this nature extend beyond the immediate communities that are served resulting in a stronger region, a stronger state and a stronger nation; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides federal funding for the development of high speed rail projects throughout the nation and the start-up of Amtrak passenger service between Jacksonville and South Florida in cooperation with the Florida East Coast Railway is considered to be an eligible project; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has filed a pre-application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to provide long distance passenger service along Florida's east coast by making route and operational improvements to the existing railroad, building eight new stations and acquiring the necessary rolling stock;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that METROPLAN ORLANDO fully supports the application filed by the Florida Department of Transportation for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding to restore rail passenger service between Jacksonville and South Florida; and

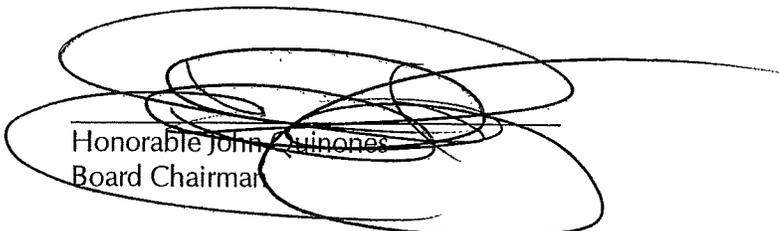
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that METROPLAN ORLANDO encourages the members of Florida's Congressional delegation to fully support the state's grant application and that they actively promote the value of this project with officials from the United States Department of Transportation and President Obama; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that METROPLAN ORLANDO urges the United States Department of Transportation to approve funding for the restoration of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast.

Passed and duly adopted at a regular meeting of the METROPLAN ORLANDO Board on the 12th day of August 2009.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairperson of the METROPLAN ORLANDO Board certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the METROPLAN ORLANDO Board.


Honorable John Quinones
Board Chairman

Attest:


Lena Tolliver
Recording Secretary



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February 11, 2010

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Volusia County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Volusia County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Sue Williams
President

cc: Board of Directors
New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Volusia County coastal communities; and

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WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of New Smyrna Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

36 **WHEREAS**, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project
37 (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the
38 State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan;
39 and

40 **WHEREAS**, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for
41 the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC
42 corridor.

43 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY**
44 **OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA:**

45 **SECTION 1:** That the City of New Smyrna Beach requests the
46 assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to
47 prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to
48 Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the
49 State of Florida.

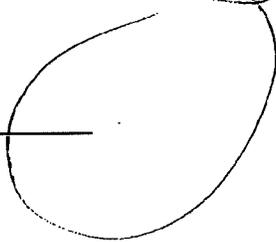
50 **SECTION 2:** That all resolutions or parts thereof that are in
51 conflict with this resolution shall be and the same are hereby
52 rescinded and repealed.

53 **SECTION 3:** That this resolution shall take effect immediately
54 upon its final adoption.

55 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:**

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57 **FRANK B. GUMMEY, III**
58 City Attorney

59 **DATE:** 2/4/10 

The Within and Foregoing Resolution No. 08-10 as introduced and read before the City Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, at its Regular Meeting held at City Hall in said City on February 23, 2010. Motion was made by Commissioner Hathaway, and seconded by Commissioner Grasty, that said Resolution be adopted.

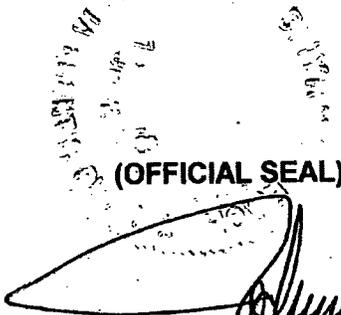
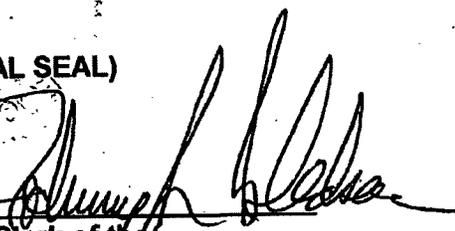
A roll-call vote of the City Commission on said motion to adopt the Resolution resulted as follows:

MAYOR ADAM BARRINGER	Yes
VICE MAYOR LYNNE PLASKETT	Yes
COMMISSIONER JUDY REIKER	Yes
COMMISSIONER J. S. GRASTY	Yes
COMMISSIONER JAMES W. HATHAWAY	Yes

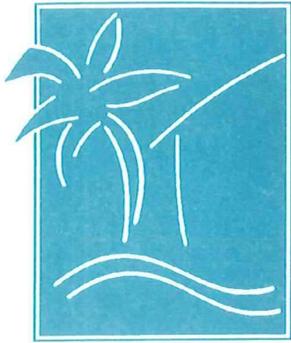
Whereupon, the Mayor of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, has hereunto set his official signature, duly attested by the City Clerk, and has caused the Official Seal of said City to be hereunto affixed for the purpose of authenticity and as is required by law.


As Mayor of the City of New
Smyrna Beach, Florida

(OFFICIAL SEAL)



As City Clerk of the
City of New Smyrna Beach,
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Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

February 9, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the City of New Smyrna Beach Community Redevelopment Agency regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Volusia County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Volusia County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Commissioners of the City of New Smyrna Beach Community Redevelopment Agency resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Steve Dennis
CRA Vice-Chair

Cc: Adam Barringer, Mayor
Pam Brangaccio, City Manager
CRA Commissioners



NEW SMYRNA BEACH BOARD OF REALTORS, INC.

725 W. CANAL STREET
NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA 32168
TELEPHONE: (386) 428-2104 FAX: (386) 426-6564
WEBSITE: NewSmyrnaBeachBoard.com

Resolution

Whereas, the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors is committed to the economic prosperity and responsible growth of its community, while equally committed to preserving its special and unique qualities and character; and

Whereas, the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors recognizes that a substantial portion of our local economy is dependent on visitors to our area who appreciate and come to share the special and unique qualities and character; and to those traveling through to another destination who may have a break in their journey; and

Whereas, the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors supports the efforts to protectively promote assets of our community that attract visitors and encourage travel throughout the state; and

Whereas, the New Smyrna Board of Realtors recognizes that the New Smyrna area is one among many of the visitor-attractive assets of the community; and

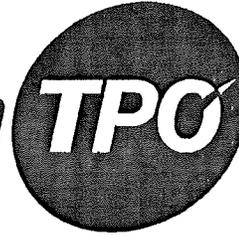
Whereas, the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors understands the need for passenger rail transportation into and through the New Smyrna area to meet demands; and

Whereas, the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors is aware of the considerable efforts involving great time and expense to work with homeowners, business proprietors, and local interested organizations, agencies and individuals to expand opportunities to the New Smyrna area that will add value to and preserves the character of the New Smyrna area; and

Whereas, the mission statement of the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors and National Association of Realtors includes protecting private property rights, including commercial as well as home owners;

Now, Therefore, does the Board of Directors of the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors wholeheartedly Resolve to support the approval of the AmTrak passenger railway station to be a part of the New Smyrna area. And, therefore, does the Board of Directors of the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors further urge all responsible elected and appointed officials, its own membership and local individual citizens to support and facilitate the addition of this positive improvement to our community.

Approved unanimously by the Board of Directors of the New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors on
February 22, 2010. Terri Jackson, President



**RESOLUTION 2008 – 18
NORTH FLORIDA TPO SUPPORTS AMTRAK
SERVICE USING THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY**

WHEREAS, the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization (North Florida TPO) is the lead transportation planning agency for Clay, Duval, Nassau and St. Johns Counties; and

WHEREAS, the North Florida TPO believes that a strong intercity rail passenger system is vital to America; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak offers passenger service from Jacksonville to Miami on its Silver Star and Silver Meteor trains using routes that are long and not the most direct; and

WHEREAS, while Amtrak set record ridership numbers in 2007, the Southeast is one of the most underserved regions in the country when it comes to rail; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak service in Florida could expand using the quicker route over the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway allowing for stops in cities like St. Augustine, Daytona Beach, Fort Pierce, West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale; and

WHEREAS, passenger service on the FEC ended in 1968 and Amtrak has discussed the possibility of using the lines, the last time in 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida East Coast Railway would form a partnership to further discuss the possibility of Amtrak service over the FEC, identify the associated improvement costs and funding options;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Florida Transportation Planning Organization strongly encourages and endorses a feasibility study among Amtrak, FDOT and the FEC to examine the viability of passenger rail service over the FEC and that a dialogue resume at the earliest possible time.

Adopted by the North Florida TPO in regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville the 13th day of November 2008.

ATTEST:

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The Honorable Art Graham, Chairman

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Denise Bunnewith, Executive Director

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FLORIDA COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 2009-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Village of North Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Village of North Palm Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) in an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

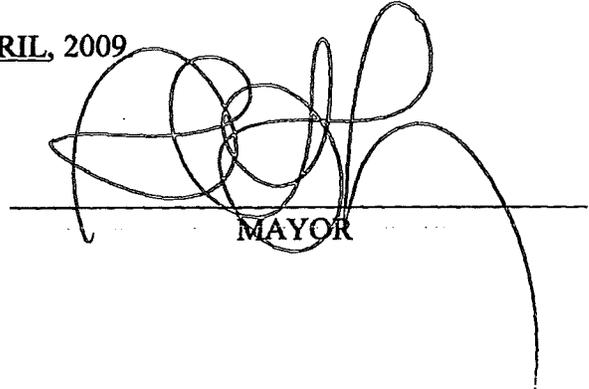
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The Village Council of the Village of North Palm Beach hereby requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

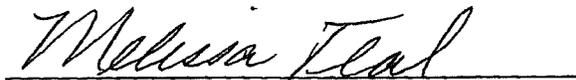
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th DAY OF APRIL, 2009

(Village Seal)



MAYOR

ATTEST:


VILLAGE CLERK

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

2009-05

Requesting

**GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS PRIORITIZE
THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR
PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF
THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE
STATE OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's East Coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas in Northeast Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's East Coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's East Coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Northeast Florida and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's East Coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

Resolution

Northeast Florida Regional Council

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Northeast Florida Regional Council requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Adopted by the Northeast Florida Regional Council in a regular meeting assembled in the City of Jacksonville, this second day of July 2009.



Michael H. Boyle

The Honorable Michael H. Boyle

President

Brian D. Teeple

Brian D. Teeple
CEO

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RESOLUTION 2010-11

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, VOLUSIA COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND AS PART OF FLORIDA'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traveling or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Oak Hill; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtown built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Oak Hill and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida as part of Florida's statewide transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Amtrack is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrack service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City of Oak Hill strongly supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor, specifically in the form of Amtrak, from Jacksonville to Miami. The City of Oak Hill requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as part of Florida's statewide transportation network.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase of the Resolution is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, that holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

Section 3. Conflicting Resolutions. All resolutions, or parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith, or contrary hereto are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

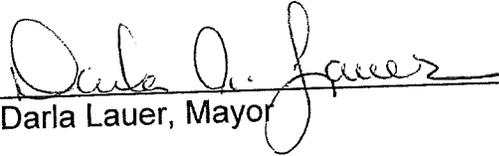
It was moved by Commissioner Marcello and seconded by Commissioner Hyatt that said Resolution 2010-11, be passed on first reading. A roll call vote of the City Commission on said motion resulted as follows:

Mayor Lauer, Mayor	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Hyatt, Seat #4	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marcello, Seat #1	<u>Yes</u>
Vice-Mayor Cook, Seat #2	<u>Yes</u>

Commissioner Bittle, Seat #3

Absent

Passed upon first reading this 14th day of June, 2010.



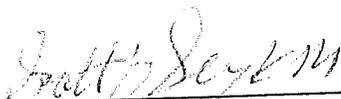
Darla Lauer, Mayor

ATTEST:



Virginia Haas
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality for the use and reliance of the City of Oak Hill, Florida, only.



Scott E. Simpson, City Attorney

TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, ELECTING A MAYOR FOR THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA.

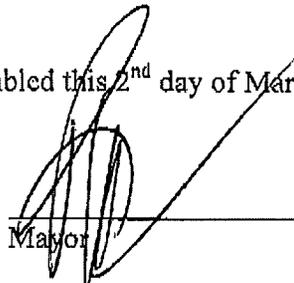
WHEREAS, the Municipal election in the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, was held February 10, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter requires that a Mayor be selected from among its members by the Town Commission, and

WHEREAS, the Town Charter further requires that the Mayor be selected at the first regular meeting following the Town Election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Kenneth Kaleel is hereby elected Mayor of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, to hold office until the first Regular Commission meeting following the Town Election of 2010.

Passed and adopted in regular session assembled this 2nd day of March, 2009.

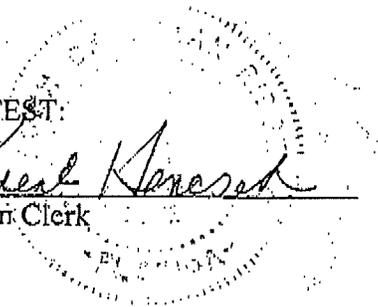


Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding

**SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING
AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN
JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI ON
FLORIDA'S EAST COAST RAILROAD
THROUGH THE HIGH SPEED INTERCITY
RAIL PROGRAM**

Resolution No. 2009-M-35

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a bold vision to help address the nation's transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, improved passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami will connect to South Florida's Tri-Rail system and will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system; and

WHEREAS, concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

WHEREAS, passenger service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami was discontinued in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation system which will significantly enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the Central Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, improving passenger rail between Jacksonville and Miami will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida that:

Section 1. The Orange County Board of County Commissioners supports the Florida Department of Transportation's application for Track 2 funding within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program for passenger service between Jacksonville and Miami on Florida's East Coast Railroad.

ADOPTED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: David C. Heath Jr
Richard T. Crotty
Orange County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk



RESOLUTION NO.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR
FUNDING AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE
AND MIAMI ON FLORIDA'S EAST COAST RAILROAD
THROUGH THE HIGH SPEED INTERCITY RAIL
PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a new vision to help address the Nation's Transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application for to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, improved passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami will connect to South Florida's Tri-Rail system and will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system; and

WHEREAS, concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

WHEREAS, passenger service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami was discontinued in 1968; and

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation systems throughout all of Florida that will contribute significantly to enhancing the vitality, quality of life for all those who visit and live in Florida; and

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Resolution No.

WHEREAS, improving passenger rail between Jacksonville and Miami will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide green house gas emissions.

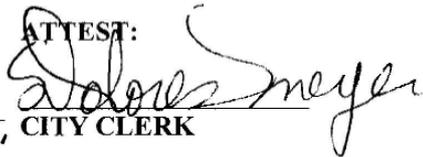
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida that the City of Orlando supports the Florida High Speed Rail Program for Track 2 funding within the ARRA High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program for the Florida East Coast service.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Orlando, Florida this ____ day of _____, 2009.

CITY OF ORLANDO



MAYOR *Johnson*

ATTEST:

ASST. CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION 2010-10

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (IN THE FORM OF AMTRAK SERVICE) FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI AND REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE PROJECT AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND AS PART OF FLORIDA'S STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Ormond Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida as part of Florida's statewide transportation network; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

SECTION ONE. The City Commission strongly supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor, specifically in the form of Amtrak, from Jacksonville to Miami.

SECTION TWO. The City Commission requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as part of Florida's statewide transportation network.

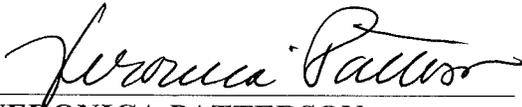
SECTION THREE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AND AUTHENTICATED this 19th day of January, 2010.



FRED COSTELLO
Mayor

ATTEST:



VERONICA PATTERSON
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 09-068R

A RESOLUTION OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING AMTRAK SERVICE BETWEEN JACKSONVILLE AND MIAMI ON FLORIDA'S EAST COAST RAILROAD THROUGH THE HIGH SPEED INTERCITY RAIL PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a new vision to help address the Nation's Transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application for to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, improved passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami will connect to South Florida's Tri-Rail system, and will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system; and

WHEREAS, concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

WHEREAS, passenger service on the Florida East Coast corridor between Jacksonville and Miami was discontinued in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Osceola County is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation system throughout all of Florida, that will contribute significantly to enhancing the vitality and quality of life for all those who visit and live in Florida; and

WHEREAS, improving passenger rail between Jacksonville and Miami will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide green house gas emissions.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, that Osceola County supports the Florida High Speed Rail Program for Track 2 funding within the ARRA High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program for the Florida East Coast service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, this 17th day of August, 2009.

**OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

By: _____

~~Chairman/Vice-Chairman~~

ATTEST:

Paula J. Carpenter
CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK



8/18/09 *Chairman*

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAYFRONT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas throughout the 326 mile long corridor; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad including the City of Palm Bay; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired along Florida's east coast and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the population along Florida's east coast to be served by the project is estimated at 8.3 million; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAYFRONT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Bayfront Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palm Bay requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the enactment date.

This resolution was duly enacted at Meeting No. 2009-07, of the Bayfront Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on July 14, 2009.



Michael McGarry, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



Carol Gerundo, SECRETARY

cc: 7-15-2009

L. Feldman, City Manager
S. Hann, Deputy City Manager
A. Passmore, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 09-0960

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Palm Beach County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Vana who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burt Aaronson and upon being put to vote, the motion passed as follows:

Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman	Aye
Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman	Aye
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus	Aye
Commissioner Shelley Vana	Aye
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams	Aye
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria	Aye
Vacant	

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted

this 16th day of June, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By:  Deputy Clerk


STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH,
I, SHARON R. BOCK, Clerk and Comptroller,
certify this to be a true and correct copy of the original
filed in my office on June 16, 2009
dated at West Palm Beach, FL on 6-17-2009
By:  Deputy Clerk


RESOLUTION 09-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC. REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

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WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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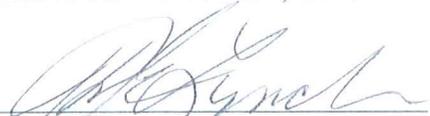
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SECTION 2: The Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc., requests that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Crist, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the Florida Department of Transportation.

SECTION 3: This Resolution was proposed and became effective immediately upon its adoption by the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc., at its regular meeting of June 24, 2009.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of June, 2009

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY
LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC.



Mayor Thomas E. Lynch, President

(SEAL)

ATTEST:



Mo Thornton, Secretary/Treasurer



July 1, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

Charlie

I am writing to express the strong support of the Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee on June 4, 2009 regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Palm Beach County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Palm Beach County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Overall Economic Development Program (OEDP) Committee resoundingly requests your office to prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping to secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jeff Koons
Chairman

c: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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July 1, 2009

Ms. Stephanie C. Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Secretary Kopelousos: *Stephanie*

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RESOLUTION 54, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's East Coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's East Coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's East Coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Palm Beach Gardens and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has deemed approval of this Resolution to be in the best interest of the citizens and residents of the City of Palm Beach Gardens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

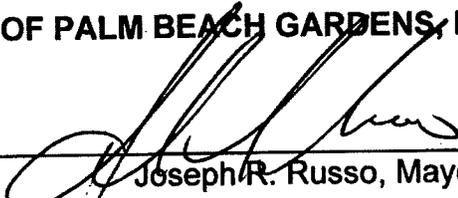
SECTION 2. The City Council requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

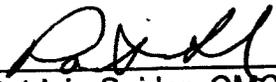
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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June, 2009.

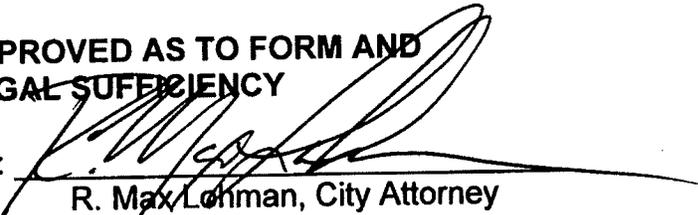
CITY OF PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA

BY: 
Joseph R. Russo, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: 
Patricia Snider, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: 
R. Max Lehman, City Attorney

VOTE:

AYE NAY ABSENT

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RESOLUTION MPO 5-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT:

The Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organization requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Mayor Jeff Clemens who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Susan Haynie, and upon being put to a vote, the motion passed. The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly adopted this 21 day of May, 2009.

PALM BEACH METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

By:  _____
Chairman

ATTEST:

By:  _____
Executive Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  _____
Assistant County Attorney

RESOLUTION 2009 - 103
PRIORITIZE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Palm Coast and Flagler County; and

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. REQUEST TO GOVERNOR CRIST AND FDOT SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS. The City of Palm Coast requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any section or portion of a section of this Resolution proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this Resolution.

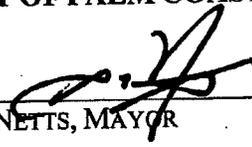
SECTION 4. CONFLICTS. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take any actions necessary to implement the action taken in this Resolution.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

DULY ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, on this
2nd day of June 2009.

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA



JON NETTS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Daniel E. Davis, CMC
Deputy City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality



William E. Reischmann, Jr., Esq.
City Attorney



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R-13

RESOLUTION NO. 3229

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Railway ("FEC") corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas in Broward County, which enabled residents of the City of Pembroke Pines to travel to areas along the east coast of Florida and other areas in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Pembroke Pines, Broward County, and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

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WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA THAT:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 2009-R-13

RESOLUTION NO. 3229

Section 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Commission of the City of Pembroke Pines, Florida requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, and Michael J. Busha, Executive Director of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Section 4. All resolutions or parts of resolutions on in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

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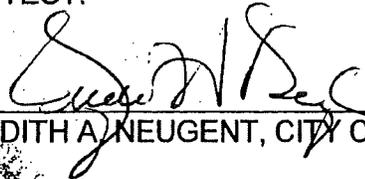
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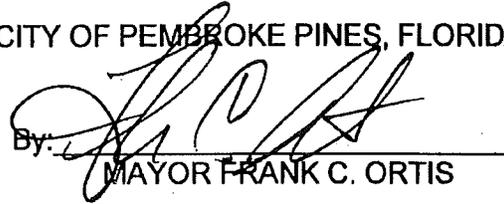
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA, THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2009.

ATTEST:



JUDITH A. NEUGENT, CITY CLERK

CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA



MAYOR FRANK C. ORTIS

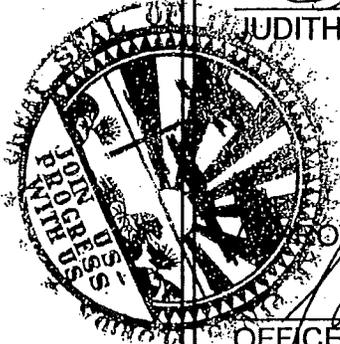
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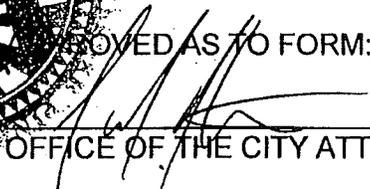
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:


OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

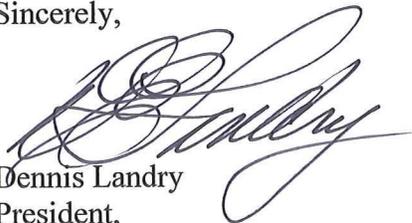
Dear Governor Crist:

I write to express our strong and unqualified support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast.

Passenger rail service along the coastline is clearly a missing piece of the transportation network in Port St. Lucie County and the many benefits of passenger rail are well documented. Passenger rail service would expand tourist access, provide a basis for expanded economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improving energy independence.

As the most significant provider of accommodations in Port St. Lucie we join a host of organizations in urging you to treat the Amtrak project in a manner consistent with its many potential benefits. We fully support the Amtrak project (the "Intercity Rail Component, FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Dennis Landry
President,
Perfect Drive Golf Villas At PGA Village

Amtrak, FEC Corridor

May 20, 2010

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Cc:

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos

Secretary of Transportation

Florida Department of Transportation

605 Suwannee Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director

Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

421 SW Camden Avenue

Stuart, Florida 34994

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 192

**CITY OF POMPANO BEACH
Broward County, Florida**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Pompano Beach; and

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City Commission of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

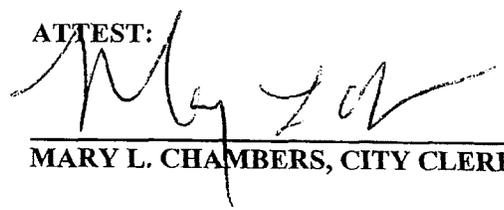
SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of May, 2009.



LAMAR FISHER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARY L. CHAMBERS, CITY CLERK

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FL

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DATE 6/22/09

RESOLUTION 09-R88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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STATE OF FLORIDA
ST. LUCIE COUNTY
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE RECORDS ON FILE IN THIS OFFICE



CITY CLERK

BY DEPUTY CLERK

DATE 6/22/09
(CITY SEAL)

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. They City of Port St. Lucie requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida this nd 22 day of June, 2009.



CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE

By: 
Patricia P. Christensen, Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen A. Phillips, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Roger G. Orr, City Attorney

RESOLUTION 09-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE REALTORS® ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY INC. REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Indian River County and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Indian River County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

REALTORS® Association of Indian River County, Inc. requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of June 2009.

Attest:

Carol J. Eisenmann

Carol W. Hawk

Carol J Eisenmann
Name President

Carol W Hawk
Name CEO

REALTOR ASSOCIATION OF MARTIN COUNTY

RESOLUTION 09-07-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE REALTOR ASSOCIATION OF MARTIN COUNTY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Martin County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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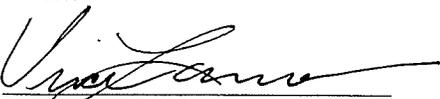
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Realtor Association of Martin County requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The President thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of May 2009.

Attest:



Vincent J. Laviano, CRB
President



RESOLUTION 09-01

A RESOLUTION OF The REALTORS Association of St. Lucie REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in St. Lucie County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

RESOLUTION NO. 85-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNER CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Riviera Beach; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Riviera Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Riviera Beach, hereby requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

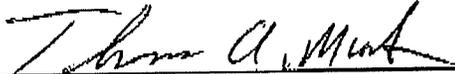
SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall become official upon its passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this 15 day of July, 2009.

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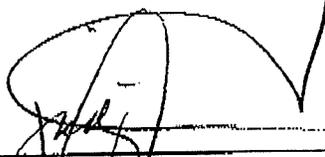
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MAYOR


DAWN S. PARDO
CHAIRPERSON

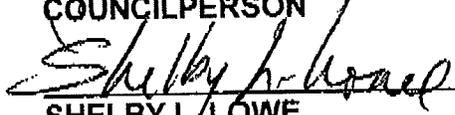
ATTEST:


CARRIE E. WARD,
MASTER MUNICIPAL CLERK
CITY CLERK


JUDY L. DAVIS
CHAIR PRO TEM


BILLIE E. BROOKS
COUNCILPERSON


CEDRICK A. THOMAS
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SHELBY L. LOWE
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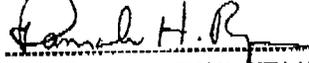
J. DAVIS AYE

B. BROOKS AYE

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PAMALA HANNA RYAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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May 11, 2010

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399

Dear Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos;

I am writing to express the strong support of The Road Runner Travel Resort regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Saint Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900's and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Saint Lucie County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

I, as owner Road Runner Travel Resort, resoundingly request your Office to prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely

Marilyn Minix

Cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional
Planning Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 652

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE SECRETARY OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor had historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas, including the City of Rockledge; and

WHEREAS, the counties and municipalities along the FEC corridor have historically developed around the train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Rockledge and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville to Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, both Amtrak and FDOT have already developed plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKLEDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida is requested to assist the City of Rockledge by prioritizing the Amtrak FEC Corridor Project from Jacksonville to Miami as a part of the State's Federal economic stimulus package.

SECTION 2. That the Florida Department of Transportation, through its Secretary, is requested to also

assist the City of Rockledge by prioritizing the FEC Corridor Project from Jacksonville to Miami as part of the State's Federal economic stimulus package.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be delivered to both the Governor's Office of the State of Florida and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rockledge, Florida, this 3rd day of June, 2009.

E. Georgia Phillips
Chairman, Rockledge City Council

ATTEST:
Betsi Moist
City Clerk

Board of Commissioners

Tom Price, Chairman

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Rochelle W. Lawandales, AICP,
RCRA Consulting Director

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May 27, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service, FEC Corridor

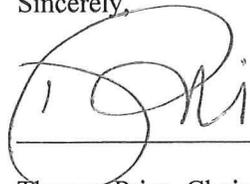
Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the City of Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency (RCRA) regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. These areas were formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and their communities flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The RCRA resoundingly requests that your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Thomas Price, Chairman
Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council;

1600 Huntington Lane
Rockledge, Florida 32955
321.690.3978

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May 27, 2010

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

RE: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service FEC Corridor

Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the City of Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency (RCRA) regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. These areas were formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and their communities flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The RCRA resoundingly requests that your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,



Thomas Price, Chairman
Rockledge Community Redevelopment Agency

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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RESOLUTION 2009-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine is home to the railroad depot, Circa 1883, for the railroad known as the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Halifax River Railroad which was acquired by Henry Flagler; and

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast and traversed or provided rail connections to urban areas like the City of St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast currently are implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine currently is seeking means for rehabilitation of its railroad depot, Circa 1883; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of St. Augustine and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

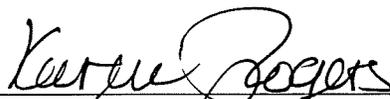
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Request for Assistance. The City of St. Augustine requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

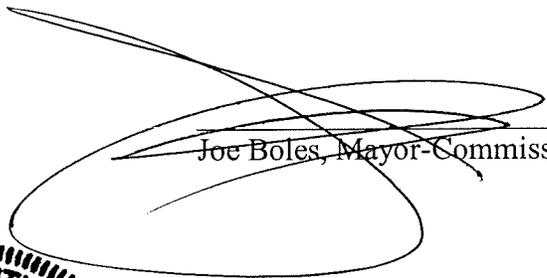
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission for the City of St. Augustine, Florida this 22nd day of June, 2009.

ATTEST:



Karen Rogers, CMC, City Clerk
(SEAL)



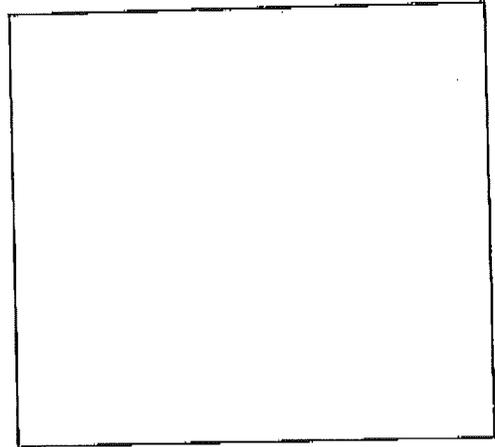
Joe Boles, Mayor-Commissioner



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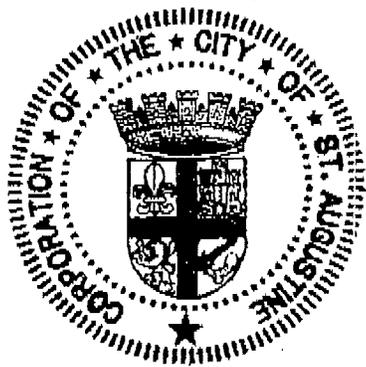
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CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE
COUNTY OF ST. JOHNS
STATE OF FLORIDA

I, Karen Rogers, City Clerk, City of St. Augustine, Florida, do hereby certify that Resolution 2010-16, expressing support for the State of Florida's AMTRAK/FEC Corridor Project application and identifying a locally preferred alternative for a station location that was approved by the City Commission on June 28, 2010, contains a full, true and correct copy as the same that appears of Record and on file in my office, City of St. Augustine, 2nd Floor, S.E., Elevator B, City Hall, 75 King Street.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, on this 30th day of June, 2010.



Karen Rogers, CMC, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 2010-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Augustine is home to the railroad depot, Circa 1883, for the railroad known as the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Halifax River Railroad which was acquired by Henry Flagler; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), in accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372, sent the City of St. Augustine advanced notification of High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail – Florida East Coast Amtrak Service (Federal Aid Project Number: FR-HSR-09-003), requesting all pertinent comments before April 24, 2010, and the City of St. Augustine passed and adopted Resolution 2010-11, identifying Alternative #2 (U.S. 1 at Carrera Street), as the preferred station location; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a public workshop was held on June 16, 2010, and the three (3) station locations identified in the advanced notification to the City of St. Augustine were evaluated with Alternative #1 (U.S. 1 at San Marco Avenue) being the preferred alternative of the design team, given technical, permitting and timing issues associated with Alternative #2 (U.S. 1 at Carrera Street); and

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of St. Augustine;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1: The City of St. Augustine strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project" with a station to be located in the City of St. Augustine.

SECTION 2: Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of St. Augustine has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is U.S. 1 at San Marco Avenue (Alternative #1) for the purpose of establishing the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami with a station located in the City of St. Augustine for the 450th anniversary of the founding of the City of St. Augustine and the 500th anniversary of the founding of the State of Florida. The U.S. 1 at Carrera Street (Alternative #2) station location remains the preferred station location when time allows for permitting of said station location.

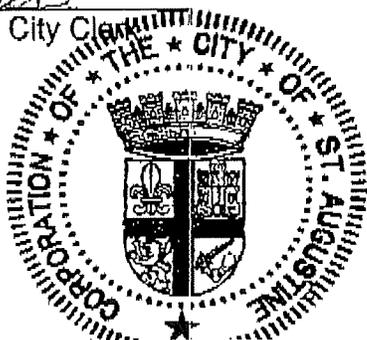
SECTION 3: The City of St. Augustine agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City of St. Augustine would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission for the City of St. Augustine, Florida this 28th day of JUNE, 2010.

ATTEST:

Karen Rogers
 Karen Rogers, CMC, City Clerk
 (SEAL)

[Signature]
 Joe Boles, Mayor-Commissioner



RESOLUTION 2009-03

**"THIS RESOLUTION OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ACKNOWLEDGING THE SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC
CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION."**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority (the "Airport Authority") jointly supports the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, several potential locations have been identified within or near the City of St. Augustine that could accommodate a future passenger transit station; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies, a series of preliminary station locations have been identified in or near the City of St. Augustine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority:

1. Supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";
2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies have preliminarily identified a series of potential station locations; and
3. Agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority, St. Johns County, Florida, this 14th Day of September, 2009.

**ST. AUGUSTINE-ST. JOHNS COUNTY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

By: _____

Kelly Barrera, Chairman

ATTEST



Carl Youman, Secretary/Treasurer

RESOLUTION 09-____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in St. Johns County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

COUNCIL ON AGING supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger transit on the FEC Rail Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami, specifically in the form of Amtrak; and

COUNCIL ON AGING requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 11 day of August 2009.

Attest:

~~Joseph L. Boles, Jr. Chairman/Mayor
St. Johns County Council on Aging, Inc.
St. Augustine, FL~~

Susan Johnson (Name) Notary (Title)



RESOLUTION 2009- 177

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPRESENTING SAINT JOHNS COUNTY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the coastal regions of St. Johns County and urban area of St. Augustine; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in St. Johns County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated into the body of this Resolution, and are adopted as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos in prioritizing the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 16th day of June, 2009.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Cyndi Stevenson
Cyndi Stevenson, Chair

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia De Grande
Deputy Clerk





COUNCIL ON AGING OF ST. LUCIE, INC.

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Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Council On Aging of St. Lucie, Inc., (COASL), DBA, Community Transit, the contracted provider for public transportation for St. Lucie County regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. St. Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in St. Lucie County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence. Community Transit will provide an intermodal connection at the chosen site to further connectivity throughout the County.

The Board of Directors for COASL resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Andre Hawkins, Chairman, COASL Board

Cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

RESOLUTION NO. 09-123

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like St. Lucie County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic down towns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in St. Lucie County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and Florida Department of Transportation includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The St. Lucie County Board of County Commissioners request the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

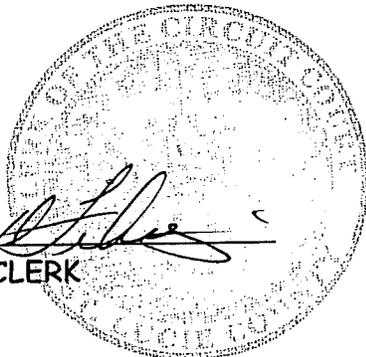
2. The County Administrator is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Governor Charlie Crist, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos, and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Executive Director Michael J. Busha.

After motion and second the vote on this resolution was as follows:

Chair Paula A. Lewis	AYE
Vice-Chair Charles Grande	AYE
Commissioner Doug Coward	AYE
Commissioner Chris Dzadoovsky	AYE
Commissioner Chris Craft	AYE

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2009.

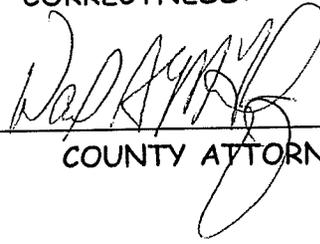
ATTEST:


Michele A. Liles
DEPUTY CLERK

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: *Paula A. Lewis*
CHAIR

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. A. ...', is written over a horizontal line.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Saint Lucie County

Hotel & Lodging Association

Michael J. Busha
Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, FL 34994

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July 20, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

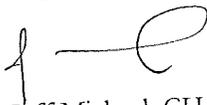
Mr. Michael J. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the St Lucie County Hotel and Lodging Association regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. St Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in St Lucie County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The board of the St Lucie County Hotel and Lodging Association resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Regards,



Jeff Michael, CHA
St Lucie County Hotel & Lodging Association
President



St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc.

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The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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Monday, May 10, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc. regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Saint Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Saint Lucie County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc. resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

John B. Culverhouse, Jr.
First Vice President,
St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc.

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



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Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Monday, May 10, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Ms. Kopelousos

I am writing to express the strong support of the St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc. regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Saint Lucie County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

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The Board of the St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc. resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

John B. Culverhouse, Jr.
First Vice President,
St. Lucie Historical Society, Inc.

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



RESOLUTION NO. 09-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LUCIE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization (St. Lucie TPO) includes representatives from the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, the County of St. Lucie, the School Board, and Community Transit; and,

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, and the County of St. Lucie; and,

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and,

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and,

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Fort Pierce, the City of Port St. Lucie, and the County of St. Lucie and throughout the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and counties and throughout the Florida's east coast; and,

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and,

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and,

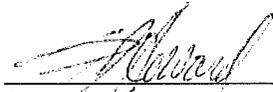
WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and,

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Lucie TPO requests that Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

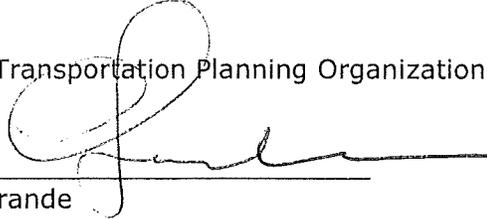
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2009.

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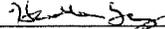
Sarah Howard
Secretary

St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization



Charles Grande
Chairman

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Heather Young
St. Lucie TPO/Assistant County Attorney

RESOLUTION 2009-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like St. Lucie County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in St. Lucie County, Town of St. Lucie Village and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village, Florida, on this 16th day of June, 2009.

APPROVED:
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF
ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA

By: William G. Thiess
William G. Thiess, Mayor

ATTESTED:
By: Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

I, DIANE C. ORME, Clerk of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Resolution 2009-08 which was duly introduced, read and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, held this 16th day of June, 2009.

Diane C. Orme
Diane C. Orme, Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R-09-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SEBASTIAN, INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Treasure Coast Region to urban areas such as Indian River County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Indian River County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City of Sebastian requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was moved for adoption by Council member Coy. The motion was seconded by Council member Simchick and, upon being put into a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Richard H. Gillmor	<u>aye</u>
Vice Mayor Jim Hill	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Andrea Coy	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Dale Simchick	<u>aye</u>
Council Member Eugene Wolff	<u>aye</u>

The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of April, 2009.

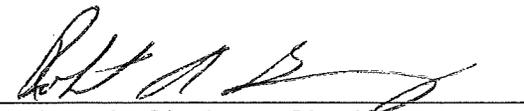
CITY OF SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA

By: 
Mayor Richard H. Gillmor

ATTEST:


Sally A. Mafo, MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality for reliance by the City of Sebastian only:


Robert A. Ginsburg, City Attorney

RESOLUTION 09-003

A RESOLUTION OF THE SEBASTIAN RIVER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPART OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Sebastian, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Sebastian, Florida and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT;

Sebastian River Area Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDTO Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 13th day of May, 2009.


Debbi Vickers, President

Attest

Beth L. Mitchell, Executive Director

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



August 17, 2009

Mrs. Noranne Downs, P.E.
District 5 Secretary
Florida Department of Transportation
719 South Woodland Boulevard
DeLand, FL 32720

RE: Seminole County's Support of the SunRail System in Central Florida
and High-Speed Rail System

Dear Mrs. Downs:

As Chairman of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing this letter pledging Seminole County's support of the Florida Department of Transportation's Grant Applications for the SunRail System in Central Florida along with High-Speed Rail Track 1 and Tract 2 that serve the State of Florida. This item was discussed as part of my report at our board meeting on August 11th, 2009, and the commissioners gave their verbal support.

Unfortunately, we cannot adopt, execute, and forward formal resolutions of support until August 25, 2009; our next regularly scheduled board meeting. However, our Board supports all three applications and we look forward to seeing the implementation of these critical projects to serve the traveling public throughout the State of Florida.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Bob Dallari, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

BD/JM/dr

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RESOLUTION 691

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Sewall's Point and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

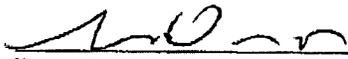
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

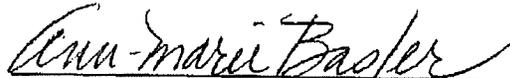
The Town of Sewall's Point requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 23rd day of June 2009.

Attest:



Don Osteen Mayor



Ann-Marie Basler Clerk

South
Florida
Regional
Planning
Council



August 3, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the South Florida Regional Planning Council's support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. We believe that this is an important component of an integrated multi-modal transportation system that complements and supports local, state, and federal investment in Tri-Rail and county operated transit systems.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Southeast Florida. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

We request that the state to work with Amtrak to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Carolyn A. Dekle
Executive Director

CAD/im

cc: Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary, FDOT
Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, TCRPC

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RESOLUTION 09-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in South Florida and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

WHEREAS, FDOT owns the South Florida Rail Corridor (SFRC) and substantial federal and state funding has resulted in the double tracking of the corridor and other substantial capital and operational improvements; and

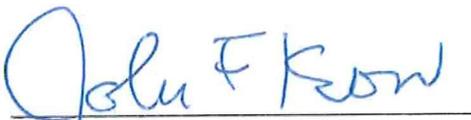
WHEREAS, the Amtrak stations in South Florida, from West Palm Beach to Miami exist on the SFRC and represent a significant public investment in infrastructure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY supports the Intercity FEC Corridor Project and the reintroduction of passenger rail service on the FEC Rail Corridor between Jacksonville and West Palm Beach, and continuing on the South Florida Rail Corridor from West Palm Beach to Miami, to be provided by Amtrak; and

THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Intercity Rail component identified as the "Coastal Route" in FDOT's August 2006 Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Vision Plan, which provides passenger rail transit service between Jacksonville and Miami as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 28th day of August 2009.



John Koons, SFRTA Chair

Attest:


Joseph Giuliatti, Executive Director

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA REQUESTING ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Palm Beach County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, THE Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1: The Town Council of the Town of South Palm Beach hereby requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Town Council.

Councilor Flagello offered the foregoing Resolution, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clayman, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

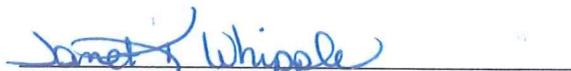
Martin Millar, Mayor
Charles McCrosson, Vice-Mayor
Dr. Joseph M. Flagello, Councilor
Donald W. Clayman, Councilor
Brian Merbler, Councilor

aye
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aye
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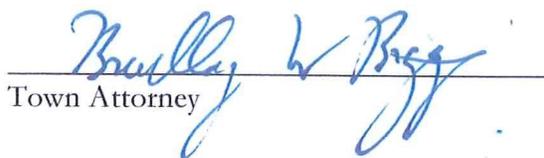
The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of South Palm Beach on this 25nd day of August, 2009.


Martin Millar, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

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February 11, 2010

Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Volusia County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Volusia County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,


Sue Williams
President

cc: Board of Directors
New Smyrna Beach Board of Realtors



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Michael J. Busha, Executive Director
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421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart, Florida 34994

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Mr. Busha:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Cities of Cocoa, Titusville, and Melbourne regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Space Coast Association of REALTORS® resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

James Johnston, CCIM
President

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RESOLUTION 06-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND PROVISION OF HIGH SPEED/ INTER-CITY PASSENGER RAIL (HS/IPR) SERVICE BY AMTRAK; MAKING FINDINGS; REQUESTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSIDER INCORPORATING DESIGN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL PROJECT PHASES OF THE JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI HIGH SPEED/INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT INTO THE FIVE-YEAR WORK PROGRAM; REQUESTING THE U.S. CONGRESS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDING FOR THE JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI HIGH SPEED/ INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT AND TO COORDINATE WITH AMTRAK TO ENCOURAGE THE RESOLUTION OF LIABILITY ISSUES; URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS, FLORIDA LEGISLATURE, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILWAY, AND AMTRAK TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI HIGH SPEED SPEED/INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL PROJECT A REALITY IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND SUBMIT THE PROJECT FOR ALL AVAILABLE SOURCES OF FEDERAL FUNDING; DIRECTING DISTRIBUTION OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, Amtrak was created by Congress by adoption of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-518, Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1330);

WHEREAS, Amtrak was created as the National Railroad Passenger Corporation;

WHEREAS, Amtrak is not a department, agency, or instrumentality of the U.S. Government (49 U.S.C. §24301(a)(3)), but Amtrak was created by Congress for the express purpose of operating a national rail passenger transportation system (49 U.S.C. §24701) and to operate commuter rail systems;

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Government's General Accounting Office, commuter rail has been defined as "a type of public transit that is characterized by passenger trains operating on railroad tracks and providing regional service" (U.S. General Accounting Office, *Commuter Rail: Information and Guidance Could Help Facilitate Commuter and Freight Rail*

Access Negotiations, Report GAO-04-240, 5 (Jan. 2004);

WHEREAS, numerous local governments along the East Coast of Florida have expressed an interest in the development of a commuter rail or high speed/intercity passenger rail system from Jacksonville to Miami;

WHEREAS, passenger rail operators, such as Amtrak, often seek to use existing track or right-of-way, which is primarily owned by freight rail operators, because the cost of building new infrastructure is too expensive (U.S. General Accounting Office, *Commuter Rail: Information and Guidance Could Help Facilitate Commuter and Freight Rail Access Negotiations*, Report GAO-04-240, 5 (Jan. 2004);

WHEREAS, the development of the high speed/intercity passenger rail service along Florida's East Coast is based on a plan by which Amtrak would provide service from Jacksonville on rails owned and maintained by the Florida East Coast Railway, switching in the West Palm Beach-area to rails currently owned and maintained by CSX Transportation, Inc., a Virginia Corporation ("CSXT"), and continuing service to Miami,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES, INC., that:

SECTION 1. High speed/intercity passenger rail from Jacksonville to Miami is needed by Floridians. Consequently, in an effort to move the project forward, the Florida Department of Transportation is hereby requested to consider incorporating design activities for all project phases of the Jacksonville-to-Miami high speed/intercity passenger rail project into the five-year work program.

SECTION 2. The U.S. Congress is requested to provide any necessary or appropriate funding for Jacksonville-to-Miami high speed/intercity passenger rail project and to coordinate

with Amtrak to encourage Amtrak to implement high speed/intercity passenger rail service from the Jacksonville-to-Miami within the near future.

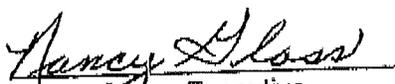
SECTION 3. The U.S. Congress, Florida Legislature, the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida East Coast Railway, and Amtrak are all urged to work together to make the Jacksonville-Miami high speed/intercity passenger rail project a reality within the near future. This includes submittal of the project by the State of Florida for all available sources of Federal funding, beginning with the pending round of HSIPR funds for which applications are due in the Summer of 2010.

SECTION 4. The Space Coast League of Cities, Inc., Executive Secretary is directed to forward copies of this resolution to: all Members of Congress portions of whose districts include portions of the Jacksonville-Miami high speed/intercity passenger rail corridor; Members of the Brevard County Legislative Delegation; the Governor of the State of Florida; the President of the Florida Senate; the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives; the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation; Amtrak; Members of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and to all Brevard County municipalities.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

SECTION 6. This Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Space Coast League of Cities, Inc., on the 10th day of May, 2010.

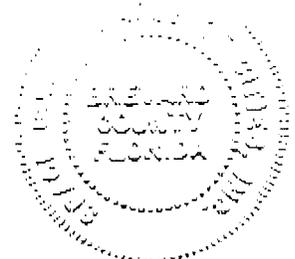
ATTEST:


Nancy Glass, Executive
Secretary

SPACE COAST LEAGUE OF CITIES,
INC., a Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation

By: 
Kathy Meenan, its President

(CORPORATE SEAL)





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September 18, 2009

Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Stephanie Kopelousos:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Florida's Space Coast Office of Tourism regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. Brevard County was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and our community flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Brevard County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

Florida's Space Coast Office of Tourism resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Varley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robert Varley,
Executive Director

cc: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

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RESOLUTION 10-03

RESOLUTION of the **SPACE COAST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION** requesting the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department Of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project from Jacksonville to Miami as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State Of Florida.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County, the Central Florida Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

THE SPACE COAST TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project from Jacksonville to Miami as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED THIS 9TH DAY OF JULY, 2009.

SPACE COAST TRANSPORTATION
PLANNING ORGANIZATION


LARRY L. SCHULTZ, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:


KATHY MEEHAN, SECRETARY



**BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 55-09**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing connections to urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Stuart and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

Resolution 55-09
Amtrak Passenger Rail Service

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Commissioner Waxler offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Krauskopf upon being put to a roll call vote, was as follows.

JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR., MAYOR
MICHAEL J. MORTELL, VICE MAYOR
JEFFREY A. KRAUSKOPF, COMMISSIONER
MARY L. HUTCHINSON, COMMISSIONER
CAROL S. WAXLER, COMMISSIONER

YES	NO	ABSENT
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ADOPTED this 18th day of May, 2009.

ATTEST: [Signature]
CHERYL WHITE
CITY CLERK

[Signature]
JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR.
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:
[Signature]
PAUL J. NICOLETTI
CITY ATTORNEY





**BEFORE THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-09 CRA

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of Stuart CRA and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

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WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

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WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

SECTION 1. The Board of the Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency, Florida requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

Board Member Wampler offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Rifkin upon being put to a roll call vote, was as follows.

- JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR., MAYOR
- MICHAEL J. MORTELL, VICE MAYOR
- JEFFREY A. KRAUSKOPF, COMMISSIONER
- MARY L. HUTCHINSON, COMMISSIONER
- CAROL S. WAXLER, COMMISSIONER
- SAMIA FERRARO, BOARD MEMBER
- GENE RIFKIN, BOARD MEMBER

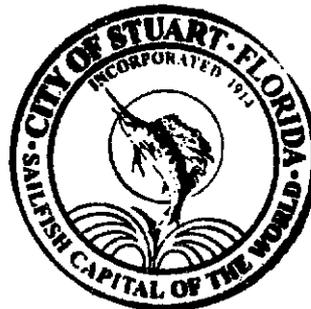
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ADOPTED this 22nd day of June, 2009.

ATTEST:
[Signature]
CHERYL WHITE
SECRETARY

[Signature]
JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR.
BOARD CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:
[Signature]
PAUL J. NICOLETTI, CITY ATTORNEY



RESOLUTION 09 – JUNE 9, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF STUART MAIN STREET REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's East Coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Stuart/Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Stuart/Martin County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term opportunities for projects; and

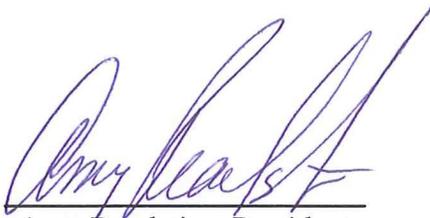
WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

STUART MAIN STREET requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the AMTRAK/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 9th day of June 2009.



Amy Pearlstine, President

Attest:



Patty McAuley, Secretary

RESOLUTION 09-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUART/MARTIN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Martin County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

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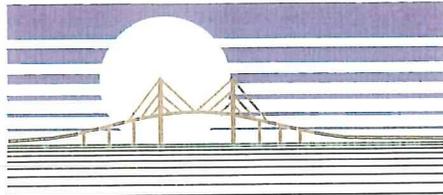
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Stuart/Martin County Chamber of Commerce requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of May, 2009.

Joseph Catrambone
President/CEO



Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

Chair
Commissioner Bill Dodson

Vice-Chair
Commissioner Jack Mariano

Secretary/Treasurer
Jill Collins

Executive Director
Manny Pumariega

July 9, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

As Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council I am writing to express my support for the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. With the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, the east coast communities flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the east coast is a missing piece of Florida's larger transportation network. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for the coastal residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence throughout the entire state.

I sincerely request your consideration and support for The Board of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council which is resoundingly requesting that your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

Manny L. Pumariega, AICP
Executive Director

RESOLUTION 27-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Titusville; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Titusville and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

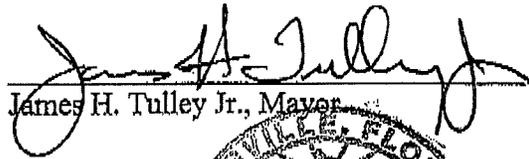
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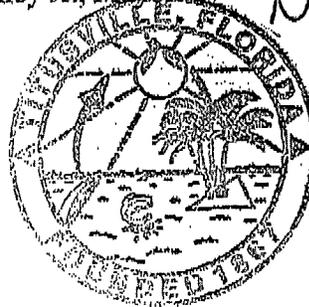
WHEREAS, the Intercity FED Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: City of Titusville requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 26th day of May 2009.


James H. Tulley Jr., Mayor



ATTEST:


Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 28-2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Titusville.

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Titusville;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

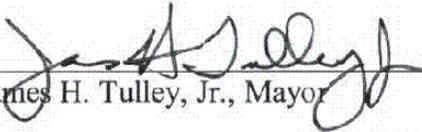
SECTION 1: The City of Titusville strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";

SECTION 2: Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of Titusville has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is 420 Pine Street, "The Historic Titusville Station", which is identified on Exhibit A; and

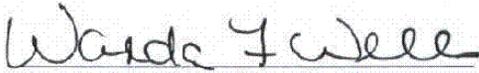
SECTION 3: The City of Titusville agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City will work with FDOT to determine appropriate local matching funds towards the project's capital improvements,

which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City of Titusville would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 8th day of June 2010.


James H. Tulley, Jr., Mayor

Attest:


Wanda F. Wells, City Clerk



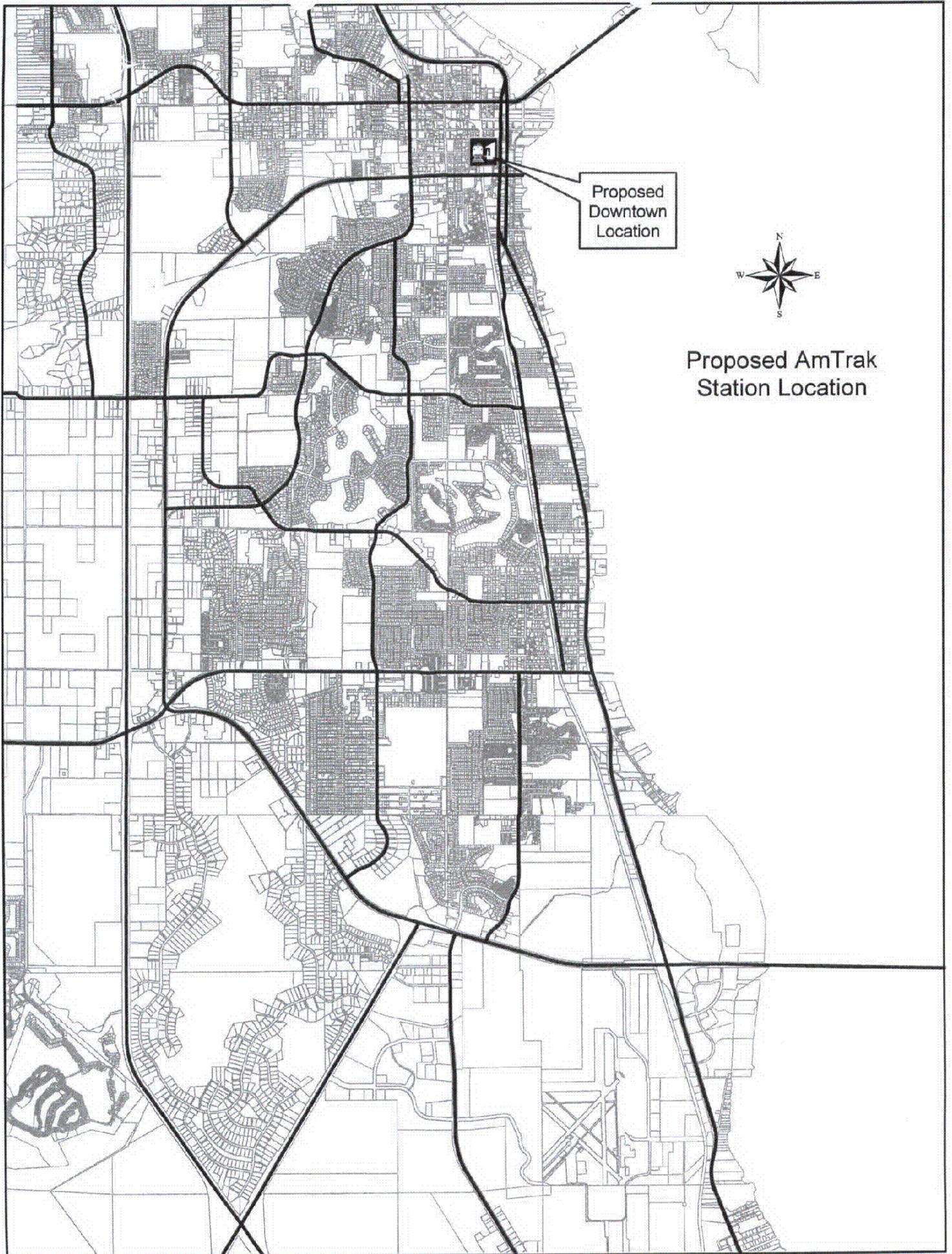


Exhibit A



TREASURE COAST COUNCIL of LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

COUNTIES

Indian River
Martin
Okeechobee
St. Lucie

CITIES

Fellsmere
Fort Pierce
Okeechobee
Port St. Lucie
Sebastian
Stuart
Vero Beach

TOWNS

Jupiter Island
Indian River Shores
Sewall's Point
St. Lucie Village

SCHOOL BOARDS

Indian River County
St. Lucie County
Martin County

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

June 2, 2010

Subject: Reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments regarding the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast. The Treasure Coast was formed historically with the introduction of Flagler's railroad in the early 1900s, and the communities flourished with the easy interconnectivity provided by rail transit.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network with three identified stops, Stuart, Fort Pierce, and Vero Beach. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The Board of the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments resoundingly requests the state to submit a joint Florida/Amtrak funding application for the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network, including the High Speed/Intercity Passenger Rail program and all other appropriate Federal funding sources. We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

James A. Christie, Chair

RESOLUTION 09-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Treasure Coast Region; and

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WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Treasure Coast Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Region; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, station locations in the Treasure Coast Region should include a minimum of Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, Stuart, and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 20th day of March 2009.

Attest:



Gary C. Wheeler, Chairman



Michael J. Busha, Executive Director

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

INDIAN RIVER - MARTIN - PALM BEACH - ST. LUCIE

MEMORANDUM

To: Governor Charlie Crist
Secretary Kopelousos, Florida Department of Transportation
Florida Congressional Delegation
Florida House of Representatives
Florida Senate

From: Michael J. Busha, Executive Director 

Date: June 24, 2010

Subject: Resolution Prioritizing the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project

At its June 18, 2010 meeting, Council passed Resolution 10-04 in support of the state supporting the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State of Florida

If you need additional information or assistance please call. Thank you.

Attachment

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RESOLUTION 10-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL REPRESENTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OF INDIAN RIVER, MARTIN, PALM BEACH, AND ST. LUCIE COUNTIES, FLORIDA REQUESTING ACTION BY GOVERNOR CRIST, THE STATE LEGISLATURE, FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS, AND FLORIDA'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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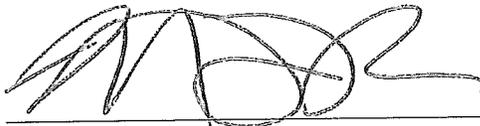
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

In order to facilitate the funding of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council request the following actions:

1) that State, Amtrak, and Florida's Congressional delegation work together to address any outstanding issues, including liability indemnification, to enable a joint Florida/Amtrak application to be submitted for Federal funding; 2) the Governor prioritize the project for all appropriate sources of Federal funding, beginning with the July 2010 round of HSRPR funding; 3) the assistance of Florida's Congressional representatives to secure Federal funding for the project; and 4) the FDOT Secretary program the project's design phases into the FDOT five-year work program.

DULY ADOPTED by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council this 18th day of June 2010.



Michael J. Busha
Executive Director



Samuel Ferreri
TCRPC Chairman



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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

September 16, 2009

The Honorable Charlie Crist
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor Crist:

The reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the corridor along Florida's east coast from Jacksonville to Miami has my strong endorsement. I hope you and Secretary Kopelouses are able to win funding for this project from the federal economic stimulus package.

For Central Floridians, the need to improve the mobility of people and commerce across our region is only too well known. Rail transportation must be a part of that improvement.

As a member of the board of the Central Florida Partnership, I know that reinstating rail service on the east coast is an important regional goal. The proposed passenger rail line will support the area's economic development, it will help us expand our tourism industry, and it will enhance the daily lives of millions of our fellow Floridians.

For the University of Central Florida—with campuses along the east coast in Daytona Beach, Cocoa, and Palm Bay—the proposed corridor line furthers our long-range strategic plans, aiding the growth of our regional campus system while reducing our institution's carbon footprint. Both are important goals for this university.

We appreciate your strong and progressive leadership for Florida, and I am hopeful that your advocacy for this passenger service on our region's behalf will prove successful.

On a closing note, thank you again for your continuing support of our College of Medicine, which has an inaugural class of forty-one terrific students, all of whom have full, four-year scholarships. The medical school and the medical city at Lake Nona promise to transform the Central Florida economy, and we thank you for your legacy to our area.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Hitt'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'H'.

John C. Hitt
President

C: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council



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REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

September 16, 2009

Stephanie Kopelousos
Secretary of Transportation
Florida Department of Transportation
605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Secretary Kopelousos:

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Hitt'.

John C. Hitt
President

C: Michael Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

RESOLUTION NO. 09- 13

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

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WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

This Resolution was considered on the 7th day of April, 2009, at which time it was moved for adoption by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Fish, and adopted by the following vote:

Mayor Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Vice Mayor Thomas P. White
Councilmember Debra Fromang
Councilmember William E. Fish
Councilmember Kevin Sawnick

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ATTEST:

CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Sign: Tammy K. Vock
Print: Tammy K. Vock
Title: City Clerk

Sign: Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Print: Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Title: Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Charles P. Vitunac
Charles P. Vitunac
City Attorney

Approved as conforming to municipal policy:

James M. Gabbard
James M. Gabbard
City Manager

**This document was prepared in
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Vero Beach, Florida 32961-1389**

RESOLUTION NO. 2010 - 16

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION; IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR A STATION LOCATION; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), is submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies a series of alternative potential station locations have been identified and evaluated in the City of Vero Beach, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the development of a future passenger rail station is an important investment for the future of the City of Vero Beach, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1.

The City of Vero Beach, Florida, strongly supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project;"

Section 2.

Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies, the City of Vero Beach, Florida, has evaluated several potential station locations, and although each could function as an acceptable station location, the locally preferred location is the Historic Railroad Station, which is identified on Exhibit A; and

Section 3.

The City of Vero Beach, Florida, agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations; (3) the City would work with FDOT to determine the appropriate local match, including obtaining financial commitments from Indian River County and other local municipalities, towards the project's capital improvements, which will be determined at a future date; and (4) once constructed, the City of Vero Beach, Florida, would be responsible for maintaining the station facility and amenities , subject to an interlocal agreement with Indian River County and other local municipalities.

This Resolution was heard on the 24th day of June, 2010, at which time it was moved for adoption by Councilmember Sawnick, seconded by Councilmember Abell, and adopted by the following vote.

Mayor Kevin Sawnick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Vice Mayor Sabin C. Abell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Councilmember Thomas P. White	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Councilmember Brian T. Heady	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Councilmember Kenneth J. Daige	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

ATTEST:

CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Sign: Tammy K. Vock
Print: Tammy K. Vock
Title: City Clerk

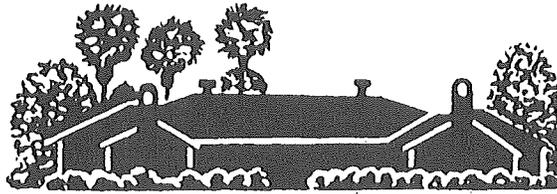
Sign: Kevin Sawnick
Print: Kevin Sawnick
Title: Mayor

Approved as to form and
Legal sufficiency:

Charles P. Vitunac
City Attorney, Charles P. Vitunac

Approved as to technical
requirements:

James M. Gabbard
City Manager, James M. Gabbard



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TREASURE COAST
REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

Vero Heritage, Inc.
Heritage Center / Indian River Citrus Museum

September 25, 2009

The Honorable Gary Wheeler, Chairman
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council
421 SW Camden Avenue
Stuart FL 34994

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Dear Commissioner Wheeler:

This letter is written in support of the proposed rail service for the city of Vero Beach.

The Board of Directors of Vero Heritage, Inc. has been briefed on the plans for rail service, including the station location summary, and we want to lend our voice to those in favor of establishing rail service on the Treasure Coast. Our building, the Heritage Center/Indian River Citrus Museum, listed on the **National Register of Historic Places**, sits immediately adjacent to the rail lines. Since 1935 those using our building have watched as trains passed through town... wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to, once again, greet visitors as they alight here in historic downtown Vero Beach!

We are very pleased to forward this letter to you and we hope that the Council is successful in their bid to bring train service to our area. Thank you so much for the opportunity to make our voices heard.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Graves Bass
President, Board of Directors



VOLUSIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor
State of Florida, The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Subject: ReIntroduction of Amtrak Passenger Service on the FEC Corridor in Florida

Dear Governor Crist,

The Volusia County Association for Responsible Development (VCARD) would like to express its strong support for the reintroduction of Amtrak passenger service on the FEC Corridor along Florida's east coast with a depot stop in Daytona Beach.

Amtrak passenger service along the coastline is a missing piece of the transportation network in Volusia County. Passenger train service would expand tourist access, expand economic development opportunities, improve interconnectivity, and expand quality of life opportunities for our residents. Transit is also a critical component of a sustainable transportation network, one that will help promote Florida's green economy and improve energy independence.

The VCARD board of directors resoundingly requests your office prioritize the Amtrak project (termed the "Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project"), from Jacksonville to Miami, as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida and as a component of the statewide transportation network.

We appreciate your leadership in helping secure this important investment in Florida's sustainable future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sans Jassiter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

R. Sans Jassiter, P. E.
Chairman
VCARD

AMENDED
VOLUSIA COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2009-21

**RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
REGARDING SUNRAIL, HIGH SPEED RAIL, AND AMTRAK PASSENGER SERVICE ON THE FLORIDA
EAST COAST LINE**

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization is the duly designated and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and programming process for the County of Volusia and the cities of Flagler Beach and Beverly Beach in Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization has long been supportive of and has promoted transit as a much needed and viable modal alternative in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization is aware that the Florida Department of Transportation intends to pursue and secure federal funds for three rail projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) High Speed Rail initiative; and

WHEREAS, the three applications for ARRA funds are (1) to begin construction on the Tampa Bay to Orlando section of Florida's High Speed Rail initiative, (2) to purchase the ROW from CSX for the Central Florida Commuter Rail project (SunRail), and (3) to initiate Amtrak Passenger Service along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County MPO has received requests from various groups, local governments, and governmental agencies seeking the MPO's support for several fixed guideway transit initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Volusia County MPO:

- That the Volusia County MPO reaffirms that SUNRAIL must be, as the future backbone to transit in Central Florida, the priority project for fixed guideway projects in Central Florida;
- That the Volusia County MPO recognizes the benefits of pursuing additional transit systems and projects in Central Florida and throughout the State of Florida;

AMENDED

- That the Volusia County MPO has been supportive of Florida's High Speed Rail Initiative and Amtrak Passenger Rail Service along the Florida East Coast since the early part of this decade;
- That the Chairman of the MPO or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the following:
 - (a) the Governor, State of Florida;
 - (b) the Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;
 - (c) the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection;
 - (d) the Interim Secretary of FDOT District V;
 - (e) the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; and
 - (f) the Members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance
 - (g) the Volusia County Council
 - (h) the North Coast Transportation Planning Organization
 - (i) the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization on the 25th day of August, 2009.

VOLUSIA COUNTY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION



County Council Vice-Chair Joie Alexander

Chairperson, Volusia County MPO

CERTIFICATE:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Volusia County MPO held on August 25, 2009.

ATTEST:



Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the Treasure Coast; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Village of Wellington and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Brevard County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

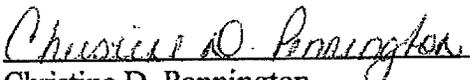
WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Melbourne, Brevard County, Florida, requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

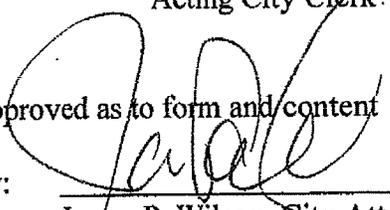
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THIS 19th DAY OF May, 2009.



HAL J. ROSE, MAYOR

ATTEST: 
Christine D. Pennington
Acting City Clerk

Approved as to form and content

By: 

James P. Wilson, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 200-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI), IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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WHEREAS, the FEC railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the City of West Palm Beach as well as many other cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of West Palm Beach and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, previous work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's East Coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) seeks to reintroduce Amtrak service along Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best public interest of the citizens of West Palm Beach to include of the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of Florida's economic stimulus plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1: The City of West Palm Beach hereby expresses its support for inclusion of the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of Florida's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan.

SECTION 2: A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos by the City's Planning and Zoning Director.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect in accordance with law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15th DAY OF June, 2009.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH
BY ITS COMMISSION
[Signature]
PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency
By: *[Signature]*
Date: 6-10-09

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH
CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

This copy is a true copy of the original on file in this office. WITNESS my hand and Official Seal. This 18th day of June 20 09.
City of West Palm Beach
By: *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2009-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, local governments and the private sector along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the City of West Park ("City"), Broward County and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak is well-suited to provide passenger rail service along Florida's east coast; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of Amtrak service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Government is seeking appropriate projects for inclusion in the Federal economic stimulus package to provide immediate and near-term job opportunities for projects; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) is an appropriate project for inclusion by the State of Florida in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan; and

WHEREAS, former work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.

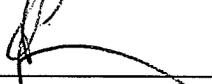
Section 2. Supporting the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project. The City Commission of the City of West Park hereby requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 20th day of May 2009.


Eric H. Jones, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Esther Coulson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.
City Attorney



Moved by: Dorsett

Seconded by: Brunson

VOTE:

Commissioner Brunson	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Commissioner Fyffe	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Commissioner Mack	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Vice-Mayor Dorsett	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)
Mayor Jones	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u> </u> (No)