

## EMAIL UPDATE SENT APRIL 6, 2010



# AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR COALITION

*Seeking to restore passenger service, in the form of Amtrak, on the Florida East Coast rail corridor from Jacksonville to West Palm Beach, and south to Miami*

This email is intended to provide information regarding the Amtrak/FEC Corridor project, which seeks to restore passenger service ~ in the form of Amtrak ~ on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to West Palm Beach, with service continuing through to Miami. Several project updates are noted below.

### **AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR COALITION:**

On March 26, 2010, a kickoff meeting of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Coalition was held in Cocoa's City Hall. Approximately 150 individuals participated in the meeting, which included presentations by:

- \* Doug Smith, Chair of the Martin County Commission
- \* Todd Stennis, Government Affairs Director of Amtrak
- \* Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation

A meeting summary is attached along with a compressed copy of the presentations made at the meeting. Higher resolution copies of the presentations along with other relevant project documents are available on our agency website ~ [www.tcrpc.org](http://www.tcrpc.org).

### **RECENT PRESS:**

There were several newspaper articles published immediately before and after the meeting, and links to seven articles are available below. Please send links to additional articles if we have overlooked them:

- \* Stuart News / tcpalm.com (March 26, 2010): "Officials Optimistic Federal Stimulus Money Will Come Through for Passenger Rail Service"  
<http://www.tcpalm.com/news/2010/mar/26/theres-lots-of-optimism-that-federal-stimulus/>
- \* The Florida Times-Union / Jacksonville.com (March 26, 2010): "East Coast Cities Push for Amtrak from Jacksonville to Miami"  
<http://jacksonville.com/news/florida/2010-03-26/story/east-coast-cities-push-amtrak-jacksonville-miami>
- \* Florida Today / FloridaToday.com (March 27, 2010): "Message: Work hard on Rail Plan"  
<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20100327/NEWS01/3270353/1006/Message%20%20Work%20hard%20on%20rail%20plan>
- \* St. Augustine.com (March 26, 2010): "Rail Project Still Stands a Chance"  
<http://staugustine.com/opinions/2010-03-26/rail-project-still-stands-chance>
- \* Metro Jacksonville / MetroJacksonville.com (March 25, 2010): "Jacksonville - Miami Rail Project Still Moving Forward"  
<http://www.metrojacksonville.com/article/2010-mar-jacksonville-miami-rail-project-still-moving-forward>
- \* Historic City News / www.historiccity.com (March 25, 2010): "Re-establishing the Amtrak-FEC Corridor Coalition"  
<http://www.historiccity.com/2010/staugustine/news/florida/re-establishing-the-amtrak-fec-corridor-coalition-2846>
- \* The Daytona Beach News-Journal / news-journalonline.com (March 24, 2010): "All aboard: Commission backs Amtrak train stop"  
<http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/flagler/2010/03/24/all-aboard-commission-backs-amtrak-train-stop.html>

The regional planning councils on Florida's east coast (North Florida Regional Council, East Central Florida Regional Council, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, and South Florida Regional Planning Council) look forward to working with you as the project continues to move forward.

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*NOTE: This Amtrak/FEC Corridor Coalition update was prepared by the  
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