

TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

54-2009

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; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along

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 |
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| 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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| 1 2 | PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Boca Raton this |
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| 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 | ATTEST: Susky Welchel Susky Whelchel, Mayor Sharma Hagerty, City Clerk |
| 12 13 14 15 16 | MAYOR SUSAN WHELCHEL DEPUTY MAYOR SUSAN HAYNIE COUNCIL MEMBER ANTHONY MAJHESS COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL MULLAUGH COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANCE J. SCOTT |