

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

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;

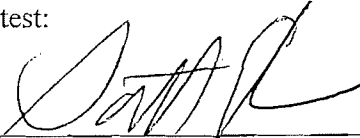
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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.

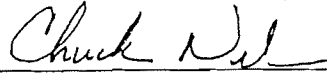
The Chair thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of September 2009.

Attest:



Scott Ellis, Clerk

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



Chuck Nelson, Chairman

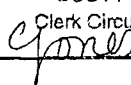
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As approved by the Board on _____

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.