

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

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 line Flagler 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 Flagler 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.

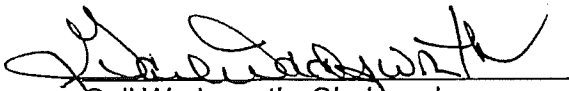
**NOW, THEREORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

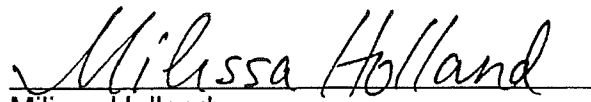
The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners requests the assistance of Governor Charlie Crist and FDOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

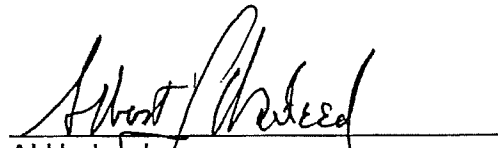
The Chair hereupon declares the Resolution duly passed and adopted this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2009.

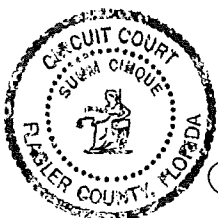
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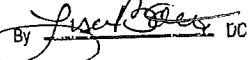
  
Gail Wadsworth, Clerk and  
Ex-Officio Clerk to the Board

  
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