

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.

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 THE FLAGLER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AFFILIATES, PALM COAST, FLORIDA as follows:

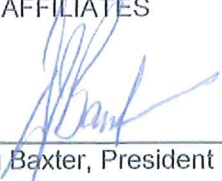
SECTION 1. The Flagler County Chamber of Commerce and Affiliates requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus package for the State of Florida.

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