

RESOLUTION NO. 09-140

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE REINTRODUCTION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST (FEC) RAIL CORRIDOR, AS PART OF FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN.

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 like the City of Fort Lauderdale; 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 the City of Fort Lauderdale 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 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 BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

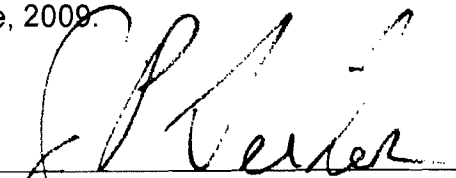
Section 1. The City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, FL hereby supports the reintroduction of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service on the Florida East Coast (FEC) Rail Corridor, as part of Florida's Economic Stimulus Plan.

Section 2. That the City Clerk is directed to provide a copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor; Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation; and Michael J. Busha, Executive Director of Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

Section 3. That if any clause, section or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.


Section 4. That the Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of June, 2009.



Mayor
JOHN P. "JACK" SEILER

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JONDA K. JOSEPH