RESOLUTION NO. 09-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA,
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 urban areas like Fort Pierce,
Florida; 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 Pierce 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
improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC
corridor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE AS FOLLOWS:
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The City of Fort Pierce 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been duly adopted this 6th day of April, 2009.

[Signature]
MAYOR COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

[City Clerk]
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)