TOWN OF HYPOLUKO

RESOLUTION 09-371

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
HYPOLUKO, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF
GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPELOUSOS TO PRIORITIZE THE
INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FLORIDA EAST COAST
RAILWAY ("FEC") CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO
MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE
FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.

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
Town of Hypoluxo; 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 Town of Hypoluxo and
throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved
mobility, especially between municipalities 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 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby ratified and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Town of Hypoluxo requests the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation 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 3. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April, 2009.

TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA

BY: ___________________________
Kenneth M. Schultz, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Barbara Searl's Ross, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

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Leonard G. Rubin, Town Attorney