

**RESOLUTION 2009- 120**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SUPPORTING THE INCLUSION OF THE AMTRAK/FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI) AS PART OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA**

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**WHEREAS**, the FEC corridor historically functioned as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas such as Vero Beach and Sebastian in Indian River 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 Indian River 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 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The INDIAN RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS strongly supports inclusion of the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

**THIS RESOLUTION** was moved for adoption by Commissioner O'Bryan, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Flescher, and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Wesley S. Davis, Chairman	<u>AYE</u>
Joseph E. Flescher, Vice Chairman	<u>AYE</u>
Bob Solari, Commissioner	<u>NAY</u>
Peter D. O'Bryan, Commissioner	<u>AYE</u>
Gary C. Wheeler, Commissioner Gary Wheeler	<u>AYE</u>

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of August, 2009.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
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Wesley S. Davis, Chairman

ATTEST:

J.K. BARTON  
CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT

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*Lena Allen, D.C.*

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
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COUNTY ATTORNEY