

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20

**A RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, IN SUPPORT OF AN
AMTRAK PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS AND RIDERSHIP
FORECAST FOR PASSENGER SERVICE ALONG
FLORIDA'S EAST COAST.**

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast Rail corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, beginning on the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations, including the historic Jacksonville Terminal and the Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center (JRTC); and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the First Coast Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and regions throughout the Region; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the Florida East Coast 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, Amtrak continues the expertise and knowledge to conduct an evaluation for new passenger rail service along Florida's east coast, including the First Coast region; and

WHEREAS, JTA has just completed a Commuter Rail Feasibility and the FEC corridor is identified as one of the top three candidates for passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, the current political climate is highly interested in funding passenger rail projects through highspeed rail, passenger intercity rail and commuter rail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the JTA Board requests the assistance of Governor Crist; Transportation Secretary Kopelousos, Congresswoman Brown, District 3; Congressman Mica, District 7; Congressman Crenshaw, District 4; and Congressman Stearns, District 6 to initiate a formal request to Amtrak for the preliminary feasibility analysis and ridership forecast for passenger rail service on the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor along Florida's east coast, specifically including Nassau, Duval, St Johns and Flagler counties.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19

RESOLUTION OF THE JACKSONVILLE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO REQUESTS SUPPORT FROM GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE FDOT TO INCLUDE THE JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI LINK AS A PRIORITY SEGMENT OF THE STATE HIGH SPEED RAIL PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville Transportation Authority has the authority to develop transportation modes that will serve the regional citizens of Duval County in partnership with the FDOT and other agencies as authorized by Chapter 341, Florida Statutes and/or by the Federal Transportation Administration Act of 1964 as amended:

WHEREAS, The Jacksonville Regional Transportation Center is being designed to serve rail transportation as an integral mode to include a return of Amtrak to a more central location and to support commuter rail services; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville to Miami (FEC) rail corridor could provide a major improvement to the mobility of Florida east coast citizens and visitors including some reduction of congestion along I-95; and

WHEREAS, The FDOT 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger service along this corridor as a potential route; and

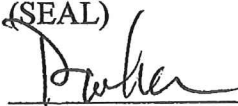
WHEREAS, Amtrak has indicated a strong interest in providing a new service along this corridor; and


WHEREAS, Jacksonville is already as part of the National High Speed Rail Plan as accessed from the north;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jacksonville Transportation Authority Board of Directors, Jacksonville Florida: that the Jacksonville Transportation Authority requests support form Governor Crist and the Florida Department of Transportation to include the Jacksonville to Miami link as a priority part of the State High Speed Rail Plan.

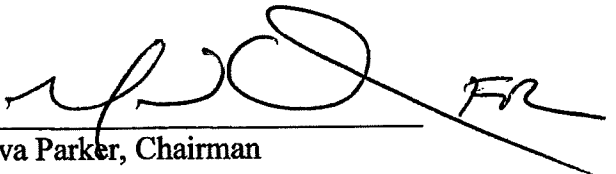
WE, the undersigned, being the Chairman and the Secretary of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority held on June 25, 2009.


Ava L. Parker, Chairman

(SEAL)

Donald P. Hinson, Secretary



WE, the undersigned, being the Chairman and Secretary of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority held on June 25, 2009.



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