

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, 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; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Space Coast Region; 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 Brevard 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 State of Florida; 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, including Brevard County and the Space Coast Region; 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 (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 MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. That the Town of Malabar 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.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Governor, the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and municipalities within Brevard County.

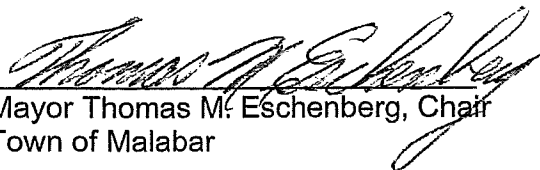
Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Borton. This motion was seconded by Council Member Vail and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

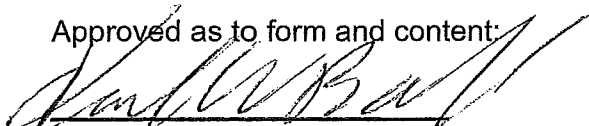
Council Member Nancy Borton	<u>NAY</u>
Council Member Brian Vail	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Steven (Steve) Rivet	<u>NAY</u>
Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Patricia (Pat) D. Dezman	<u>Aye</u>

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 18 day of May, 2009.

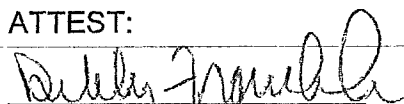
By:


Mayor Thomas M. Eschenberg, Chair
Town of Malabar

Approved as to form and content:


Karl W. Bohne, Jr., Town Attorney

ATTEST:


Debby K. Franklin
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)