

CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 11-460

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, 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 FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; 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 Margate, Broward 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 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 CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MARGATE, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That the above whereas clauses are adopted as set forth herein.

Section 2: That the City Commission of the City of Margate goes on record 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.

Section 3: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Florida, Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos, the Broward County Legislative Delegation and other members of the Florida Legislature.

SECTION 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 6th DAY OF MAY, 2009

ATTEST:


LESLIE RAE WALLACE
CITY CLERK


MAYOR ARTHUR J. BROSS

RECORD OF VOTE

Donovan Yes
McLean Yes
Talerico Aye
Varsallone Aye
Bross Aye