

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAYFRONT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) 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.

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 throughout the 326 mile long corridor; and

WHEREAS, Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad including the City of Palm Bay; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired along Florida's east coast 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 population along Florida's east coast to be served by the project is estimated at 8.3 million; 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 COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAYFRONT COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF PALM BAY, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Bayfront Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palm Bay 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.

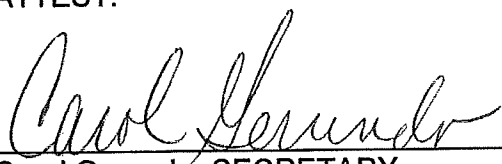
SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the enactment date.

This resolution was duly enacted at Meeting No. 2009-07, of the Bayfront Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Palm Bay, Brevard County, Florida, on July 14, 2009.



Michael McGarry, CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:



Carol Gerundo, SECRETARY

cc: 7-15-2009

L. Feldman, City Manager
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