

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-2009**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA REQUESTING 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; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**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 like Palm Beach 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 Palm Beach 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 BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:**

**Section 1:** The Town Council of the Town of South Palm Beach hereby 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 its adoption by the Town Council.

Councilor Flagello offered the foregoing Resolution, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilor Clayman, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:


Martin Millar, Mayor  
Charles McCrosson, Vice-Mayor  
Dr. Joseph M. Flagello, Councilor  
Donald W. Clayman, Councilor  
Brian Merbler, Councilor

aye  
aye  
aye  
aye  
aye

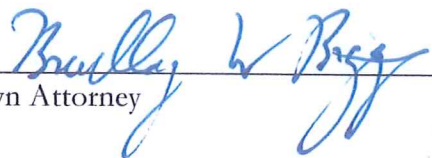
The Mayor thereupon declared this Resolution approved and adopted by the Town Council of the Town of South Palm Beach on this 25<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2009.

  
Martin Millar, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Janet K. Whipple, Town Clerk

APPROVED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

  
Town Attorney