

RESOLUTION 2009-03

**"THIS RESOLUTION OF THE ST. AUGUSTINE - ST. JOHNS COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY
ACKNOWLEDGING THE SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMTRAK/FEC
CORRIDOR PROJECT APPLICATION."**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority (the "Airport Authority") jointly supports the State of Florida, through the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), with submitting an application, in partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), to secure funding via the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for the restoration of "intercity passenger service" on the FEC Corridor from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) rail corridor initially operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast; and

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

WHEREAS, the project will create jobs, improve mobility, complement the state-wide transportation network, enhance economic development opportunities, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, several potential locations have been identified within or near the City of St. Augustine that could accommodate a future passenger transit station; and

WHEREAS, working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other agencies, a series of preliminary station locations have been identified in or near the City of St. Augustine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority:

1. Supports the State of Florida's ARRA funding application for the "Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project";
2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and other agencies have preliminarily identified a series of potential station locations; and
3. Agrees with the general project concept whereby (1) Amtrak would operate the passenger service; (2) the State of Florida would secure ARRA funding to construct the project's capital improvements, including basic stations.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the St. Augustine – St. Johns County Airport Authority, St. Johns County, Florida, this 14th Day of September, 2009.

**ST. AUGUSTINE-ST. JOHNS COUNTY
AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

By: _____

Kelly Barrera, Chairman

ATTEST


Carl Youman, Secretary/Treasurer