



**BEFORE THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY  
CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-09 CRA**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE STUART COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY 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.**

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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; 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 Stuart CRA 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 THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The Board of the Stuart Community Redevelopment Agency, Florida 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 upon adoption.

Board Member Wampler offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Rifkin upon being put to a roll call vote, was as follows.

- JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR., MAYOR
- MICHAEL J. MORTELL, VICE MAYOR
- JEFFREY A. KRAUSKOPF, COMMISSIONER
- MARY L. HUTCHINSON, COMMISSIONER
- CAROL S. WAXLER, COMMISSIONER
- SAMIA FERRARO, BOARD MEMBER
- GENE RIFKIN, BOARD MEMBER

YES	NO	ABSENT
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ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2009.

ATTEST:

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CHERYL WHITE  
SECRETARY

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JAMES A. CHRISTIE, JR.  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CORRECTNESS:

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PAUL J. NICOLETTI, CITY ATTORNEY

