

RESOLUTION NO. 09- 13

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND THE 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.

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 Vero Beach; 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 Vero Beach 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 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:

THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, 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.

This Resolution was considered on the 7th day of April, 2009, at which time it was moved for adoption by Councilmember White, seconded by Councilmember Fish, and adopted by the following vote:

Mayor Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Vice Mayor Thomas P. White
Councilmember Debra Fromang
Councilmember William E. Fish
Councilmember Kevin Sawnick

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ATTEST:

CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Sign: Tammy K. Vock
Print: Tammy K. Vock
Title: City Clerk

Sign: Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Print: Sabin C. Abell Jr.
Title: Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Charles P. Vitunac
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City Attorney

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James M. Gabbard
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