AMENDED
VOLUSIA COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION 2009-21

RESOLUTION OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO)
REGARDING SUNRAIL, HIGH SPEED RAIL, AND AMTRAK PASSENGER SERVICE ON THE FLORIDA
EAST COAST LINE

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization is the duly designated
and constituted body responsible for carrying out the urban transportation planning and
programming process for the County of Volusia and the cities of Flagler Beach and Beverly
Beach in Flagler County; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization has long been
supportive of and has promoted transit as a much needed and viable modal alternative in
Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization is aware that the
Florida Department of Transportation intends to pursue and secure federal funds for three rail
projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) High Speed Rail
initiative; and

WHEREAS, the three applications for ARRA funds are (1) to begin construction on the
Tampa Bay to Orlando section of Florida’s High Speed Rail initiative, (2) to purchase the ROW
from CSX for the Central Florida Commuter Rail project (SunRail), and (3) to initiate Amtrak
Passenger Service along the Florida East Coast Rail Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Volusia County MPO has received requests from various groups, local
governments, and governmental agencies seeking the MPO’s support for several fixed
guideway transit initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Volusia County MPO:

• That the Volusia County MPO reaffirms that SUNRAIL must be, as the future
  backbone to transit in Central Florida, the priority project for fixed guideway
  projects in Central Florida;

• That the Volusia County MPO recognizes the benefits of pursuing additional
  transit systems and projects in Central Florida and throughout the State of
  Florida;
AMENDED

- That the Volusia County MPO has been supportive of Florida’s High Speed Rail Initiative and Amtrak Passenger Rail Service along the Florida East Coast since the early part of this decade;

- That the Chairman of the MPO or her designee is hereby authorized and directed to transmit this resolution to the following:

  (a) the Governor, State of Florida;
  (b) the Secretary of Transportation, State of Florida;
  (c) the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection;
  (d) the Interim Secretary of FDOT District V;
  (e) the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council; and
  (f) the Members of the Central Florida MPO Alliance
  (g) the Volusia County Council
  (h) the North Coast Transportation Planning Organization
  (i) the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council

DONE AND RESOLVED at the regular meeting of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization on the 25th day of August, 2009.

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County Council Vice-Chair Joie Alexander
Chairperson, Volusia County MPO

CERTIFICATE:
The undersigned duly qualified and acting Recording Secretary of the Volusia County Metropolitan Planning Organization certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Volusia County MPO held on August 25, 2009.

ATTEST:

/Pamela Blankenship, Recording Secretary