

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;


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- 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