RESOLUTION NO. 2009-71

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
WELLINGTON, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF
GOVERNOR CRIST AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY KOPLEOUSOS 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
the Treasure Coast; 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 redevelopment historic downtowns built around train
stations; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Village of Wellington 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 re-introduction 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 BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA that:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are adopted as being true and correct.

SECTION 2. Requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jackson to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

SECTION 3. The Village Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution to The Honorable Charlie Crist, Governor, Ms. Stephanie Kopelousos, Secretary of Transportation and Mr. Michael J. Busha, Executive Director, Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council.

SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

BY: Awilda Rodriguez, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA

BY: Darell Bowen, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

BY: Jeffrey S. Kurtz, Village Attorney