

**RESOLUTION NO. 200-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING INCLUSION OF THE INTERCITY RAIL COMPONENT OF THE FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (JACKSONVILLE TO MIAMI), IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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**WHEREAS**, the FEC railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing or providing rail connections to urban areas like the City of West Palm Beach; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West Palm Beach as well as many other cities along 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 West Palm 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 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**, previous work by Amtrak and FDOT includes plans for the improvements necessary to initiate Amtrak service on the FEC corridor; 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 Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (Jacksonville/Miami) seeks to reintroduce Amtrak service along Florida's East Coast; and

WHEREAS, the Intercity Rail component of the 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, it is in the best public interest of the citizens of West Palm Beach to include of the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of Florida's economic stimulus plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1: The City of West Palm Beach hereby expresses its support for inclusion of the Intercity Rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of Florida's American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan.

SECTION 2: A certified copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos by the City's Planning and Zoning Director.

SECTION 3: This Resolution shall take effect in accordance with law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 2009.

(CORPORATE SEAL)

ATTEST:

*[Signature]*  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH  
BY ITS COMMISSION  
*[Signature]*  
PRESIDING OFFICER

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
Approved as to form and legal sufficiency  
By: *[Signature]*  
Date: 6-10-09

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PALM BEACH  
CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH

This copy is a true copy of the original on file in this office. WITNESS my hand and Official Seal. This 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 20 09.  
City of West Palm Beach  
By: *[Signature]* Deputy Clerk