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**RESOLUTION NO. 2009-52**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE ASSISTANCE OF GOVERNOR CRIST AND 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; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**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 Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties; 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 the City of West Park ("City"), Broward County 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 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.

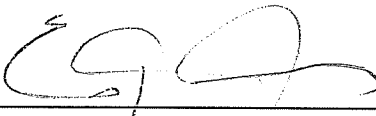
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WEST PARK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Adoption of Representations. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true, and the same are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution.


**Section 2.** Supporting the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project. The City Commission of the City of West Park hereby 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.

**Section 3.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

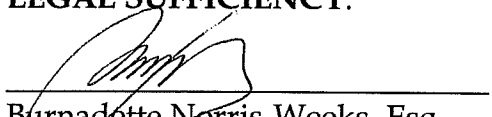
**PASSED and ADOPTED** this 20th day of May 2009.

  
Eric H. Jones, Jr., Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Esther Coulson, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

  
Burnadette Norris-Weeks, Esq.  
City Attorney



Moved by: Dorsett

Seconded by: Brunson

**VOTE:**

Commissioner Brunson	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u>      </u> (No)
Commissioner Fyffe	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u>      </u> (No)
Commissioner Mack	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u>      </u> (No)
Vice-Mayor Dorsett	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u>      </u> (No)
Mayor Jones	<u>✓</u> (Yes)	<u>      </u> (No)