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AMTRAK / FEC CORRIDOR PROJECT
High Speed / Intercity Passenger Rail Application

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Fun Facts
- One of eleven RPC’s
- Four counties
- 50 Municipalities
- 1.8 million people
- 3700 square miles
Florida Train Service ~ FEC

FEC/Henry Flagler

“Speedway to Sunshine”
A Rich History along the Corridor

Why Should I Care About the “Transit Network”?
Congestion or Mobility

Pick One!!
Congestion or Mobility

52 extra hours per year are spent stuck in traffic by the average S. Fla. Commuter
(up from 30 hours in 1990)

South Florida’s congestion costs, based on wasted time and fuel, was approximately $3 Billion in 2007

Texas Trans. Inst., 2007 Urban Mobility Study
We now know this is NOT TRUE

A Happy Motoring Society

Changing Demographics

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census of population, 1900, 1950, 2000
Predictability?

“Let our advance worrying become advance thinking and planning.”
-- Winston Churchill

Congestion or Mobility
A Paradigm Shift
• Rail – Applications and pre-applications have been submitted for the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program
  • Florida High Speed Rail Application
  • Amtrak - Florida East Coast Passenger Service Pre-Application
  • Central Florida Rail Passenger Corridor Application

Figure 5.6 Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service Vision Plan – Coastal Route

POTENTIAL NEW STATIONS (East Coast)
• St Augustine
• Daytona Beach
• Titusville
• Melbourne
• Cocoa / Port Canaveral
• Vero Beach
• Fort Pierce
• Stuart

EXISTING STATIONS (East Coast)
Jacksonville ..., West Palm Beach, Delray Beach, Fort Lauderdale, Hollywood, Miami

Other Existing Stations Include Orlando, Tampa, Winter Park, Sanford, Lakeland, and more.
$8 Billion High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program

Federal Railroad Administration

National High Speed Rail Network

Stimulate Economy

Effective Investment

Additional $2.5 Billion approved Dec 2009

Follows 2001 Plan

Eight New Stations

Miami Intermodal Center

90 mph service

Open to Service under 36 mos.

$268 million
Daytona Beach Special Events

Daytona Beach Destinations
I can’t wait to thaw on Daytona Beach!

Service Concept

- Four Trains / Day on FEC
- 2 Southbound trains from NY Split in Jacksonville
- 4 Northbound from Miami / 2 on FEC, 2 on SFRC/CSX
- Trains combined in Jacksonville
Application

- Partnership with Amtrak
- 100 percent Federal $ for capital improvements
- Cities maintain stations

Expectations

- 176,000 passengers/year
- ~ 6 hours travel time
  Jacksonville to Miami
- Corridor Economic Stimulus
  - 1,353 construction jobs (short-term)
  - 201 operations jobs
  - 3,322 land-associated jobs
  - $2B induced land development
Next Steps

- Award expected March 2010
- Organizing work
  - NEPA, Design, ROW, Construction
  - Review process underway
  - December 2012 Open to Service
- Preferred Station Sites to be Selected by Cities
- Continued Public Awareness

132 resolutions & letters of support and counting...