

Agenda Item #: **3A2**

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

Consent
 Ordinance

Regular
 Public Hearing

Department:

Submitted By: Legislative Affairs

Submitted For: Administration

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

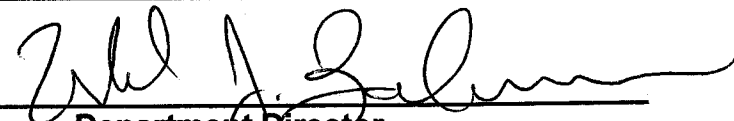
Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to adopt: a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County requesting the assistance of Governor Crist and Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the intercity rail component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State of Florida.

Summary: At the request of Commissioner Jeff Koons, staff was directed to draft this resolution.
COUNTYWIDE (DW)

Background and Justification:

Attachment:

1. Resolution

Recommended by:  6/4/09
Department Director Date

Approved by:  6/15/09
Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Capital Expenditures	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Operating Costs	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
External Revenues	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Program Income (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
In-Kind Match (County)	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
NET FISCAL IMPACT		<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

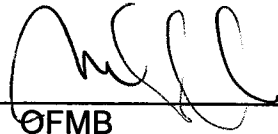
Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ___ No ___
 Budget Account No.: Fund ___ Department ___ Unit ___
 Object ___ Program NA

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:


C. Departmental Fiscal Review: _____

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Development and Control Comments:




 OFMB



 Contract Development and Control

B. Legal Sufficiency:



 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

REVISED 10/95
 ADM FORM 01

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment

RESOLUTION 09-

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY 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.

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 Palm Beach County; 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 Palm Beach 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 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

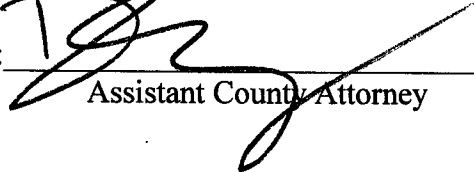
Section 1. Requests the assistance of Governor Crist and FDOT Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Amtrak/FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal economic stimulus package for the State of Florida.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ who moved for its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to vote, the motion passed as follows:

Commissioner John F. Koons, Chairman
Commissioner Burt Aaronson, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Karen T. Marcus
Commissioner Shelley Vana
Commissioner Steven L. Abrams
Commissioner Jess R. Santamaria
Vacant

The Chairman thereupon declared the Resolution duly passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:  _____
Assistant County Attorney

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SHARON R. BOCK, CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk