



MIAMI BEACH

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

NO. LTC # **012-2011**

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE: January 11, 2011

SUBJECT: CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH RESOLUTION NO. R2011-1.

Attached for your perusal is a copy of City of North Miami Beach Resolution No. R2011-1 expressing support for the Florida Department of Transportation's South Florida FEC Railway Corridor Project from Jupiter to Miami and its affiliated regional and county transportation agencies.

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RESOLUTION NO. R2011-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SOUTH FLORIDA FEC RAILWAY CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JUPITER TO MIAMI) AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS; AND ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION.

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway Corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad; and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, the public policy Eastward Ho!, developed by the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, provides guidance for improving the quality of life and managing growth including the redevelopment of eastern Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Southeast Florida Region 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 Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast would provide jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and

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WHEREAS, an integrated system of transit services is needed for existing and future travel markets including long-distance travel served by the South Florida Rail Corridor/ Tri-Rail Commuter Rail System, moderate-distance travel served by transit in the eastern FEC Railway Corridor, and local travel in the urban centers by local circulator services; and

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway Corridor right-of-way represents a unique and strategic transportation corridor that provides vital freight and transportation rail services to and from South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identified passenger transit along the FEC Railway Corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority Strategic Regional Transit Plan outlined transit corridor expansion alternatives, including the FEC Railway Corridor.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami Beach recognize the economic and social impact and benefits to our local community associated with the FEC Railway Corridor project and the potential station locations.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City of North Miami Beach, Florida.

Section 1. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, local governments, and other appropriate public agencies, a Locally-Preferred Alternative will be recommended to the Boards of the southeast Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the South East Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), and the Governing Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for endorsement/adoption.

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Section 2. The City of North Miami Beach agrees with the proposed transit station locations, as identified through a collaborative, public process in Phase 2 of this Study, particularly as they pertain to locations within the City of North Miami Beach.

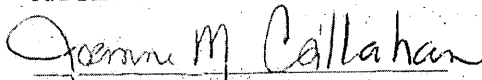
Section 3. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other appropriate agencies, the City of North Miami Beach agrees to support complementary land use policies, land development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Development Process.

Section 4. The FDOT, on behalf of all state stakeholders is encouraged to actively pursue obtaining shared access to the current FEC Railway Corridor with the purposes of reintroducing passenger transit services within the FEC Railway Corridor.

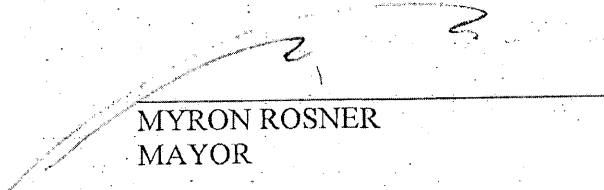
Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to forward a copy of this resolution to all appropriate public agencies, including County commissions and officials involved in regional transit planning; the SFRTA and its membership; the Florida League of Cities; the Florida Association of Counties; local government and chambers of commerce within the South Florida area; CSX Transportation, Flagler Development Group; Florida East Coast Railway, L.L.C; and aviation and sea port agency officials.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Council at the regular meeting assembled this **4th day of January, 2011.**

ATTEST:


JOANNE M. CALLAHAN
INTERIM CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)


MYRON ROSNER
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


DARCEE S. SIEGEL
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: Mayor and Council

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