

RESOLUTION NO. 44-10-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SFEC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JUPITER TO MIAMI) AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION.

WHEREAS the FEC Railway corridor was at one time 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 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 near-term 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

WHEREAS, an integrated system of transit services is needed for existing and future travel markets including long-distance travel served by the SFRC/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;

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 identifies 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 SFRTA Strategic Regional Transit Plan, outlined transit corridor expansion alternatives including the FEC Railway Corridor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LAKE PARK:

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.

SECTION 2. The Town of Lake Park 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 this jurisdiction, as appropriate.

SECTION 3. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other appropriate agencies, the Town of Lake Park 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 Lake Park Town 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 governments, 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.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Rumsey who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hockman and upon being put to a roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY
MAYOR DESCA DUBOIS	<u>/</u>	<u>—</u>
VICE-MAYOR PATRICIA OSTERMAN	<u>Absent</u>	<u>—</u>
COMMISSIONER STEVEN HOCKMAN	<u>/</u>	<u>—</u>
COMMISSIONER JEANINE LONGTIN	<u>—</u>	<u>/</u>
COMMISSIONER KENDALL RUMSEY	<u>/</u>	<u>—</u>

The Town Commission thereupon declared the foregoing Resolution NO. 44-10-10 duly passed and adopted this 6 day of October, 2010.

TOWN OF LAKE PARK, FLORIDA

BY: Desca Dubois
DESCA DUBOIS
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Vivian M. Lemley
VIVIAN M. LEMLEY
TOWN CLERK

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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

BY: Thomas J. Baird
THOMAS J. BAIRD
TOWN ATTORNEY