



***~RESOLUTION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW CORRIDORS~***

WHEREAS, Florida is projected to continue to experience rapid growth in population, economic activity, and domestic and global commerce; and

WHEREAS, by 2025, Florida is expected to be the third most populous state with over 24 million residents, currently adding approximately 1,100 new residents each day; and

WHEREAS, the number of out of state visitors traveling to Florida increased more than 50 percent over the past decade, and is expected to double by 2030; and

WHEREAS, demand for all types of passenger trips is expected to rise dramatically over the next two decades and this growth will place a strain on our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, forecasts developed by the Federal government suggest that more than 1.5 billion tons of freight will move to, from, and through Florida by the year 2025, and freight activity is expected to grow in all modes; and

WHEREAS, this strong demographic and economic growth will lead to continued increases in demand for moving people and goods, both between Florida's economic regions and between Florida and other states and nations; and

WHEREAS, Florida's geographical location requires that the transportation system also supports the safe, expedient, and efficient emergency evacuation of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, many of Florida's existing statewide and regional transportation corridors cannot meet this anticipated increase in demand due to constraints on adding sufficient new capacity to these existing corridors; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated funding shortfall of approximately \$53 billion through 2030 on the Strategic Intermodal System and traditional funding mechanisms will not be adequate to address this shortfall; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Commission finds that Florida's long-term economic competitiveness will require the development of new transportation corridors of statewide significance, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation's efforts to maximize the use of existing corridors and to develop modal alternatives for mobility of both people and freight; and

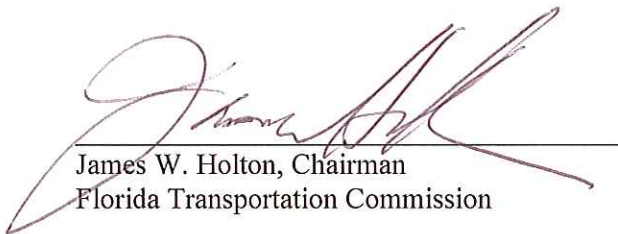
WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Florida Transportation Commission to provide leadership on issues related to Florida's statewide transportation needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Transportation Commission strongly advises the Department of Transportation to take under consideration the findings and recommendations on streamlining the project development process and on innovative financing and procurement methods encompassed in the "Summary of Discussion Sessions" report resulting from the New Corridors Charrette.

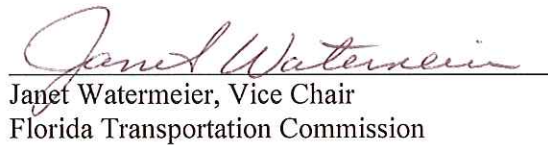
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the identification and implementation of new transportation corridors of statewide significance begin as soon as possible, take place within a 50-year planning horizon, and be based on the following guiding principles:

- a) Provide safe, efficient, and reliable mobility for both people and freight;
- b) Provide high-speed, high-capacity connections between Florida and other states and nations, or between economic regions within Florida;
- c) Balance mobility and economic competitiveness with community livability and environmental stewardship; and
- d) Be financed through innovative financing techniques including user fees and private/public partnerships to the maximum extent possible.


Signed this 7th day of September, 2006.



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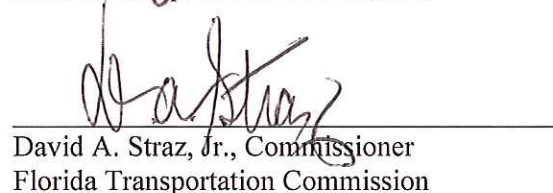
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