



**A RESOLUTION OF
THE FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION BY THE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FOR FUNDING
THE FLORIDA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a bold vision to help address the nation's transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood, and Florida's Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a nationwide High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation submitted a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System, as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan, published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Florida High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System connecting Tampa, Orlando and Miami will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system and, with concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation has obtained the majority of the right of way required for 90 percent of the corridor between Tampa and Orlando; and

WHEREAS, construction of the Tampa to Orlando segment could begin within two years; and

WHEREAS, this Florida High-Speed Rail project is a viable public/private partnership, based on previous ridership forecasts; and

WHEREAS, Central Florida is in final design of a regional rail system which could provide access to the Florida High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System, and the Tampa Bay Region has a light rail transit study underway which will increase rail connectivity; and

WHEREAS, a Florida High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System will support the efforts of Governor Charlie Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Commission has previously endorsed the use of multi-modes of transportation to efficiently move people and goods throughout the state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Transportation Commission supports the application for funding the Florida High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program.

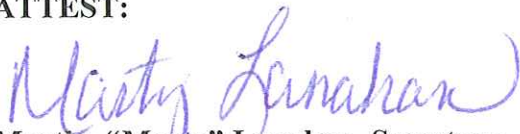
Adopted by the Florida Transportation Commission this 3rd day of September, 2009.

FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**Marcos R. Marchena, Chairman
Florida Transportation Commission**

ATTEST:

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**Martha "Marty" Lanahan, Secretary
Florida Transportation Commission**