

RESOLUTION NO. 2036-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WINTER  
PARK, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FLORIDA'S  
HIGH SPEED AND INTER-CITY RAIL  
APPLICATIONS

**WHEREAS**, in 1992, the Tampa-Orlando-Miami corridor was designated as the Florida High Speed rail corridor as one of our nation's ten national high speed rail corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida High Speed rail corridor would provide service to 12.7 million Floridians, equating to over 35,000 people per linear mile, and serving major urban counties with an overall average population density of 1,165 persons per square mile, and

**WHEREAS**, Florida can design, construct and commence operation of America's fastest High Speed rail system in the Orlando-Tampa corridor for less cost per mile and provide more Americans with greater exposure to true high speed rail than any project in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, development of high speed rail in the Orlando-Tampa corridor would connect a super-region with over 6.8 million citizens, two international airports with over 51 million passengers and tourist destinations that attract over 65 million visitors annually, all of which are served principally and primarily by a single six lane highway; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida and AmTrak also plan to apply for funding to establish long-distance traditional speed inter-city rail service between Jacksonville and Miami along the FEC and South Florida Rail Corridors, which would provide twice-a-day and link an additional 1.3 million Floridians to the Florida High Speed Rail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, the combined projects establish a cost-effective foundation for commencing and developing high speed and inter-city rail service in Florida that would provide effective service to 14 million Floridians or approximately 76% of Florida's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has consistently been a donor to the federal trust fund for highway and transit dollars with Florida receiving less than 30 cents back for each transit dollar it generates; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida is projected to experience higher levels of unemployment with a disproportionately higher impact on Florida's building trades and the development of the proposed corridors would create over 25,000 permanent jobs and tens of thousands of construction jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of high speed rail and intercity rail in Florida will catalyze the development of strong regional and local rail and bus transit systems, the Central Florida commuter rail system, reduce congestion and air pollution and will promote better growth management; and

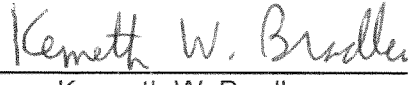
**WHEREAS**, federal funding of Florida's Tampa-Orlando-Miami high speed rail and Jacksonville to Miami inter-city rail applications would meet the goals and objectives of President Obama and the U.S. Congress, providing greater funding equity to Florida, create jobs and lay a new foundation for economic prosperity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Winter Park City Commission hereby supports and urge President Obama, U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Federal Railroad Administrator Joseph C. Szabo to fully fund Florida's applications for the Florida High Speed rail corridor and the design and construction of the Jacksonville to Miami Amtrak inter-city service.


**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Winter Park City Commission hereby urges and requests that all members of Florida's Congressional delegation support Florida's high speed and inter-city rail applications.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Winter Park City Commission does hereby urge and request that the Florida Legislature enthusiastically support Florida's high speed and inter-city rail applications and take all reasonable and prudent steps to maximize Florida's ability to qualify for these federal funds and to approve dictated funding sources for Tri-Rail and Central Florida commuter rail.

ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

  
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Mayor Kenneth W. Bradley

ATTEST:

  
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FOR Cynthia S. Bonham, City Clerk  
Nancy McLean, Deputy City Clerk