



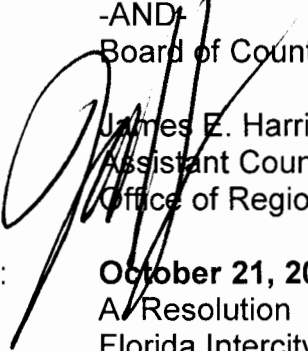
Interoffice Memorandum

AGENDA ITEM

October 13, 2014

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TO: Mayor Teresa Jacobs
-AND-
Board of County Commissioners

FROM:  James E. Harrison, Esq., P.E.
Assistant County Administrator
Office of Regional Mobility

SUBJECT: **October 21, 2014 – Consent Agenda Item**
A Resolution in Support of Privately Funded All Aboard
Florida Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between downtown Miami and Orange County and is requesting an expression of support from the County.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding Expressing Support for the Proposed "All Aboard Florida" Privately Owned, Operated and Maintained Intercity Passenger Rail Service between Downtown Miami and the Orlando International Airport being Development by Florida East Coast Industries, LLC; and Urging the Florida Department of Transportation and Other Regulatory/funding Agencies to Support the Project as Necessary. All Districts.

Attachment

RESOLUTION

of the

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

regarding

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED “ALL ABOARD FLORIDA” PRIVATELY OWNED, OPERATED AND MAINTAINED INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN DOWNTOWN MIAMI AND THE ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BEING DEVELOPED BY FLORIDA EAST COAST INDUSTRIES, LLC; AND URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER REGULATORY/FUNDING AGENCIES TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT AS NECESSARY.

Resolution No. 2014-_____

WHEREAS, the Central Florida region is the most visited region in the State of Florida and the Orlando International Airport is one of the busiest in the United States; and

WHEREAS, downtown Miami is South Florida’s largest, most utilized transit-oriented neighborhood, featuring the State’s largest employment center, a growing high-density residential community, major cultural and entertainment destinations, and an existing premium transit infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, despite these facts, neither Orange County nor downtown Miami are currently served directly by regional or intra-state passenger rail; and

WHEREAS, Florida East Coast Industries, Inc. (FEC), owners of the FEC corridor, has announced plans to develop privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between downtown Miami and Orlando, with additional stops at Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners finds that this proposed service is consistent with and furthers Orange County's interests to have options for travelers to move between Central and South Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are adopted by reference and incorporated in this Section as if fully set forth in this Section.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners supports the proposed "All Aboard Florida" privately owned, operated and maintained passenger rail service between downtown Miami and the Orlando International Airport being developed by Florida East Coast Industries, LLC.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners urges the Florida Department of Transportation and other regulatory/funding agencies to support the project as necessary.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Teresa Jacobs, County Mayor

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk