



Joint Coalition of the  
Central Florida MPO Alliance  
&  
West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee



RESOLUTION NO. 2010-001 – CFMPOA/WCFCCC

**SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL FUNDING**

**WHEREAS**, the Central Florida MPO Alliance and West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee unites 12 of Florida's 26 MPO's as a model for regional transportation cooperation; and

**WHEREAS**, alternative forms of passenger transportation must be provided at the local, regional and statewide levels to provide for a sustainable future for the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, travel demand between Florida's major metropolitan areas is rapidly growing and expected to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently a lack of transportation alternatives for intercity travel in the State of Florida and it is not practical to plan for sufficient highway capacity alone to serve the current and expected demand for intercity travel; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida high speed rail project holds the promise of connecting Florida's urban centers and will transform our state, much like what was done by the interstate highway system and Florida's Turnpike; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act that was approved by Congress and President Bush in 2008 provided some initial federal funding for the development of a competitive national high speed rail program; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that was approved by Congress and President Obama in 2009 provided an additional \$8 billion in federal funding for the development of a national high speed rail program and the President has pledged to continue with a grant program that will provide additional funding in future years; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation has designated 10 prospective high speed rail corridors in the nation – one of which is the Tampa-Orlando-Miami corridor – and this was reaffirmed in the national High Speed Rail Strategic Plan that was published in April 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation submitted a Track 2 application to the Federal Railroad Administration requesting \$2.6 billion to fund the development of the high speed rail line from Tampa to Orlando; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation submitted a Track 1B to the Federal Railroad Administration requesting \$30 million to conduct a project development and environment study (PD&E) of the Orlando to Miami high speed rail corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, development of the proposed corridors would create over 25,000 permanent jobs and tens of thousands of construction related jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 28, 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration announced the Florida Department of Transportation would receive \$1.25 billion for the Tampa to Orlando line as part of the High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation intends to submit additional applications to the Federal Railroad Administration for the balance of federal funding necessary to complete the Tampa to Orlando line and to partially fund the project development and engineering (PD&E) study for the Orlando to Miami line; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee support the request by the Florida Department of Transportation for the additional federal funding necessary to completely implement the development of the Florida high speed rail Orlando-Tampa segment and for the additional planning work that needs to be conducted for the Orlando-Miami line; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee go on record as actively supporting the development of the Florida high speed rail project to improve our statewide transportation system and enhance the state's economic development potential while protecting our environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the joint coalition encourages President Obama, the United States Department of Transportation, and the Federal Railroad Administration to fully support the request for additional funding for the further development of Florida's high speed rail system.

Passed and duly adopted at a joint meeting of the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairpersons of the Central Florida MPO Alliance and the West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting.

  
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Honorable John Grinones  
Central Florida MPO Alliance Chairman

  
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Honorable Rose Rocco  
West Central Florida Chairs Coordinating Committee Chairman

Attest:

  
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Alexander Trauger  
Central Florida MPO Alliance Deputy Clerk