RESOLUTION NO. 2000-M-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ON A STATEWIDE HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, a proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution pertaining to a statewide high-speed rail system will appear on the ballot for the November 7, 2000 general election; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners is committed to comprehensive, continuous, and coordinated transportation planning as prescribed by federal and state laws; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Board of County Commissioners believes there are more appropriate methods for evaluating, planning, and financing specific transportation projects other than through a constitutional amendment; and

WHEREAS, the ballot language on this initiative is such that voters may not fully understand the proposal or its financial implications; and

WHEREAS, if approved, this initiative could result in additional taxes being needed to implement this mandate, jeopardizing plans for other transportation projects throughout the state that have been planned and funded, or some combination thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners, Orange County, Florida, is opposed to the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution pertaining to a statewide high-speed rail system.

Section 2. The Orange County staff should work with the Florida Department of Transportation and the media to provide additional information to the public concerning this initiative.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, this 17th day of October, 2000.

BY:

MEL MARTINEZ, COUNTY CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: MARTHA O. HAYNIE, Comptroller as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

By: Deputy Clerk