

RESOLUTION

of the
ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
regarding
**PROPOSED LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING LOCAL
GOVERNMENTS TO INCREASE THE RENTAL CAR
SURCHARGE SUBJECT TO REFERENDUM APPROVAL**

Resolution No. 2004-M-18

WHEREAS, Orange County, as a major tourist destination, is a also major rental car market; and

WHEREAS, the large volume of rental cars in use in Orange County creates great impacts on the County's transportation infrastructure system; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of rental cars on Orange County's transportation infrastructure system are created primarily by visitors to Orange County; and

WHEREAS, Metroplan Orlando has previously asked the Florida Legislature to give local elected officials local control to help meet local transportation infrastructure needs through options to fund local projects; and

WHEREAS, one of the options for local funding proposed by Metroplan Orlando in 2001 was the Local Option Rental Car Surcharge ("LORCS"); and

WHEREAS, LORCS was proposed as an optional surcharge on car rentals to be implemented in a county only upon action by the board of county commissioners and a referendum vote by the electors of that county; and

WHEREAS, currently there is proposed legislation in the Florida Legislature to authorize counties to implement an additional surcharge on car rentals upon action by the board of county commissioners of a county and a referendum vote by the electors of that county.

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

1. A local option surcharge on car rentals would provide a significant source of funding to help offset the impacts to the County's transportation infrastructure system created by rental cars rented in Orange County.

2. The requirement that a local option surcharge on car rentals be approved by a referendum vote of the electors of the county ensures citizen approval of such a surcharge.

3. Orange County fully supports, endorses, and encourages legislation that would give counties the authority to impose, with the approval of the electors of the county, an additional rental car surcharge on cars rented in the county.

4. This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED THIS 20 DAY OF April, 2004.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
By: Board of County Commissioners

BY: Richard T. Crotty
Richard T. Crotty, Orange County Chairman

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

BY: Martha O. Haynie
Deputy Clerk

