

APPROVED  
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUG 11 2009 NP/BS

# RESOLUTION

*of the*  
**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
*regarding*

## **SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TRACK 2 APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THE FLORIDA HIGH SPEED RAIL PROGRAM**

**Resolution No. 2009-M-36**

**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, proposes a bold vision to help address the nation's transportation challenges by investing in an efficient, high-speed passenger rail network; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation, Ray LaHood; and Congressman John Mica and Congresswoman Corrine Brown are working in support of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application for to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) submitted a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Transportation to fund the development of Florida's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System as outlined in the High-Speed Rail Strategic Plan published by the Federal Railroad Administration in April 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System connecting Tampa, Orlando and Miami will become an integral part of Florida's balanced transportation system and, with concurrent development of improvements to other passenger rail and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public within the fourth most populous state in the union; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation has obtained most of the right-of-way for ninety percent of the corridor between Tampa and Orlando; and

**WHEREAS**, the segment from Tampa to Orlando is ready to begin construction within two years; and

WHEREAS, the Florida High Speed Rail project is a viable public/private partnership based on previous ridership forecasts; and

WHEREAS, Orange County is committed to championing a multi-modal transportation system which will significantly enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of the Central Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, Central Florida is in final design of a regional rail system which can provide access to the Florida High Speed Rail Project and the Tampa Bay Region has a light rail transit study underway which will increase rail connectivity; and

WHEREAS, a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System will support the effort of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida that:

**Section 1.** The Orange County Board of County Commissioners supports the Florida High Speed Rail Program for Track 2 funding within the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program.

**ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2009.**

**ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: Board of County Commissioners

By: 

Richard T. Crotty

Orange County Mayor

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

By: 

Deputy Clerk

