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RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S SFECC CORRIDOR PROJECT (FROM JUPITER TO MIAMI) AND ITS AFFILIATED REGIONAL AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCIES; ACKNOWLEDGING POTENTIAL STATION LOCATIONS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK'S COMMITMENT TO THE PROJECT TO ENHANCE MOBILITY IN THE SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway corridor was historically operated as a passenger rail line along Florida's east coast, traversing the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, cities along Florida's east coast historically developed around train stations along the FEC railroad: and

WHEREAS, modern cities along Florida's east coast are currently implementing programs to redevelop historic downtowns built around train stations; and

WHEREAS, the public policy Eastward Ho!, developed by the Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida, provides guidance for improving quality of life and managing growth including the redevelopment of eastern Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in the Southeast Florida Region and throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, transit, including rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between cities and throughout the Southeast Florida Region; and

WHEREAS, the reintroduction of passenger service along Florida's east coast would provide near-term jobs and economic stimulus for Florida's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and changes to the distribution of trips by transportation mode would reduce fuel consumption and the amounts of pollutants emitted in the Southeast Florida Region; and

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WHEREAS, an integrated system of transit services is needed for existing and future travel markets including long-distance travel served by the SFRC/Tri-Rail Commuter Rail System, moderate-distance travel served by transit in the eastern FEC Railway Corridor, and local travel in the urban centers by local circulator services;

WHEREAS, the FEC Railway Corridor right-of-way represents a unique and strategic transportation corridor that provides vital freight and transportation rail services to and from South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Florida Rail Plan identifies passenger transit along the FEC Railway corridor as a potential "Coastal Route" for new passenger rail service in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 SFRTA Strategic Regional Transit Plan, outlined transit corridor expansion alternatives including the FEC Railway Corridor; and for the Haiti Relief Initiative of the Broward City County Management Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA THAT:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "WHEREAS" clauses are true and correct and hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Commission. All exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated herein.

SECTION 2. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation, local governments, and other appropriate public agencies, a Locally-Preferred Alternative will be recommended to the Boards of the southeast Florida Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), the South East Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), and the Governing Board of the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority (SFRTA) for endorsement/adoption.

SECTION 3. The City of Oakland Park agrees with the proposed transit station locations, as identified through a collaborative, public process in Phase 2 of this Study, particularly as they pertain to this jurisdiction, as appropriate.

SECTION 4. Working with the Florida Department of Transportation and other appropriate agencies, the City of Oakland Park agrees to support complementary land use policies, land development regulations, and economic development activities consistent with the Federal Transit Administration New Starts Development Process.

