

RESOLUTION NO. R2014-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK ("TRCL") COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE; AND PROVIDING A COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP A MEANS TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL SHARE OF FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THIS COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE.

WHEREAS, The Florida East Coast ("FEC") Railway historically operated passenger rail service along Florida's east coast, and many South Florida municipalities developed around its passenger stations; and

WHEREAS, large portions of the South Florida region's population and businesses are concentrated within those municipalities where roadway traffic congestion is now degrading the quality of their residents' lives and stifling the growth of trade and commerce; and

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

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would help mitigate the worsening of traffic congestion, improve air quality, and reduce fuel consumption in an environmentally sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, municipalities along the FEC rail corridor are actively redeveloping their downtown centers which straddle the rail corridor and desire transit oriented development (TOD), which generally accompanies rail stations; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would provide jobs, expand the tax base, and increase revenues to strengthen our local and regional economies, while providing improved access to job opportunities and greater mobility for the transit dependent members of the community; and

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WHEREAS, municipal leaders are cognizant of the need to provide the local funding portion for the capital and operating costs of commuter rail service within their jurisdictions, and are considering several different means of providing this local funding for the commuter rail service currently under evaluation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of North Miami Beach, Florida.

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The City Council hereby commits to collaborate with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to develop a financial plan to fund the local portion for both capital and operating costs for this commuter rail service under the jurisdiction of the City of North Miami Beach.

Section 3. The City Council understands that the Miami-Dade County funding participation level will be determined by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC), but the City is not committing to any funding at this time.

Section 4. The City Council understands that this project will ultimately move forward upon approval into the respective Cost Feasible Transportation Plans by the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed and authorized to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Florida Department of Transportation, the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, the Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Southeast Florida Transportation Council, the South Florida and Treasure Coast Regional Planning Councils, and the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners.


APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City of North Miami Beach City Council at the
regular meeting assembled this **20th day of May, 2014.**

ATTEST:



PAMELA L. LATIMORE
CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)



GEORGE VALLEJO
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM &
LANGUAGE & FOR EXECUTION



DOTIE JOSEPH
INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Sponsored by: Mayor George Vallejo
and City Council