

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-R-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK (TRCL) COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE AND A COMMITMENT TO ONLY STUDY A MEANS FOR PROVIDING THE LOCAL SHARE OF FUNDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Florida East Coast (FEC) Railway has 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 population and businesses within the South Florida region are concentrated within those municipalities where roadway traffic congestion is now degrading the quality of life for residents and is stifling the growth of trade and commerce; and

WHEREAS, commuter rail service would help mitigate the worsening 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, (See Presentation Exhibit "A"); 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 transit dependent members of the community; and

WHEREAS, municipal leaders are cognizant of the need to provide local funding 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; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami commits to work with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to only study and develop a plan to fund both capital and operating costs for the local portion of the commuter rail service under the jurisdiction of the City; and

WHEREAS, no city funds will be used to study, develop or operate any portion or for any aspect of a Tri-Rail Coastal Link Commuter Rail Service in the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals stated above are adopted by reference and confirmed.

Section 2. Support of Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council. The Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby support a commuter tri-rail service along FEC rail corridor.

Section 3. Direction to City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to all South Florida municipalities, the Florida League of Cities, Inc., and the Board of Commissioners of Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a 4-0 vote of the Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this 10th day of June 2014.


PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: Galvin

Seconded by: Keys

Vote:

Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilperson Scott Galvin
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril

x (Yes) _____ (No)
x (Yes) _____ (No)
x (Yes) _____ (No)
x (Yes) _____ (No)

CERTIFICATION

I certify this to be a true and correct copy of the record in my office.

WITNESSETH my hand and official seal of the City of NORTH MIAMI

Florida, this the 18th day of

June 20 14

Louis, Theisca for the City Clerk