MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(1)

TO: Honorable Chairman Dennis C. Moss
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 1, 2009

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution expressing support for the development of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System in Florida

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairman Dennis C. Moss.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

✓ **"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised**

____ **6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**

____ **4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**

____ **Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**

____ **Budget required**

____ **Statement of fiscal impact required**

____ **Bid waiver requiring County Mayor's written recommendation**

____ **Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**

____ **Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)**

✓ **No committee review**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH-SPEED INTERCITY PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, President Obama and United States Secretary of Transportation Lahood have expressed support for the establishment of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger System; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has designated certain major corridors, including Miami, Orlando, and Tampa for potential High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in partnership with the United States Department of Transportation is undertaking the development of an Intercity Passenger Rail System; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of a High-Speed Passenger Rail System will benefit the residents and visitors to all of Florida, especially Miami-Dade County, by relieving traffic congestion and establishing greater intrastate mobility; and

WHEREAS, increasing interconnectivity to Miami-Dade County will promote tourism and trade and strengthen the viability of Miami-Dade County's airport and seaport; and

WHEREAS, the development of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System is consistent with the laudable goals of reducing greenhouse emissions and dependence on foreign oil,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board, hereby

expresses its support for the development of a High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail System in Florida.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairman Dennis C. Moss. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Dennis C. Moss, Chairman
Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Vice-Chairwoman

Bruno Barreiro	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Barbara J. Jordan	Joe A. Martinez
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 1st day of September, 2009. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By:_____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

Bruce Libhaber