

Brevard



County

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

*WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is undertaking the development and implementation of the **CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**, running from DeLand in Volusia County through Seminole County, and Orange County to Poinciana in Osceola County; and*

*WHEREAS, FDOT has reached an agreement with CSX Transportation providing for the acquisition of the CSXT's A-Line between Milepost A749.7 near DeLand and A814.1 near Poinciana, a distance of approximately 61.5 miles for the use of the **COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT**; and implementation of the **COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** will result in overall social and environmental benefits, improve the quality of life in the State, stimulate economic growth, create new employment opportunities, and serve as a positive growth management catalyst; and*

*WHEREAS, the **COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** will greatly benefit all of the citizens and visitors to the Central Florida Region, and is needed in order to relieve traffic congestion, provide transportation opportunities, and provide a relief for I-4 traffic during its reconstruction; and the **COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** will become an integral part of Central Florida's balanced transportation system and, with concurrent development of improvements to roadways and bus transit, will greatly enhance the mobility of the traveling public; and*

*WHEREAS, financial commitments for the **CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** have been made by the Local Government Partners and State funding is contained in the Five-Year Work Program of the Florida Department of Transportation; and Congressman Mica and Congresswoman Brown have pledged to secure more than \$300 million in federal funding for the **CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** and, if not used for this project, will be lost to rail transit projects elsewhere in the country; and*

*WHEREAS, it is more critical than ever to provide the traveling public with transportation alternatives as gasoline prices are soaring and new federal air quality standards for ozone put Central Florida at risk of being declared a non-attainment area which could result in sanctions being imposed; and the **CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** will support the efforts of Governor Crist's Energy and Climate Change Action Plan, established by Executive Order 07-128, with ambitious goals for reducing Statewide green house gas emissions.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby support the design, construction, and implementation of the

COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT IN THE CENTRAL FLORIDA AREA

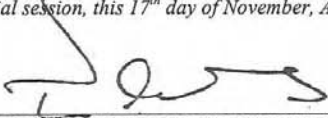
*and requests the Florida Legislature to approve fair and reasonable insurance provisions for the **CENTRAL FLORIDA COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT** as recommended by the Florida Department of Transportation and consistent with the provisions of the Interlocal Agreement; and authorize the Chairman, or a designee, to join in efforts with other local governments throughout Central Florida to support the METROPOLITAN ORLANDO Board in making this project a reality.*

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in special session, this 17th day of November, A.D., 2008.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


TRUMAN SCARBOROUGH, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

