

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE TRI-RAIL COASTAL LINK (TRCL) COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE AND A COMMITMENT TO WORK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE SOUTH FLORIDA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP A COST EFFECTIVE SYSTEM WITH A SOUND FINANCIAL PLAN FOR PROVIDING FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS FOR THE RAILROAD SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE AIMS OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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, 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; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF AVENTURA, FLORIDA:

Section 1: Support.

- A. That the City Commission of the City of Aventura, Florida, hereby supports the Tri-Rail Coastal Link (TRCL) Commuter Rail Service and a commitment to work with representatives of the Florida Department of Transportation and the South Florida Regional Transportation Authority to develop a cost effective system with a sound financial plan for providing for capital and operating costs for the railroad service.
- B. That the City Commission understands that the Miami-Dade County funding participation level will be determined by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and that this project will ultimately move forward upon approval as a component of the respective Cost Feasible Transportation Plans by the Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Section 2: That the City Manager of the City of Aventura is hereby authorized to do all things necessary to carry out the aims of this Resolution.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the City Commission.

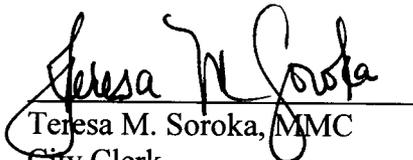
The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Luz Weinberg, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Joel, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Enbar Cohen	<u>absent</u>
Commissioner Teri Holzberg	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Stern	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Howard Weinberg	<u>yes</u>
Commissioner Luz Urbàez Weinberg	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Billy Joel	<u>yes</u>
Mayor Susan Gottlieb	<u>yes</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of April, 2014.


Susan Gottlieb, Mayor

Attest:


Teresa M. Soroka, MMC
City Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:


City Attorney