

**Before the Florida High Speed Rail Authority  
Resolution Number 01 - 1  
Regarding Support for Federal High Speed Rail Funding**

**WHEREAS**, the people of Florida have taken the unprecedented step of amending the State Constitution to direct the Florida Legislature, Cabinet and Governor to proceed with the development of a high speed ground transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature has created the Florida High Speed Rail Authority to implement the people's constitutional mandate; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of such system must be a partnership between the State, the Federal government and the private sector; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress and the U.S. Department of Transportation have identified high-speed rail in Florida as a national priority; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government has enacted programs to assist in planning high-speed rail corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal government currently does not offer a source of substantial grant funding for the construction of high-speed rail systems in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation is now pending in Congress which would allocate funds for planning high-speed rail in Florida and for creating a new national program of capital support for the construction of high-speed rail systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The Florida High Speed Rail Authority urges the Florida Congressional Delegation, their colleagues in Congress and the Federal Administration to:

1. Support the proposal in the Senate version of the fiscal year 2002 Appropriations Act for the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies to allocate \$ 4.5 million for high speed rail corridor planning in Florida; and
2. Support the "High-Speed Rail Investment Act" (S. 250 and H.R. 2329) for the purpose of making available \$12 billion nationwide in capital funding for the construction of high-speed rail systems with provisions favorable to the development of such a system in Florida.

**DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6 DAY OF AUGUST, 2001**

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Federick R. Dudley, Chairman