

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INCLUDE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ALONG THE FLORIDA EAST COAST RAILROAD AS AN AREA OF INTEREST IN THE UPCOMING STATEWIDE RAIL SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is beginning a major update to the Statewide Rail System Plan; and

WHEREAS, this updated Statewide Rail System Plan will evaluate both freight and passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Rail Administration has indicated that any new rail service in Florida should be included in within the updated Statewide Rail System Plan; and

WHEREAS, in light of soaring gas prices, congested roadway corridors such as 1-95, and the environmental impact of increased fuel consumption and traffic on the roadways, this updated Statewide Rail System Plan should examine the feasibility of establishing passenger rail service along the Florida east coast from Jacksonville to Miami; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Grant-Valkaria urges the Florida Department of Transportation to examine increased passenger rail service, including the utilization of the Florida East Coast Railroad, in the updated Statewide Rail System Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANT-VALKARIA, as follows:

Section 1. That the Town of Grant-Valkaria urges Florida Department of Transportation to examine increased passenger rail service, including the utilization of the Florida East Coast Railroad, in the updated Statewide Rail System Plan. Increasing passenger rail service in Florida will decrease fuel consumption in Florida, reduce congestion on roadways, and provide benefits to the environment through reduced fuel consumption and automobile & truck emissions.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, the Brevard County Legislative Delegation, the Space Coast transportation Planning Organization, the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, and municipalities within Brevard County.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Town of Grant-Valkaria

(Signature on file)

By: Del Yonts, Mayor

ATTEST:

(signature on file)

Susanne Krueger, Town Clerk

Passed and adopted on this 10th day of September, 2008.