

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-2008**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, 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; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, 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 Malabar 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 MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:**

**Section 1.** That the Town of Malabar 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 Florida Rail Stakeholders Advisory Committee, 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.

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Borton. This motion was seconded by Council Member Vail and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Nancy Borton	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Brian Vail	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Charles (Chuck) McClelland	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight	<u>Aye</u>
Council Member Patricia D. Dezman	<u>Nay</u>

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 4th day of August, 2008.

By:

Thomas M. Eschenberg  
Mayor Thomas M. Eschenberg, Chair  
Town of Malabar

Approved as to form and content:

Karl W. Bohne, Jr.  
Karl W. Bohne, Jr., Town Attorney

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin  
Debby K. Franklin  
Town Clerk/Treasurer

(seal)