

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF
THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 97-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE FLORIDA REGIONAL COUNCILS ASSOCIATION PETITION TO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REAUTHORIZE THE INTERMODAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EFFICIENCY ACT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) is due to expire on September 30, 1997, and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress has begun hearings and related activities to reauthorize the Act, and

WHEREAS, Two key issues to be addressed in the reauthorization process are the equitable distribution of federal funds and the federal, state, metropolitan, and local roles in transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, The State of Florida ranks 4th among the states in population and 45th in the rate of return of ISTEA funds (receiving only \$.77 per dollar from the Federal Highway Trust Fund); and

WHEREAS, The Florida Regional Councils Association represents the eleven (11) regional planning councils in Florida and their respective municipalities, and are comprised of locally elected officials, appointees of the Governor of Florida, and representatives of state transportation, environmental protection, economic development, and water management agencies; and

WHEREAS, The regional planning councils of Florida are recognized by the Florida Legislature as the State's only multi-purpose regional entity that is in a position to plan for and coordinate intergovernmental solutions to growth-related problems,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

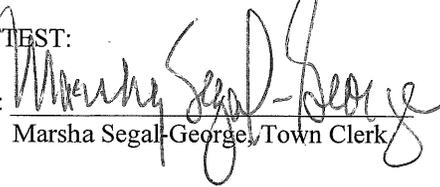
1. Council supports the Florida Regional Councils Association petition to the U.S. Congress to:
 - (a) reauthorize ISTEA in a timely manner
 - (b) remedy the funding inequity that exists in Florida's donor state status by ensuring that every state receives at least a true ninety-five (95) percent return on the payments they make to the Federal Highway Trust Fund
 - (c) continue to recognize that the continuous and cooperative planning process established by ISTEA is best served by promoting coordination among local, metropolitan and regional councils of government.
2. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Florida Regional Councils Association to be included with the petition to the U.S. Congress, the Governor of the State of Florida, members of the Florida congressional delegation, the National Association of Regional Councils, the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities and the cities and counties represented on Florida's regional planning councils.
3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

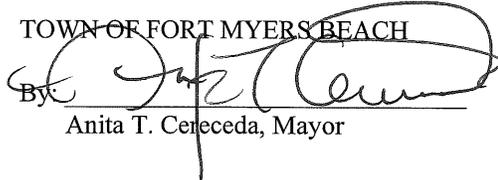
The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Fort Myers Beach Town Council upon being put to a vote, the result was as follows:

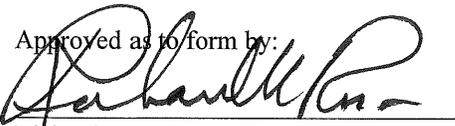
Anita T. Cereceda	<u>aye</u>
Ted FitzSimons	<u>aye</u>
William (Rusty) Isler	<u>aye</u>
Ray Murphy	<u>aye</u>
Garr Reynolds	<u>aye</u>

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 1997.

ATTEST:

By: 
Marsha Segal-George, Town Clerk

TOWN OF FORT MYERS BEACH
By: 
Anita T. Cereceda, Mayor

Approved as to form by:

Richard V.S. Roosa, Town Attorney