

**RESOLUTION NO. 97-174  
ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION**

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

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Congress has begun activities to reauthorize the ACT; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida ranks 4th among the states in population and 45th in rate of return of ISTEA funds (receiving only 78 cents per dollar from the Federal Highway Trust Fund since enactment of ISTEA); and

**WHEREAS**, Florida has demonstrated its commitment to the statewide and metropolitan planning process, intermodalism, air quality and other environmental improvements, transportation enhancements, and public participation; and

**WHEREAS**, the key issue to be addressed in the reauthorization process is the equitable distribution of federal transportation funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Parker, Florida joins Florida state and local elected officials, governmental agencies, public and private transportation and businesses in petition to the U.S. Congress to:

- 1. Reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, including continuing such programs as CMAQ and Enhancements, and continuing the planning principles and State-MPO decision making process presently outlined in ISTEA, in a timely manner;**
- 2. Remedy the extreme funding inequity that exists in Florida's donor status by ensuring that every state receives at least a true 95% rate of return on the payment they make to the Federal Highway Trust Fund, which is consistent with the targets set under the STEP 21 reauthorization; and**
- 3. Ending the diversion of gas tax revenues in the various transportation trust funds for deficit reduction or any other non-transportation purposes;**
- 4. Simplify the federal program structure and maximize state and local programming flexibility.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be forwarded to the Florida Congressional delegation, National Governor's Association, National Association of Regional Councils, National Association of Counties, Florida Association of Counties, National League of Cities, Florida League of Cities, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, U.S. Chambers of Commerce, American Public Transit Association, Surface Transportation Policy


Project, Florida Transportation Commission, Governor Lawton Chiles and The Cabinet of the State of Florida, Senator Connie Mack and Senator Robert Graham, Florida Department of Transportation, President Bill Clinton, and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of U.S. House and Senate Transportation Committees.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council on this 5th day of August, 1997.

ATTEST

  
David Linger, City Clerk

CITY OF PARKER

  
Brenda G. Hendricks, Mayor