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Dear Valued Stakeholder –

On December 20, the Federal Railroad Administration released a Notice of Solicitation of Corridor Proposals for the U.S. Department of Transportation’s newly established Corridor ID program. The Kansas Department of Transportation and Oklahoma Department of Transportation intend to jointly apply for the Heartland Flyer Extension from Oklahoma City, OK to Newton, KS to be selected for the Corridor ID program, reconnecting numerous Oklahoma and Kansas communities north to the national Amtrak network via the Southwest Chief.

Selection into the Corridor ID program would provide funding for the agencies to finalize a Service Development Plan (SDP) for the corridor and reflects FRA’s interest in advancing the corridor to implementation and operation. The Corridor ID program is intended to become the primary means for directing federal financial support and technical assistance toward the development of proposals for new or improved intercity passenger rail services and KDOT and ODOT strongly believe the Heartland Flyer Extension has a compelling case for being included in the program.

In the Notice, FRA indicated the agency would consider letters of support from partnering organizations as part of the evaluation process for the applications. To support our application, please submit your Letter of Support in pdf or word format to [asmitrisin@burnsmcd.com](mailto:asmitrisin@burnsmcd.com). A template letter is attached, and all letters are due by **February 25th**.

Thank you for your support of the Heartland Flyer Extension and our effort to bring passenger rail service to this critical corridor. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.



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