



July 12, 2023

The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
United States Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590
Via email: amit.bose@dot.gov

Dear Administrator Bose:

We are pleased to offer our full support for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) three Corridor Identification and Development Program applications to improve intercity passenger rail between major Texas cities. We are also fully supportive of plans to reintroduce intercity passenger rail service along the I-20 corridor between Dallas and Atlanta, and of plans to increase and extend service on the Heartland Flyer.

Texas cities are leading the nation in growth, and it is a simple fact that the highways and airports connecting them cannot keep up. We are excited about Amtrak's 2021 Corridor Vision Plan to finally give our nation the robust intercity passenger rail service long enjoyed by travelers in other countries. The subtitle of the Corridor Vision Plan outlines exactly what Texas and our nation need: More Trains. More Cities. Better Service. We are especially excited that the Texas Triangle is such a prominent part of that plan. We believe that Amtrak's 2021 Corridor Vision Plan will not only provide an attractive and convenient option for travel between Texas cities in the near term, but that it will also lay the foundation for future service expansion and improvements.

We are therefore pleased that TXDOT is leveraging Amtrak's vision for the Texas Triangle and the generational opportunity for intercity passenger rail provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and we urge you to give TXDOT's three Corridor Identification and Development Program grant applications all due consideration.

Thank you for your attention to our priorities and for the work of you and your team to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Please let us know how we and the City of Dallas can help bring Amtrak and TXDOT's vision for improved intercity passenger rail service in Texas to fruition.

Sincerely,



Tennell Atkins
Mayor Pro Tem
Dallas City Council District 8



Omar Narvaez
Immediate Past Chair, Dallas City Council Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
Dallas City Council District 6

cc: The Honorable Members of the Dallas Congressional Delegation