

CITY OF SHAWNEE

RESOLUTION NO. 1947

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE FOR EXPANSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS THROUGH THE EXPANSION OF THE HEARTLAND FLYER ROUTE FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, TO NEWTON, KANSAS.

WHEREAS, Amtrak has released the Amtrak Connects Us plan to grow rail service across America. This 2035 VISION identifies expansion and enhancement of corridor routes that offers economically viable, frequent, reliable and sustainable passenger train service. The 2035 Vision proposes adding 160 additional communities to the national rail network; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has identified an Extension of the Heartland Flyer as an economically viable train for a connection with the Southwest Chief at Newton, Kansas, that will improve the performance of the national network; and

WHEREAS, the state House's and Senate's in Oklahoma and Kansas have passed similar resolutions of support for the expansion of Amtrak services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:

PARAGRAPH 1. The City of Shawnee supports the inclusion of full federal funding for the complete implementation and development of the Heartland Flyer Extension from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Newton, Kansas, as well as a second frequency directly connecting Kansas City, Missouri, and Fort Worth, Texas, in the upcoming reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act.

PARAGRAPH 2. That the City Clerk shall send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Governor of Kansas, the Governor of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation, the Kansas Secretary of Transportation, each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation and the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

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ADOPTED by the Governing Body this 14th day of June, 2021.

APPROVED AND SIGNED by the Mayor this 14th day of June, 2021

CITY OF SHAWNEE, KANSAS



By: _____

Michelle Distler, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: _____

Stephanie Zaldivar, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____

M. Ellis Rainey, II City Attorney