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The Honorable Amit Bose
Administrator
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bose:

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) supports stakeholder interest in considering federal funding options for conventional intercity passenger rail expansion. Please accept this letter of interest filed in response to docket number FRA-2022-0031. In addition to the September 8, 2022, letter from the Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas Departments of Transportation supporting the Heartland Flyer extension, we appreciate the opportunity to offer expressions of interest to determine the potential viability of service expansion on the corridors listed below:

- Additional train sets on the Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City Amtrak Station to Fort Worth Central Station.
- Additional train sets on existing Texas Eagle and Sunset Limited routes between Houston Amtrak Station, Amtrak Station San Antonio, and Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station in Dallas.
- Renewed intercity service between Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station in Dallas and Houston Amtrak Station.
- New and enhanced, conventional intercity service options studied in the Texas-Oklahoma Passenger Rail Study that would include connecting Amtrak Station San Antonio to the Rio Grande Valley.
- New service east of Marshall, TX connecting the Eddie Bernice Johnson Union Station in Dallas to the Meridian, Mississippi Union Station.

I respectfully request consideration of these corridors through the Corridor Identification Program and look forward to working with your team in the coming years. If you have any questions, please call me at (512) 305-9515, or you or your staff may contact Jeff Davis, Director, Rail Division Director at Jeffrey.Davis@txdot.gov or (512) 927-9648.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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