

# City of Davis



## RESOLUTION #575

### **A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DAVIS FOR EXPANSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA, KANSAS AND TEXAS**

**WHEREAS**, AMTRAK has released the AMTRAK CONNECTS US plan to grow rail service across America, and

**WHEREAS**, this 2035 VISION identifies expansion and enhancement of corridor routes that offers economically viable, frequent, reliable and sustainable passenger train service, and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2035 Vision proposes adding 160 additional communities to the national rail network, and,

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak currently has the national capabilities and expertise in place to operate these new routes, 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**, economic analysis from Kansas University and Texas Transportation Institute have shown that an Extension of the Heartland Flyer would have a positive return on investment and a positive impact on the Oklahoma economy at both the state and local levels, and,

**WHEREAS**, an Extension of the Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City and Newton would add the cities of Davis, Edmund, Guthrie, Perry, Ponca City, Arkansas City, Wichita, and Newton to the schedule, and,

**WHEREAS**, the development of a Northern Flyer train between Fort Worth, Texas and Kansas City, Missouri would qualify as a second round trip frequency for the route, and,

**WHEREAS**, advance planning, study and development has already been accomplished, and,

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak has proposed 100% funding for the capital costs required for new corridor development, and,

**WHEREAS**, Departments of Transportation in Kansas and Oklahoma require evidence of community commitment for passenger rail service improvements, and,

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak has stated the urgent need in Congressional offices of demonstrated community desire of federally funded passenger rail service to be included in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Departments of Transportation of Kansas and Oklahoma are currently updating State Rail Plans, and the Kansas Department of Transportation is updating a Service Development Plan for passenger rail, and, developing a Long-Range Transportation Plan, and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Kansas State Senate passed SR 1767 supporting a Heartland Flyer Extension, and a Northern Flyer second frequency, and fully funded maintenance of the Southwest Chief in 2021, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Kansas State House of Representatives passed HR 6017 supporting a Heartland Flyer Extension, a Northern Flyer second frequency, and fully funded maintenance of the Southwest Chief in 2021, and

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma State Senate and House of Representatives passed HCR 1003 supporting a Heartland Flyer Extension, a Northern Flyer second frequency, and fully funded maintenance of the Southwest Chief in 2021, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE AFORESTATED PREMISES, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DAVIS, OKLAHOMA** that;

**SECTION ONE: THE CITY OF DAVIS** endorses the inclusion of federal funding for the Extension of Amtrak’s Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Newton, Kansas to be included in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

**SECTION TWO: THE CITY OF DAVIS** endorses federal funding for the Amtrak Northern Flyer second frequency between Kansas City, Missouri and Fort Worth, Texas to be included in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

**SECTION THREE: THE CITY OF DAVIS** endorses federal funding for full maintenance of the Southwest Chief to be included in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill.

**SECTION FOUR: THE CITY OF DAVIS** urges full Congressional funding and passage of the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill that includes funding for Amtrak’s Vision 2035.

**SECTION FIVE: THE CITY OF DAVIS** urges the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to form a multi-state planning and development task force specifically for the build-out of this corridor.

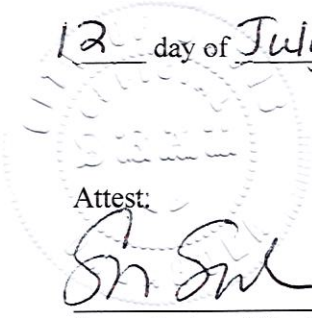
**SECTION SIX:** This Resolution will be in full force and effect from its date of passage by the City Council of The CITY OF DAVIS, Oklahoma.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SENT TO:**

Representative Tom Cole  
Senator James Inhofe  
Senator James Lankford  
Senator Greg McCortney  
Senator Frank Simpson  
Representative Charles McCall  
Representative Pat Ownbey  
Mr. Derrick James, Amtrak Government Affairs – Midwest Region  
Mr. Todd Stennis, Amtrak Government Affairs – South Region  
Governor Kevin Stitt  
Executive Director, ODOT, Tim Gatz  
Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg

**PASSED AND RESOLVED:** By the Governing Body of the City of DAVIS, OKLAHOMA this

12 day of July, 2021.



Attest:

*Susan Suther*

Susan Suther, City Clerk/Treasurer

**CITY OF DAVIS**

*Brian Davis*

Brian Davis, Mayor

APPROVED as to form and content this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

*Mark Melton*

Mark Melton, City Attorney