

**A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS FOR EXPANSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL
SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA AND KANSAS**

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

WHEREAS, the 2035 VISION identifies expansion and enhancement of corridor routes that offer economically viable, frequent, reliable and sustainable passenger train service; and,

WHEREAS, the 2035 VISION proposes adding 160 additional communities to the national rail network, including extension of the Heartland Flyer line from Oklahoma City, through Wichita, to Newton where it will intersect with the Southwest Chief, serving numerous other cities along the route in Kansas and Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has proposed 100% funding for the capital costs required for the redevelopment of this corridor, currently in the federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act; 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, an extension of the Heartland Flyer between Oklahoma City and Newton would add the cities of Edmund, Guthrie, Perry, Ponca City, Arkansas City, Wichita and Newton to the schedule; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS that: Sedgwick County expressly supports the continuation of the Southwest Chief and the expansion of the Heartland Flyer Lines.

This Resolution will be in full force and effect from its date of passage by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas.

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County, Kansas this 18 day of August, 2021.

Commissioners present and voting were:

PETER F. MEITZNER
SARAH LOPEZ
DAVID T. DENNIS
LACEY D. CRUSE
JAMES M. HOWELL

Aye
Aye
Aye
Aye

Dated this 18 day of August, 2021.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

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Commissioner, First District

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Commissioner, Fourth District

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