



P.O. Box 908, Guthrie, OK 73044

May 16, 2008

The Honorable Governor Brad Henry
Governor of the State of Oklahoma
212 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

Please accept this letter expressing support for a possible expansion of Amtrak from Oklahoma City to Newton, Kansas. As one of several communities along that particular route, Guthrie would recognize much needed and appreciated traffic by Amtrak riders.

For many years Guthrie representatives have been among those pursuing the expansion of this rail service. We believe that this expansion would be a vital enhancement in our efforts to increase tourism and general commerce in the City of Guthrie. As you are well aware, Guthrie's attractive and unique downtown and depot area offer shopping experiences which would increase the desirability of patrons to utilize this rail service once available.

Even given the success we've experienced, additional opportunities to fuel the economy are always welcome. Respectfully, I ask you to support the Guthrie-Newton expansion.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melody A. Kellogg".

Melody A. Kellogg
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-10

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN OKLAHOMA CITY AND KANSAS CITY, WITH A STOP IN GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance is a business-civic-government based conglomerate designed to promote extended Amtrak operation north of Oklahoma City to Kansas City, utilizing the existing Amtrak service operating between Dallas and Oklahoma City; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma is a nationally recognized tourism destination with one of the largest historic districts on the National Register, including a portion of Downtown designated as a National Historic Landmark; and,

WHEREAS, significant increases in fuel and energy costs support reexamination of passenger rail service as a public transit alternative to transit using highway passenger vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, increasing fuel and energy costs will negatively affect the city of Guthrie's tourism industry unless alternative transportation sources as provided by Amtrak passenger rail service are secured; and,

WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance has designated Guthrie as a stopping point on their proposed expanded rail service route; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Guthrie recognizes the financial, tourism, environmental and quality of life advantages associated with restoring Amtrak passenger rail service to Guthrie;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA:

Section 1. The City of Guthrie, Oklahoma endorses the proposed expansion of Amtrak service through Guthrie to Kansas City, with a stop in Guthrie, and further, supports the efforts of the Northern Flyer Alliance to bring about this service expansion.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma.


ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma this 20th day of May, 2008.

CITY OF GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

By 

Chuck Burtcher, Mayor

ATTEST:



Wanda Calvert, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Approved as to Form:



Randel Shadid, City Attorney