

RESOLUTION NO. 08-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA EXPRESSING STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE NORTHWARD FROM OKLAHOMA CITY AND FOR CREATION OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE BETWEEN MIDWEST CITY AND OKLAHOMA CITY.

WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance is an intra-state compact of existing and potential on-route communities, elected officials, public organizations and business leaders organized to support extension of currently existing Oklahoma Amtrak passenger rail service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Oklahoma City is currently the terminal for existing Amtrak service, and

WHEREAS, the expressed Northern Flyer Alliance goal is to extend existing Amtrak service from Fort Worth/Dallas to Oklahoma City and northward to Kansas City, with equal service between Kansas City, Oklahoma City and Fort Worth/Dallas, and

WHEREAS, the City of Midwest City recognizes the importance of expanding current Heartland Flyer service to Kansas and supports the continuing efforts to do so, and

WHEREAS, national and regional support is growing for state-funded Amtrak corridor trains, and

WHEREAS, the people of Oklahoma could reap personal and financial benefits through federal matching funding for passenger rail expansion through the federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act, and

WHEREAS, the City of Midwest City recognizes the financial and environmental benefits, as well as the saving of travel time and quality of life advantages of connecting northward to the national Amtrak system in Kansas City, and

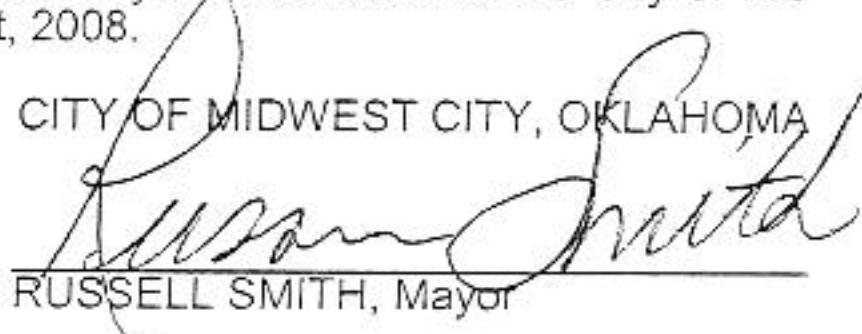
WHEREAS, current developments in the tightening of federal environmental ozone standards and significant increases in fuel and energy costs support reexamination of passenger and commuter rail service as a public transit alternative to transit by highway in passenger vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Midwest City recognizes the importance for affordable transportation for work and pleasure in the Metropolitan area,


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Midwest City that the City of Midwest City endorses the expansion of Amtrak service beyond Oklahoma City to Kansas City; the implementation of a Midwest City – Oklahoma City – Will Rogers Airport commuter rail program and, further, supports the efforts of the Northern Flyer Alliance in its efforts to bring about these service expansions.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the mayor and council of the City of Midwest City on the 12th day of August, 2008.

CITY OF MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA


RUSSELL SMITH, Mayor

ATTEST:


RHONDA ATKINS, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED as to form and legality this 12th day of August, 2008.


KATHERINE BOLLES, City Attorney