



Topeka Santa Fe Retired Employees Club Topeka, Kansas

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The Topeka Santa Fe Retired Employees Club is a non-profit organization for the promotion of fellowship and was founded on Tuesday, March 22, 1955 of retired employees of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. Subsequently, retired employees of the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Santa Fe Industries and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. were admitted to membership. Our membership roll is about 500 members.

Topeka Santa Fe Retired Employees Club's Board of Directors strongly supports your efforts in pursuing passenger rail service from Kansas City to Oklahoma City, via Topeka, connecting with the Heartland Flyer that offers passenger service down into southern Texas. Passenger train travel will reduce the ever-increasing cost and usage of fuel that is necessary in the operation of automobile traffic versus mass transit of travelers by rail. Secondly, traveling by rail will help reduce stress to the elderly when traveling by automobile. In addition to these reasons is the high potential of ridership by college students in the cities where it will serve.

Sincerely,

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