

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF AMTRAK SERVICE FROM OKLAHOMA CITY THROUGH WICHITA, KANSAS, TO KANSAS CITY.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the City of Norman desires Amtrak and the State of Oklahoma to provide a full line of customer services and transportation alternatives to Norman residents; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Northern Flyer Alliance is a grass roots effort designed to generate support for further Amtrak service expansion between Oklahoma City and Kansas City; and
- § 3. WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) submitted a formal study request to Amtrak on February 11, 2008, and the study is expected to start later this summer with a target completion date of late summer/early fall of 2009; and
- § 4. WHEREAS, the 2030 Oklahoma City Area Regional Transportation Study (OCARTS 2030) prepared by the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) makes specific reference to the desirability of a passenger rail system that extends to multiple surrounding states and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation's 2005-2030 Statewide Intermodal Transportation Plan also supports the expansion of Amtrak Service; and
- § 5. WHEREAS, the City of Norman is currently a stopping point on the existing Amtrak service route and expansion route; and
- § 6. WHEREAS, the City of Norman recognizes the financial, environmental and quality of life advantages of having Amtrak service in Norman, Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- § 7. That the City of Norman endorses the expansion of Amtrak service from Oklahoma City through Wichita, Kansas, to Kansas City and further, supports the efforts of the Northern Flyer Alliance in their efforts to bring about this service expansion.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 22nd day of April, 2008.


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

