

ARKANSAS CITY

Area Chamber of Commerce

April 7, 2008

Ms. Deb Miller
Secretary of Transportation
Kansas Department of Transportation
Dwight D. Eisenhower State Office Building
700 SW Harrison Street
Topeka, KS 66603-3754

Dear Ms. Miller,

I am writing on behalf of the efforts to extend the Heartland Flyer north from Oklahoma City, OK into south central Kansas. The line could possibly include Wichita, Newton, Winfield and Arkansas City.

Few activities resonate with the Chamber's dual mission of economic and community development in the way that the potential rail expansion does, and for that reason, our organization is committed to being a strong partner in this effort.

Enhanced transportation opportunities will increase tourism and economic development to Cowley and the state of Kansas. A possible stopover in Arkansas City along the Heartland Flyer rail line would not only benefit our community, but many of the rural treasures located throughout the state.

The Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce supports the expansion of the Heartland Flyer route as a means to enhance the economy, infrastructure and quality of life advantages its service would offer the state of Kansas.

Sincerely,



Janet Siebert
President/CEO
Arkansas City Area Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Evan Stair
Oklahoma Director, Northern Flyer Alliance