

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1003

By: Luttrell, Baker, Bashore, Bell,
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Caldwell (Trey), Conley, Cornwell,
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Hardin (Tommy), Hasenbeck, Hilbert,
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Martinez, May, McBride, McCall,
McDugle, McEntire, Miller, Mize,
Moore, Munson, Newton, Nichols,
Nollan, O'Donnell, Olsen, Osburn, Pae,
Patzkowsky, Pfeiffer, Phillips,
Pittman, Provenzano, Randleman,
Ranson, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts
(Eric), Roberts (Sean), Roe,
Rosecrants, Russ, Sims, Smith, Sneed,
Stark, Steagall, Stearman, Sterling,
Stinson, Strom, Talley, Townley,
Turner, Vancuren, Virgin, Waldron,
Walke, Wallace, West (Josh), West
(Kevin), West (Rick), West (Tammy),
Williams, Wolfley and Worthen of the
House

and

Coleman, Allen, Bergstrom, Boren,
Brooks, Bullard, Burns, Dahm, Daniels,
David, Dossett (J.A.), Dossett (J.J.),
Dugger, Floyd, Garvin, Hall, Hamilton,
Haste, Hicks, Howard, Jech, Jett,
Kidd, Kirt, Leewright, Matthews,
McCortney, Merrick, Montgomery,
Murdock, Newhouse, Paxton, Pederson,
Pemberton, Pugh, Quinn, Rader, Rogers,
Rosino, Simpson, Standridge, Stanley,
Stephens, Taylor, Thompson, Treat,
Weaver and Young of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution endorsing and supporting the extension of Amtrak service between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Newton, Kansas; urging support for the inclusion of federal funding for development of Heartland Flyer Extension; urging support for the inclusion of federal funding for the maintenance and development of the Southwest Chief; supporting approval of certain multistate partnership; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Secretary of Transportation Julie Lorenz has presented to the 2021 Passenger Rail Coalition that she and Oklahoma Secretary of Transportation Tim Gatz have discussed that both states desire that the Heartland Flyer be extended north through Oklahoma and Kansas, yet both states require federal funding to develop the corridor; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak presented a proposal for the state of Kansas February 10, 2021, at the 2021 Passenger Rail Coalition Forum to request one hundred percent (100%) federal funding for the Heartland Flyer Extension capital costs, and three (3) to five (5) years of operational costs through reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has approached the state of Kansas to enter into a multistate operational partnership for an extended Heartland Flyer, with connecting service between Amtrak's Southwest Chief and Texas Eagle; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has received a reauthorization act request from the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission incorporating additional frequencies and a second train over this corridor, specifically a daytime frequency to operate between Fort Worth, Texas, and Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Passenger Rail Service Development Plan of 2010 includes an option for additional frequencies and a second train, known as Alternative No. 3, to transit the Heartland Flyer and Southwest Chief corridors; and

WHEREAS, a concomitant improvement of ridership and financial performance would be realized by an extension and second frequency of the Heartland Flyer; and

WHEREAS, the Amtrak Southwest Chief and Sunset Limited routes would realize a dramatic increase in ridership and financial performance resulting from a two-frequency Heartland Flyer connection with hubs in Newton, Kansas, and Fort Worth, Texas; and

WHEREAS, ridership on the Heartland Flyer Extension from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Newton, Kansas, is anticipated to double when connected with the Southwest Chief in Newton, Kansas. Fully funded maintenance of the Southwest Chief is an integral and vital component of the Heartland Flyer Extension; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Transportation identifies passenger rail development in its State Rail Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Senate and House of Representatives support and endorse the extension of Amtrak service between Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Newton, Kansas.

THAT the Senate and House of Representatives urge the Oklahoma Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of federal funding for the full implementation and development of the Heartland Flyer Extension from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Newton, Kansas, including a second frequency directly connecting Kansas City, Missouri, with Fort Worth, Texas, in the upcoming reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act.

THAT the Senate and House of Representatives urge the Oklahoma Congressional delegation to support the inclusion of full federal funding for the maintenance and future development of the Southwest Chief in the upcoming reauthorization.

THAT the House of Representatives and Senate approve a multistate partnership between Amtrak and the states through which the service will operate.

THAT enrolled copies of this resolution be presented and distributed to the Governor of Oklahoma, Governor of Kansas, the

Secretary of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Secretary of the Kansas Department of Transportation, each member of the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation Pete Buttigieg and all cosponsors of this resolution.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 15th day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of April, 2021.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this _____
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