

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE THROUGH  
THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI INTERSTATE 20 CORRIDOR

**WHEREAS**, Central Mississippi has a rich passenger rail history; and

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting central Mississippi by passenger rail from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth will provide a critical transportation link connecting the state capitol in Jackson to other vibrant east/west economies along the I-20 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting passenger rail will connect Mississippi's International Airport to the Dallas/Fort-Worth International Airport; and

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting Central Mississippi as a passenger rail hub would link service east, west, north, and south resulting in significant economic impact to Central Mississippi that will help the region capitalize on Central Mississippi's assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of passenger rail will have positive economic impacts to Central Mississippi from tourism, business, healthcare, and educational connections through passenger rail as well as a multimodal connection to Dallas/Fort-Worth; and

**WHEREAS**, the cooperation with host railroads to bring passenger rail will have positive industrial impacts and bring more freight connectivity; and

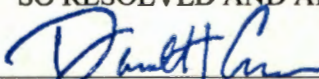
**WHEREAS**, the Southern Rail Commission has worked diligently and in good faith with all stakeholders, including local, regional, state, national government partners and advocates freight railroads establish passenger rail in the region; and


**WHEREAS**, recently Canadian Pacific committed to round trip service between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and exploring a possible future route from Meridian to Dallas/Fort Worth through Central Mississippi that will improve connections to Jackson and Mississippi across the nation via passenger rail; and

**WHEREAS**, the merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern would connect Central Mississippi to a comprehensive intercontinental rail network that unites North America by connecting the heartland of the United States to Mexico and Canada; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rankin County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth through Central Mississippi along the I-20 corridor.

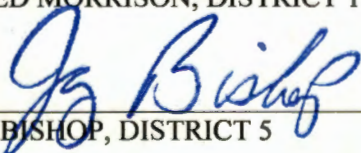
SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2022.

  
DANIEL CROSS, PRESIDENT

  
BRAD CALHOUN, VICE-PRESIDENT

  
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