

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO REESTABLISH PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE THROUGH CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI**

**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 Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers 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 plus freight railroads to 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 City of Richland hereby supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth through central Mississippi along the I-20 corridor.

Following the reading of the foregoing resolution, Alderman Quick made a motion for its adoption and Alderman Sanford seconded the motion. The Mayor put the question to a vote as follows:

Alderman Gus Black	voted: AYE
Alderman AJ Shields	voted: AYE
Alderman John Hamilton	voted: AYE
Alderman Beth Sanford	voted: AYE
Alderman Matthew Quick	voted: AYE

The motion having received the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Richland, Mississippi, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the 1st day of March, 2022.



ATTEST:

  
City Clerk, Karen Jackson

APPROVED:

  
Mayor, Pat Sullivan