

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FOR CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

WHEREAS, Central Mississippi has a rich passenger rail history but has been without passenger rail since 1968; and

WHEREAS, reconnecting central Mississippi to Dallas/Fort Worth by passenger rail will provide a critical transportation link to the economies of central Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail will connect Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport and will connect Amtrak long distance Crescent and City of New Orleans, connecting Mississippi to Chicago, New Orleans, Washington, DC and New York City; 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 multimodal connection to Dallas/Fort Worth; and

WHEREAS, 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, 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

WHEREAS, Canadian Pacific has maintained an A+ rating with Amtrak on the delivery of passenger rail and has committed to that level of quality service in Mississippi.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through Central Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Scott County Board of Supervisors supports the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern merger and encourages the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger in order for there to be robust and mutually beneficial freight and passenger rail service in the state of Mississippi.

SO RESOLVED this the 22nd day of February, 2022.

Motion by Steven Crotwell seconded by Jackie Bradford.

Yea: Bradford, McGee, Crotwell, Harrell, Cooksey.

Nay: None.



Joe McGee, President
Scott County Board of Supervisors