

**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 service since 1968; and

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

**WHEREAS**, reconnecting central Mississippi as a passenger rail would link service east, west, north, and south, resulting in significant economic impact to help the region capitalize on central Mississippi's assets, with particular positive economic effects to Vicksburg's exemplary tourist attractions, restaurants and hotels; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of passenger rail will offer Vicksburg residents more robust transportation options to access business, healthcare and educational opportunities across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, cooperation with host railroads to bring passenger rail will have positive industrial impacts by way of freight line improvements; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Canadian Pacific Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Innovation James Clements on December 8, 2021, committed to exploring a route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through central Mississippi that will improve connections via passenger rail; 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 central Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, the eminent 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;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF VICKSBURG BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN** supports the study and establishment of passenger rail, particularly a route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through Vicksburg, and will do our part to make passenger rail a viable asset for the city, county, surrounding region and the state of Mississippi; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF VICKSBURG BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN** supports the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern merger


and urges the Surface Transportation Board to approve this merger in order for there to be a robust and mutually beneficial freight and passenger rail service in the state of Mississippi.

SO RESOLVED this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



CITY OF VICKSBURG

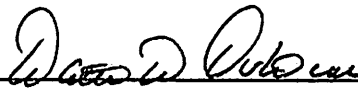
  
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GEORGE FLAGGS, MAYOR

  
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CITY CLERK

# CERTIFICATE

I, **Walter W. Osborne, Jr.**, the duly appointed, qualified and acting City Clerk and lawful custodian of the Minutes of The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg and Seal of said City, Certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a Resolution Adopted by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Vicksburg at a Regular Board Meeting held on Monday, March 7, 2022.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
Walter W. Osborne, Jr.

