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DISCUSSION

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ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the resolution as submitted.
2. Amend the resolution.
3. Deny the resolution.

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CONCLUSION

Alternative Number 1 is recommended.

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2013

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENT SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATION FOR AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN NORTH LOUISIANA AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO

BY:

WHEREAS, for more than twenty (20) years, various communities, Parishes, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development organizations and others have worked to bring Amtrak passenger rail service to North Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a passenger rail line from Shreveport-Bossier to Longview, Texas and the extension of the line to Vicksburg and Meridian, Mississippi will provide a benefit to the public by providing passengers with rail service to Atlanta, Georgia and points east and west.

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport endorses and supports efforts to bring passenger rail service to North Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, legal and regular session convened that the Mayor is hereby authorized to evidence the City of Shreveport's endorsement and support of efforts to bring passenger rail service to North Louisiana by the execution of a resolution of concurrent support and recommendation for Amtrak passenger rail service in North Louisiana, substantially in accordance with the draft thereof which was filed for public inspection with the original of this resolution in the Office of the Clerk of Council on October 22, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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City Attorney's Office

RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENT SUPPORT & RECOMMENDATION  
FOR AMTRAK PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE IN NORTH LOUISIANA

WHEREAS, for more than 20 years, communities, parishes, chambers of commerce and Regional economic development organizations, along with businesses associations have diligently worked to procure passenger rail service through Amtrak from the Texas-Louisiana State Line in Northwest Louisiana to the Mississippi-Louisiana State Line in Northeast Louisiana and all the communities in between; and

WHEREAS, there has not been passenger rail service in North Louisiana for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of a passenger rail line from Shreveport-Bossier to Longview, TX, and with the extension of the line to Vicksburg and Meridian, MS, passengers will have service to Atlanta, GA and from there, the East Coast, and in the other direction, all the way to the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail provides an additional resource for travelers who might otherwise have chosen a different destination; and

WHEREAS, when passenger trains stop in cities, especially those wonderful smaller towns and villages, it lifts and increases the economic development of that community; and

WHEREAS, providing Amtrak passenger rail service, people will come to live, people will come to work, people will come to shop, buy and visit; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service is environmentally friendly-green and safe; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Municipal Association Board of Directors meeting in Monroe, LA on August 1, 2013, did unanimously approve and endorse this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Sub-state Planning and Development Districts, representing Northwest Louisiana and Northeast Louisiana, respectively, The Coordinating & Development Corporation and North Delta Regional Planning & Development District, Inc. have previously provided both technical and logistical support for passenger rail service across North Louisiana, and each of their Boards unanimously endorsing said service; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service is all about economic development, business development, and community development for North Louisiana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED \_\_\_\_\_ that the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting in Regular Session, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year 2013, formally and officially goes on record supporting and recommending that the State of Louisiana, the Governor, the Lt. Governor, and the Legislature propound and support the development of Amtrak Passenger Rail Service across North Louisiana from the Texas border to the Mississippi border; and

FURTHER, that passenger rail service in North Louisiana be included as a strategic goal for accomplishment in the Louisiana 2014 Transportation Development Master Plan Update; and

FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution be presented to Governor Bobby Jindal, Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne and each North Louisiana Legislator. The \_\_\_\_\_ also supports and recommends that other local governmental entities in North Louisiana prepare and execute a similar Resolution of Support and Recommendation and present same to the Governor, Lt. Governor and Legislators.

This Resolution being offered by \_\_\_\_\_, and this done and said and being put to a vote this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013, at \_\_\_\_\_, LA on a motion by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ was unanimously adopted and approved.

I, \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby certify that the above and  
foregoing is a true and correct copy of a

Resolution adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_  
meeting in regular session convened on  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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(Signature)

