

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
SOUTHERN RAIL COMMISSION'S PASSENGER RAIL EFFORTS

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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 Brandon, Mississippi hereby supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth through central Mississippi along the I-20 corridor.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY City of Brandon ON Feb. 22, 2022

Mayor

David Lee



City Clerk

Angela Bear

RESOLUTION

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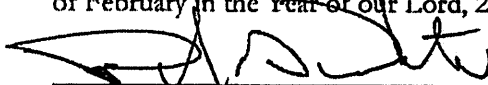
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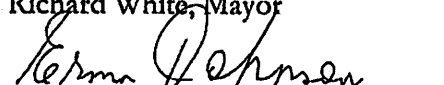
THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY The City of Byram on this 24th day of February in the Year of our Lord, 2022.



Richard White, Mayor



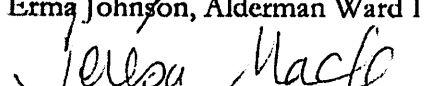
Diandra Hosey, Mayor Pro Tem/Alderman Ward II



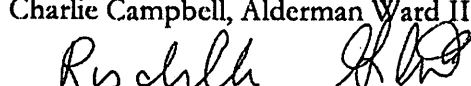
Erma Johnson, Alderman Ward I

ABSENT


Charlie Campbell, Alderman Ward III



Teresa Mack, Alderman Ward IV



Roschell Gibson, Alderman Ward V



David Moore, Alderman Ward VI

TELECONFERENCE - APPROVED

Roshunda Harris-Allen, Alderman At Large



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EX OFFICIO
MAYOR TOMMY CHANDLER
BUTCH FORD

February 24, 2022

To Members of the Surface Transportation Board

RE: Support for the Merger of Canadian Pacific with Kansas City Southern Railroad

We respectfully submit this letter of support for the merger of Canadian Pacific with Kansas City Southern railroad, allowing the alignment of our interest in full support of the Southern Rail Commission's proposal for passenger rail along the I-20 Corridor. This proposed service will connect our communities in Northern Louisiana to new regions and economies in Dallas-Fort Worth and Atlanta – and beyond to Washington, D.C., and New York City through connections with Amtrak's Texas Eagle, City of New Orleans, and Crescent trains.

We also fully support the partnerships anticipated local benefits between the freight and passenger rail community with Canadian Pacific as the future owner. Our region formed an engaged coalition of local officials and stakeholders that includes the Southern Rail Commission and the Ark-La-Tex Corridor Council who support this I-20 Corridor long-distance service.

Furthermore, the infrastructure bill recently approved by Congress commits new funding allocations for passenger rail that could potentially be available for any required capital investment, and previous studies have indicated that this economically viable route along the I-20 Corridor would require no subsidies for operations.

We request that you rule favorably on the merger of Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern as it moves our region one step closer to fulfilling the vision of connecting the I-20 Corridor with passenger rail service.

Thank you for your consideration,

David R. Rockett, Jr
Executive Director

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FOR CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

- WHEREAS**, Central Mississippi has a rich tradition of passenger rail that dates back as far as 1840, when the Clinton and Vicksburg Railway established a connection that would become more prominent after the American Civil War;
- WHEREAS**, The effects of reconnecting Central Mississippi by passenger rail from Hinds County to Dallas/Fort-Worth will provide a critical transportation link connecting the state capitol here in Hinds County and the various economies of the surrounding cities of Central Mississippi;
- WHEREAS**, The establishment of passenger rail will connect Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport to Dallas/Fort-Worth International Airport and will connect to the Amtrak long distance Crescent rail line; connecting the City of New Orleans to Washington, DC and the famous Illinois Central, where City of New Orleans connects to Mississippi and north to Chicago;
- WHEREAS**, Hinds County would once again become a passenger rail hub linking the deep south with service east, west, north, and south resulting in substantial economic impact to the county and make it easier for anyone to enjoy the growing attractions that Hinds County has to offer; Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, and the Jackson Zoo; as well as enjoy the thrilling atmosphere of the SWAC championship winning Jackson State Football team lead by Pro Hall of Famer Coach Deion Sanders;
- WHEREAS**, With the recent economic boosts making waves through Jackson, MS and the greater Hinds County the establishment of the passenger rail will have a positive impact to Central Mississippi from tourism, business, healthcare, and educational connections through passenger rail as well as a multimodal connection to Dallas/Fort-Worth;
- WHEREAS**, Cooperation with host railroads to bring passenger rail will have a positive industrial impact and bring more freight connectivity to the State of Mississippi;
- 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 railroad freights to establish passenger rail in the region;
- WHEREAS**, James Clements, the Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Innovation for Canadian Pacific was in New Orleans on December 8, 2021, and committed to round trip service between Baton Rouge and New Orleans and exploring a route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort-Worth through Central Mississippi that will improve the connections to Jackson and Mississippi across the nation via passenger rail;
- 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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hinds County Board of Supervisors supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through Central Mississippi, and will do our part to ensure that passenger rail strong asset for the cities of Hinds County, surrounding regions, and the great state of Mississippi;

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

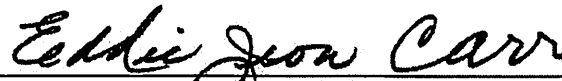
SO RESOLVED AND ORDERED, this the 28TH day of FEBRUARY 2022.

HINDS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Credell Calhoun, President

District Three



Attest: Eddie Jean Carr

Chancery Clerk

**RESOLUTION OF THE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE JACKSON URBANIZED AREA**

WHEREAS, the Central Mississippi Planning and Development District (CMPDD) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), responsible for coordinating the Federally mandated Transportation Planning Process for the Jackson Urbanized Area; and

WHEREAS, the MPO considers it necessary and vital for intermodal transportation alternatives to be enhanced that support a multimodal transportation approach in the region; 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

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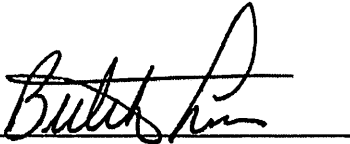
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WHEREAS, Canadian Pacific has maintained an A+ rating with Amtrak on the delivery

of passenger rail and has committed to continuing that level of quality service in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Jackson Urbanized Area hereby supports the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth through central Mississippi along the I-20 corridor.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Butch Lee", is written over a horizontal line.

Butch Lee, Chairperson
Metropolitan Planning Policy Committee
Jackson Metropolitan Planning Organization

**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 by passenger rail from Meridian to Dallas/Fort-Worth will provide a critical transportation link connecting the state capitol in Jackson and the vibrant economies of Meridian and Vicksburg; and

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

WHEREAS, Meridian will become a passenger rail hub linking the deep south with service east, west, north and south resulting in significant economic impact to its downtown that will help lift the region and capitalize on Meridian's assets; Riley Performing Arts Center, The Max, Soule Museum, proposed Railroad museum, Children's Museum and the many living and dining options Meridian offers; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS support the establishment of passenger rail, particularly the route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth through Central Mississippi, and will do our part to make passenger rail a robust asset for the city, county, surrounding region, and the State of Mississippi; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS support the Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern merger and urges 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.

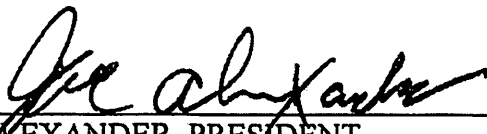
SO RESOLVED, this the 28th day of February, 2022.

Motion by Charles Moulds second by Kenneth Harris.

Yea: K. Harris, J. Alexander, C. Moulds, C. Godwin, J. Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: None

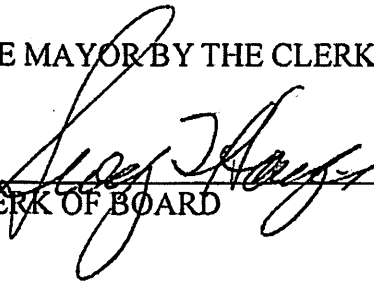


JOE ALEXANDER, PRESIDENT
NEWTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

3/1/22
DATE

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF COUNCIL, on the 1 day of February, 2022.

Moulds



CLERK OF BOARD

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FOR CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

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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