

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FOR CENTAL 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 Jackson 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**, Jackson 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 Jackson's assets: Thalia Mara Hall, Smith Robertson Museum, Mississippi Children's Museum, Mississippi Museum of Art, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, Museum of Mississippi History, Jackson Convention Complex; state of the art Planetarium that is currently under renovation; and the many excellent dining options Jackson offers; 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**, 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 stake holders, including local, regional, state, national government partners and advocates plus freight railroads to establish passenger rail in the region; and

**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 connections to Jackson and Mississippi across the nation via passenger rail; and

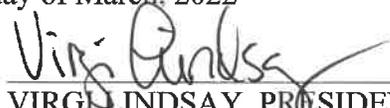
**WHEREAS**, the merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern would connect central Mississippi to a comprehensive intercontinental rail network that unites North America by connecting the heartland of the United States to Mexico and Canada; and

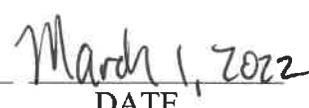
**WHEREAS**, Canadian Pacific has maintained an A+ rating with Amtrak on the delivery of passenger rail and has committed to that level of quality service in Mississippi.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MAYOR AND JACKSON CITY COUNCIL** supports the establishment of Passenger rail, particularly the route from Atlanta to Dallas/Fort Worth though 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 MAYOR AND JACKSON CITY COUNCIL 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 robust mutually beneficial freight and passenger rail service in the state of Mississippi.

SO RESOLVED this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022

  
VIRGI LINDSAY, PRESIDENT  
CITY COUNCIL, JACKSON, MS

  
DATE

WITNESSED BY MY HAND, on this 1 day of March, 2022 at 4:15 am/pm.

  
CHOKWE A. LUMUMBA, MAYOR  
CITY OF JACKSON

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

## RESOLUTION

**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 Raymond 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 Harris made the motion to adopt this Resolution and Alderwoman Askew seconded the motion, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was taken as follows:

Alderman Askew   \_AYE\_  

Alderman Moss   \_AYE\_  

Alderman Barnette   \_AYE\_  

Alderman Smith   \_AYE\_  

Alderman Harris   \_AYE\_  

The motion having received the affirmative vote of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Raymond, Mississippi, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted, on this the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of March, 2022.

By: Isa D. Sullivan  
Mayor

Attest: Dwain A. Hubbard  
City Clerk

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

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**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