



Carolinas Association for Passenger Trains

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ENHANCED RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE

In support of a statewide initiative for legislative and funding support for enhanced and improved passenger rail service for the state of South Carolina .

Whereas, passenger rail service is an integral part of a comprehensive transportation system for the State of South Carolina; and

Whereas, economic development, tourism and job creation will benefit through the enhancement of a passenger rail system that serves the citizens of South Carolina and visitors to our state; and,

Whereas, there is a vital need to provide a balanced transportation service both statewide and nationwide as demonstrated in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001 tragedies; and,

Whereas, state funding for passenger rail service in South Carolina is necessary to support development of intercity rail services that can connect small urban and rural areas of the state with the urbanized centers of our state; and,

Whereas, support by local and state elected officials is essential for the future of alternative transportation in South Carolina; and,

Whereas, support and utilization of transportation improvements by business and commercial interests is essential for the successful deployment of alternative transportation modes in South Carolina; and,

Whereas, this resolution is a vehicle to express the unified support of communities and Chambers of Commerce throughout South Carolina for statewide funding for passenger rail service; and,

Whereas, rail linkages between communities and regions within South Carolina establish and strengthen social, historical, commercial and cultural bonds; and,

Whereas, the creation of a rail division focused on the development and improvement of passenger rail services in the state should be part of the South Carolina Department of Transportation; and,

Whereas, the state of South Carolina should be an active partner in the development of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor; and,

Whereas, improvements to rail facilities will promote safety and efficiency of passenger rail service and should include relocations of urban stations to centrally located sites; and,

Whereas, improvements to rail facilities will also increase rail freight traffic, reducing truck traffic on our roads and providing environmental benefits through reduction of harmful emissions; and,

Whereas, an integrated passenger rail system will enhance accessibility and reliability for key military locations and ports.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Barnwell County through the adoption of this resolution, fully supports the creation of a comprehensive passenger rail system to serve the state of South Carolina with its ultimate objective to further economic opportunity, help preserve the environment, improve the quality of life and enhance public health, safety and welfare for all citizens, communities and regions.

Adopted this 13th day of September, 2016

David Lane, Chairman
(signature, title)

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