RESOLUTION NO. 7847

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Sylvia Ortiz asking that the City’s Congressional delegation intercede on the City’s behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

WHEREAS, the Amtrak station located at S.E. 5th and Holliday Streets in Topeka recently benefited from the facility upgrades provided by Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad Corporation. However, Amtrak has indicated that it will not designate the station as a full-service facility, which would include Red Cap Service and passenger-friendly lobby hours, until ridership increases; and

WHEREAS, an increase in ridership will be difficult to achieve unless passengers are provided the services that make their rail travel experience a pleasant one. This includes assistance with their baggage, convenient lobby hours, and a secure facility in which to board and detrain; and

WHEREAS, Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman Jim Ryun are in a position to intercede on the City’s behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Topeka that it seeks Amtrak’s commitment to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility including Red Cap Service, passenger-friendly lobby hours, and a secure facility in which to board and detrain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Topeka that the City Manager is to provide Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman Jim Ryun a copy of this Resolution along with a letter asking them to intercede on the...
City’s behalf by requesting Amtrak to provide full passenger service at its Topeka facility.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council August 15, 2006.

William W. Bunten, Mayor

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Iris E. Walker, City Clerk