RESOLUTION NO. 8245

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember John Alcala in support of Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority’s undertaking of a study regarding the feasibility of constructing and maintaining a biomass energy facility in Topeka, Kansas.

WHEREAS, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, striving constantly to be a worthy steward of the public trust and funds, continues to seek out practical cost-saving measures wherever they may be found; and

WHEREAS, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, desiring also to act as a worthy steward of our environment, recognizes and embraces the value of exploring alternative fuel and energy sources, especially those that are clean burning and renewable; and

WHEREAS, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, due to its optimum size and centralized location within the nation, recognizes benefits to be gained by the City, the State and the entire region by Topeka assuming the mantle of a municipal leader in the vanguard of the field of generation of alternative fuel in the Midwest;

WHEREAS, the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority desires to stay ahead of the curve of anticipated future legislative and regulatory mandates in the areas of the environment and transit services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the City of Topeka supports Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority’s undertaking of a study regarding the feasibility of constructing and maintaining a biomass energy facility in Topeka, Kansas.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study will be funded by the Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority with no contribution from the City of Topeka unless expressly approved by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded or repealed. Should any section, clause or phrase of this resolution be declared to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by City Council March 23, 2010.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk