



# **Railroad Workers United**

*Solidarity • Unity • Democracy*

*The Rank & File in Action!*

*Railroadworkersunited.org ♦ info@railroadworkersunited.org*

## **RWU Resolution on Building a Passenger – Worker Alliance**

**Whereas**, passenger rail has exploded around the world in recent decades on all continents except for North America; and

**Whereas**, this mushrooming of passenger rail has created good jobs in construction, train and engine service; track, infrastructure, locomotive and car maintenance; and all types of railroad work; and

**Whereas**, the nations of North America (Canada, the US and Mexico) have been left behind, not because the people do not want or need passenger trains but because the railroads are largely in the hands of private “Fortune 500” corporations, powerful entities that have little or no interest in moving passengers; and

**Whereas**, in order to build new necessary infrastructure and network of such trains will take a coalition of forces including communities, citizens and environment groups, workers and unions, passenger train advocacy groups and other forces; and

**Whereas**, the highway infrastructure in the United States has proven to be incapable of handling the demands for transportation of passenger and goods in the coming decades; and

**Whereas**, municipalities and counties around the U.S. have begun the process of building and providing mass rail transportation with great success;

**Therefore, Be it Resolved** that RWU supports the creation of a “Grand Alliance” of organizations like those listed above to design and demand a modern network of fast, frequent, efficient passenger trains and mass transit across North America; and

**Be it Further Resolved** that RWU will forward this resolution to citizens and environmental groups, passenger rail advocacy groups, and all railroad and construction unions in North America; and

**Be it Finally Resolved** that RWU forward this Resolution to the rail unions in North America and suggest that they work to build this Grand Alliance.

**Adopted by the RWU 5th Biennial Convention - Chicago, Illinois  
April 1, 2016**