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BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION: 03/25/2022 04:02 PM

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FROM FORT WORTH, TEXAS, TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, Congress has recently passed a major infrastructure bill, which includes sixty-six billion dollar allocation for passenger rail and Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, connecting Fort Worth, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia, with points along the corridor from Shreveport, Louisiana, would establish a passenger rail connection joining more than 14,000,000 residents throughout Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia and connecting these states with the East Coast and onward north to New York; and

WHEREAS, the existing Interstate 20 was constructed almost sixty years ago, and there has been no significant increase in traffic since, despite the population growth throughout these states of two to three million during the last two generations, and there appear to be no present plans to materially expand the existing four lanes of Interstate 20 for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the proposed acquisition of the Kansas City Southern Railway ("KCS") is pending before the United States Surface Transportation Board, and Canadian Pacific and Amtrak have announced plans to conduct a study to finalize a cooperative passenger train for the I-20 Corridor along the trackage being acquired by CP, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby recognize and support the efforts to construct and operate a long-distance passenger rail connection along the I-20 corridor, also supports the approval of the Surface Transportation Board of the merger between Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific Railways, and further supports the efforts to improve on-time performance of Amtrak passenger trains.

Be it further resolved that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby certifies that the resolution of the 20th day of March, 2022, has been duly adopted and recorded in said body's Minute Book No. 69, at Page 526.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

[Signature]
Parish Attorney

3/24/22

Date