

**RESOLUTION No. 36767**

Support the reinstatement of the Pioneer Amtrak Line (Resolution)

WHEREAS, trains are an appealing and environmentally friendly means of travel that can substantially reduce transportation-generated carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, trains are an important transportation option for both business and pleasure travel; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has long been committed to environmentally friendly transportation, including passenger rail, as an alternative to congested roads and airways; and

WHEREAS, a vigorous rail system has played an integral part in Portland's development as a world-class city for well over a century; and

WHEREAS, restoration of Amtrak connections provided by the Pioneer train between the central Rocky Mountain region and Portland will spur travel between Portland and many eastern Oregon communities poorly served by public transportation, and will especially facilitate travel during the winter, when driving and flying conditions are uncertain; and

WHEREAS, a full range of train connections and a thriving train station represent an important part of Portland's economic vitality and the city's appeal to residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council encourages our elected representatives in Congress to support reinstatement of the Amtrak Pioneer service; and

WHEREAS, the Portland City Council encourages Congress to consult with the freight railroads to ensure the best possible service in this corridor;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council supports efforts to restore Amtrak's Pioneer Service between the Pacific Northwest, the central Rocky Mountains and Chicago; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be brought to the attention of Portland's representatives in Congress, who are respectfully urged to act so as to give effect to this resolution.

Adopted by the Council: **MAR 10 2010**


Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: Katja Dillmann

Date Prepared: March 4, 2010

**LaVonne Griffin-Valade**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By

  
Deputy

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<p><b>INTRODUCED BY</b>          Commissioner/Auditor:  <i>K. Dillmann</i>  <b>Adams</b></p> <p><b>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p> <p><b>BUREAU APPROVAL</b></p> <p>Bureau: Office of the Mayor          Bureau Head: Mayor Adams</p> <p>Prepared by: Katja Dillmann          Date Prepared:</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/>          Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document          If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document.          Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date</p> <p><b>City Attorney Approval</b></p>	<p style="text-align: right; color: blue;">MAR 05 2010</p> <p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED _____</p> <p><i>on behalf of Mayor Adams</i>          LaVonne Griffin-Valade          Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> _____          Deputy</p> <p><b>ACTION TAKEN:</b></p>
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<b>AGENDA</b>
<p><b>TIME CERTAIN</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: <u>9:30 am</u></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: <u>15 min</u>          (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p><b>CONSENT</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>REGULAR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____          (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	Adams	✓	