

RESOLUTION NO.**35781**

Support all efforts to restore Amtrak Service to Eastern Oregon (Resolution)

WHEREAS, transportation connections between Portland and other communities in Oregon are important to the economic vitality and livability of both the Portland region and those other communities, and

WHEREAS, railroad transportation has been a critical and important component of our regional transportation system for over a century, and

WHEREAS, the train is an environmentally friendly, comfortable way to travel and an efficient, effective way to transport goods, and

WHEREAS, rail services increases safety and peace of mind for travelers during the winter months, especially when travelling through severe climate areas like the Columbia Gorge and northeastern Oregon, and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recognizes the significant impacts the loss of passenger rail transportation has had on the residents of eastern Oregon communities along the former Amtrak Pioneer corridor, especially the elderly and disabled, and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's ability to carry mail and express freight in the Pioneer corridor not only increases the economic viability of restoring passenger service, but would also provide direct benefits to eastern Oregon and Portland,

WHEREAS, Oregon communities along the historic Pioneer route, including Portland, would benefit from restored passenger rail service, and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to plan and advocate for a variety of transit options that increase mobility for citizens and businesses,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Portland City Council supports all efforts to restore Amtrak passenger, mail and express service to the Pioneer route, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Portland City Council shall bring this Resolution to the attention of the National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), which is respectfully urged to restore daily passenger rail service between the Pacific northwest and Chicago, Illinois, via eastern Oregon, Idaho and Utah, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be brought to the attention of each member of the Oregon congressional Delegation, who is respectfully urged to act so as to give effect to this Resolution

Adopted by the Council, **MAR 31 1999**

Commissioner Charlie Hales
March 19, 1999

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland

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Deputy

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Commissioner Charlie Hales	Gary Blackmer Auditor of the City of Portland
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Finance and Administration	By <u>Beth Olson</u> Deputy
Safety <i>CH</i>	For Meeting of _____
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Bureau Transportation	
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Nancy Bias March 19, 1999	
Budget Impact Review	
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Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Regular <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Francesconi	Francesconi	✓	
NOTED BY	Hales	Hales	✓	
City Attorney	Saltzman	Saltzman	✓	
City Auditor	Sten	Sten	✓	
City Engineer	Katz	Katz	✓	