

**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-204**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF MAR 29 2005

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMTRAK/CAPITOL CORRIDOR**

**WHEREAS**, the voters of the State of California adopted certain bond measures to implement passenger rail service across our state, and as Sacramento Regional Transit is a member agency of the Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority, and

**WHEREAS**, the statewide passenger rail systems have now largely been constructed and services operating as defined in the voter-approved ballot measures, including Capitol Corridor trains and improvements to Sacramento Valley Station, and

**WHEREAS**, key components of the State's transportation system are now the three state-supported intercity passenger rail corridor services (the Pacific Surfliner, the Capitol Corridor and the San Joaquin routes), and

**WHEREAS**, these three intercity rail services now transport some 4.5 million passengers annually within California in large part due to the successful partnership with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), and

**WHEREAS**, the partnership with Amtrak brings certain significant operating, financial and liability benefits to the State of California, and

**WHEREAS**, the federal budget recently proposed by the President includes 'zero funding' for the continuation of Amtrak and its services, and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak has undergone a major reform of its business during the last two-and-one-half years, resulting in substantial progress in renewing its assets and stabilizing its costs, and

**WHEREAS**, Amtrak is the only entity in the nation with a statutory right-of-access to the private freight railroads for the purpose of providing passenger rail services, and

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**WHEREAS**, Amtrak-operated passenger services within California in 2004 (intercity and commuter) transported 9.3 million passengers, including more than 871,400 at Sacramento Valley Station, making California second only to New York State in the number of passengers transported on Amtrak operated trains, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of California's capital investments to date for intercity passenger rail services, based upon the voter approved bonds, are approximately \$1.7 billion, with most of these funds providing new rolling stock and track capacity improvements in the private freight railroads, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the State of California and the City of Sacramento to protect these public investments for their intended purpose as expressed by the voters who approved the bond measures which provided the initial funding for these investments, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the expressed will of the elected officials of the City of Sacramento to continue to provide, improve and expand our valued intercity passenger rail program, and corridor and long-distance train service to Sacramento.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Sacramento hereby calls upon California's Congressional delegation to provide adequate operating and capital funding for Amtrak in the FFY 2006 federal budget to allow uninterrupted continuation of California's Amtrak operated services (at the funding levels proposed to Congress in the federal budget proposal for FFY 2005, which specified that an annual request would be made of Congress for \$1.4 billion annually for Amtrak), and furthermore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Sacramento calls upon Congress to preserve and improve the four National Network Amtrak trains currently serving California (California Zephyr, Coast Starlight, Southwest Chief, and Sunset Limited) as these trains stretch across America, connect with the Capitol Corridor and the other state-supported trains, thereby uniting California with the rest of the nation, and, furthermore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Sacramento calls upon Congress to establish a multi-year capital funding program available to the states on a matching basis to initiate, improve or expand intercity passenger rail services and to provide an adequate level of capital funding for Amtrak to sustain the mandated national network of rail passenger services, and furthermore,

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be provided to the President of the United States, the US Department of Transportation Secretary, the President and Chairman of Amtrak's Board, the Governor, all members of the California Congressional delegation, CCJPA member agencies, and Chairs of all Congressional Committees having jurisdiction over Amtrak and the national passenger rail system.

HEATHER FARGO

            
MAYOR

ATTEST

SHIRLEY CONCOLINO

            
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