

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 46

By: Herbert

A Resolution requesting the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to seek extension of the Fort Worth, Texas, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, High Speed Rail Corridor to include Kansas City, Missouri, utilizing the most feasible and appropriate routing; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation has designated the Fort Worth, Texas, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rail Corridor as one of eleven High-Speed Rail Corridors eligible for federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation has recently completed a High-Speed Rail Corridor Cost Study linking Oklahoma City to Tulsa via 150 mile-per-hour passenger trains; and

WHEREAS, a favorable High-Speed Passenger Rail Study by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation linking Oklahoma City to Fort Worth was completed and released in May 2001; and

WHEREAS, extending the High-Speed Rail Corridor from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Kansas City, Missouri, would connect Oklahoma to High-Speed Rail Corridors in St. Louis, Chicago and ultimately to major points throughout the eastern half of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Oklahoma desire a High-Speed Rail travel option that is safe, reliable and affordable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to seek extension of the Fort Worth, Texas, to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, High Speed Rail Corridor to include Kansas City, Missouri, utilizing the most feasible and appropriate routing.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to enter into negotiations with the Kansas Department of Transportation, Missouri Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Transportation.

THAT said negotiations seek to establish a High Speed Rail Coalition between the four states whose purpose will be to cooperate in planning, uniformity, routing, required studies, and other activities designed to secure the extension of the High Speed Rail

Corridor and the federal funding necessary to complete the entire corridor from Fort Worth to Kansas City.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate requests the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of extending the current Heartland Flyer Service to Wichita or Newton, Kansas, connecting with AMTRAK, thereby providing rail service from Oklahoma to major cities in the western half of the United States.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Transportation Commission, and the Oklahoma Transportation Authority.

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2002.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate