

1 A. There is hereby created the Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail
2 Development Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study
3 and develop a comprehensive plan for expanding conventional
4 passenger rail service as well as high speed passenger rail service
5 from Tulsa to Oklahoma City via public-private partnership formulas
6 that include Department of Transportation grants and state funding
7 allocations in conjunction with private asset contribution. Such
8 review shall include, but not be limited to, any previous national,
9 state or local public or private study of this project in any form.

10 B. The Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force
11 shall be composed of the following seventeen (17) members:

- 12 1. The Governor or designee;
- 13 2. The Lieutenant Governor or designee;
- 14 3. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
15 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 16 4. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the
17 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 18 5. The Director of the Department of Transportation or
19 designee;
- 20 6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or
21 designee;
- 22 7. The Director of the Corporation Commission or designee;

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1 8. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
2 Quality or designee;

3 9. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and
4 Recreation Department or designee;

5 10. Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives as follows:

7 a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa
8 Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S.
9 Census Bureau,

10 b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma
11 City Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the
12 U.S. Census Bureau, and

13 c. one citizen residing in and representing the area
14 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and

15 11. Members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Senate as follows:

17 a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa
18 Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S.
19 Census Bureau,

20 b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma
21 City Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the
22 U.S. Census Bureau, and

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1 c. one citizen residing in and representing the area
2 between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

3 C. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no
4 later than ninety (90) days after the sine die adjournment of the
5 1st Regular Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature.

6 D. The chair of the task force shall be chosen by a majority
7 vote of the members of the task force present at the organizational
8 meeting required by subsection C of this section.

9 E. Any vacancy in the appointments made pursuant to paragraphs
10 10 and 11 of subsection B of this section shall be filled in the
11 same manner as the original appointments.

12 F. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute
13 a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall be
14 entitled to one vote on the task force. Any official action of the
15 task force must have a majority of the votes of the members present.

16 G. Each member of the task force shall serve without
17 compensation. Legislative members of the task force shall receive
18 reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with Section 456 of
19 Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes and nonlegislative members of the
20 task force shall receive reimbursement for travel expenses in
21 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

22 H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
23 Department of Transportation. Entities of state government having

1 information that would be helpful to the task force shall provide
2 such assistance and information to the task force as may be
3 required.

4 I. The Department of Transportation is directed to compile data
5 the Department of Transportation possesses regarding the purpose of
6 this task force. The data shall include, but not be limited to, any
7 information, reports, studies or research that might assist in
8 fulfilling the purpose of the task force. The Department of
9 Transportation shall compile this data and report to the task force
10 on or before October 1, 2011.

11 J. The task force shall submit a final report to the Governor,
12 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
13 of Representatives on or before December 31, 2012, regarding the
14 findings and recommendations of the task force.

15 K. The task force shall cease to have any authority to take any
16 official action after January 1, 2013, and shall be dissolved by
17 operation of law on February 1, 2013.

18 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02-23-2011 -
24 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.