

LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO: 2024-21

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PASSENGER RAIL RESTORATION TO THE CITY OF LARAMIE AND EXPANSION TO RURAL WYOMING AND THE WEST

WHEREAS, The City of Laramie, Albany County, and Wyoming are underserved by long-distance intercity passenger rail options and Amtrak's recent service announcement and accompanying Connect Us plan service map fails to recognize that short;

WHEREAS, since the dissolution of the Amtrak Pioneer in 1997, the citizens of Laramie have not had decent access to passenger rail service;

WHEREAS, hazardous weather can inhibit travel and regularly closes Interstate 80 in southern Wyoming for extended periods;

WHEREAS, the significant economic impact intercity passenger rail service can provide has fueled interest at the local, county, and state level in the Greater Northwest region to join forces to find innovative ways to provide transportation alternatives to citizens;

WHEREAS, long-distance passenger train routes are ideal for connecting major urban areas with each other and with smaller cities and communities, many in rural areas, which are becoming more isolated as some regional airlines and intercity bus services disappear;

WHEREAS, passenger rail has multiple service capabilities that airlines cannot match, a single rail line can simultaneously serve local, regional, and long-distance travel needs safely transporting some passengers long distances while carrying local passengers to work, medical providers, or social events;

WHEREAS, passenger rail serves a variety of travelers needs in places where other modes of travel are not available or less convenient including those travelers who cannot drive prefer not to drive in inclement weather or otherwise prefer the choice of rail travel;

WHEREAS, passenger rail provides multiple environmental benefits as one of the greenest modes of ground transportation, such as approximately three times more efficient in greenhouse gas emissions per passenger as travel by car;

WHEREAS, President Biden has expressed interest in "sparkling the second great railroad revolution."

WHEREAS, the USDOT Federal Railroad Administration's Long-Distance Service Study has identified a route from Denver to Los Angeles which runs along the Interstate 80 corridor as a "Preferred Route",

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF LARAMIE, WYOMING, RESOLVES:

Section 1. That the City of Laramie City Council hereby supports restoration of daily Amtrak passenger rail service along the southern Wyoming, Interstate 80, corridor by:

- a. Advocating to a bipartisan group in Congress representing this region to work toward restoring passenger rail service to the Greater Northwest;
- b. Supporting congressionally authorized funding sufficient to restore and revitalize passenger rail service in the United States for rural long-distance routes and expansion of the national rural long-distance network.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED the 5th day of March, 2024.



Brian Harrington, Mayor and President of the City Council

Attest: 
Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF WYOMING)

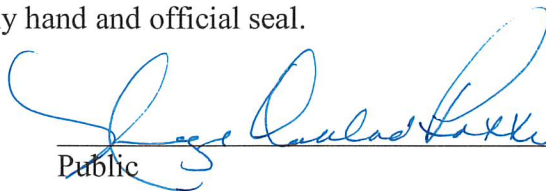
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COUNTY OF ALBANY)

The foregoing instrument, Resolution 2024-21, was acknowledged before me by
Brian Harrington, Mayor and Nancy Bartholomew, City Clerk of the City of
Laramie, Wyoming, this 5th day of March, 2024.

Witness my hand and official seal.

NANCY A. OAKLAND-POTTER
Notary Public - State of Wyoming
Commission ID # 161479
My Commission Expires
May 29, 2028



Notary

Public

My Commission expires May 29, 2028