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The siting of a rail station will have significant future fiscal implications, but no expenditure or City financial commitment is required in conjunction with this Resolution.

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Body

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has been granted federal funding to establish intercity passenger rail service between Milwaukee and Madison as part of the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative; and

WHEREAS, being successful in its application for federal funding, WisDOT will soon undertake final design of the Milwaukee-to-Madison rail corridor, including environmental assessment and selection of one or more passenger train station locations for Madison; and

WHEREAS, WisDOT, in its application for federal funding, did NOT specify a station location for Madison; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison has a strong interest in ensuring that any passenger rail station be located as close as possible to major destinations, particularly those in its urban core, and that the station provide arriving passengers with convenient access to the city while providing departing passengers with convenient access to trains; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison is already on record as supporting an inter-city rail station that would “provide the best proximity to key employment, University, recreational and residential destinations in the central area of the City”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison strongly support a station that meets the following criteria:

1. Facilitates swift and efficient train service between Madison and Milwaukee, and supports future service to other cities;
2. Has the capacity to be multi-modal, specifically including access by Metro bus service, inter-city bus service, auto, bicycle, and foot, and offers the future opportunity of access by commuter rail or bus rapid transit;
3. Has a strong potential to encourage and facilitate transit-oriented development and to serve as an anchor for our economic development efforts;
4. Is located so it may efficiently and effectively serve passengers traveling to downtown, the State Capitol, and the University of Wisconsin; and
5. Can, once developed, provide sufficient amenities, such as parking, taxis, rental car service, food service and more to serve travelers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these criteria will be the official position of the City of Madison and will serve as the basis for our discussions with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Railroad Administration, and that the City shall, when working with these entities, do everything in its power to ensure that the final station location meets these criteria.