

Resolution 2024.1.1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLATONIA, TEXAS, SUPPORTING TXDOT GRANT FUNDING FOR CARTS INTERMODAL DEPOT IN FLATONIA

WHEREAS, the current Union Pacific railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger line through Flatonia; and

WHEREAS, improved mobility is highly desired in Fayette County and surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an intermodal transportation facility will grow both the local and regional economy; and

WHEREAS, transit, including passenger rail transit, is a key component of improved mobility, especially between the cities of Houston and San Antonio and throughout the Sunset Limited and Texas Eagle routes; and

WHEREAS, CARTS has agreed to establish a regional hub to provide bus and car transportation for its rural ridership in the Flatonia area; and

WHEREAS, community groups and the private sector in Flatonia desire to implement programs to benefit our area economy, which would be enhanced by a multi-modal passenger depot; and

WHEREAS, the City of Flatonia anticipates that the establishment of an intermodal transportation facility will lead to additional commercial development and expansion of tourism-related services in and around downtown Flatonia.

WHEREAS, the current Union Pacific railroad corridor was historically operated as a passenger line through Flatonia; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Rail Administration has allocated money to TXDOT and Amtrak for planning to increase the Sunset Limited to daily service and establish three daily roundtrips between Houston and San Antonio with a stop in Flatonia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Fayette County, Texas, that:

The City Council recognizes the efforts of prior Flatonia City Councils and ratifies their action by declaring that it supports the efforts of CARTS to seek TXDOT grant funding to establish an intermodal transportation facility by establishing a regional CARTS depot which would also operate as the future Amtrak terminal in downtown Flatonia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City pledges in-kind services, real property and any other assistance the Council may deem appropriate and prudent for the benefit of its residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that insomuch as the proposed site for the intermodal facility will be on City-owned property. The Development will be in accordance with the City of Flatonia's written agreement with Flatonia Mobility (a non-profit 501c3).

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flatonia, Texas, on this 9th day of January 2024.


Dennis Geesaman
Mayor

ATTEST:


Jackie Ott
City Secretary

