

FACT SHEET

| <u>TITLE</u> | <u>DATE</u> | <u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u> |
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| A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF AN ATLANTA/ JACKSON/SHREVEPORT/ DALLAS HIGH-SPEED RAIL SYSTEM AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO | OCTOBER 14, 2014 | OFFICE OF THE MAYOR <u>SPONSOR</u> SAME |

PURPOSE

To endorse and support the concept of an Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas high-speed rail system.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

By previous resolutions adopted in 2013 and 2014, the City Council has expressed the City of Shreveport's support and endorsement for passenger rail service in North Louisiana. This resolution would evidence the City of Shreveport's endorsement and support for the concept of an Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas high-speed rail system along the I-20 corridor.

TIMETABLE

Introduction and Final Passage - October 14, 2014

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

None

FINANCES

None

DISCUSSION

None

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt the resolution as submitted.
2. Amend the resolution.
3. Deny the resolution.

CONCLUSION

Alternative Number 1 is recommended.

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RESOLUTION NO. ____ OF 2014

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BY:

WHEREAS, high speed trains have become a necessary tool for competing in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, high-speed trains draw cities closer together, making local businesses more productive and more innovative; and

WHEREAS, implementing a high-speed rail system along the Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas corridor will integrate and boost the economy of the City of Shreveport and North Louisiana by turning journeys into commutes; and

WHEREAS, a high-speed rail system running along this corridor would be the first major segment of an east-west high speed rail system connecting over 20 million people and would have a major impact on enhancing both the local and the national economy; and

WHEREAS, this segment, using federally owned right of way within the I-20 corridor, can be constructed quickly and provide the viability of high-speed trains in the City of Shreveport and in the region; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Shreveport has previously demonstrated its endorsement and support for passenger rail service in North Louisiana by the adoption of Resolutions in 2013 and 2014 (“previous Resolutions”); and

WHEREAS, development of a high-speed rail system along the Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas corridor in addition to development of passenger rail service along either or both of the two (2) corridors identified in the previous Resolutions will provide a major economic development incentive for the growth and development of the City of Shreveport as well as other cities, towns, Parishes and Counties located along these corridors which is a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, high-speed rail would potentially create thousands of jobs, reduce harmful CO2 emissions and provide a more conducive market for further economic development within the City of Shreveport and along the Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas corridor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, regular and legal session convened that the City of Shreveport hereby supports and endorses a high-speed rail system connecting the Atlanta/Jackson/Shreveport/Dallas I-20 corridor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office