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Heartland Flyer Extension in Oklahoma

WHEREAS, Heartland Flyer Extension desires to connect additional communities in Oklahoma to include proposed stations at: Edmond, Guthrie, Perry, and Ponca City, to further extend existing passenger rail service in San Antonio, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Fort Worth, Texas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Wichita, Kansas; and Kansas City, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer Extension in these additional four cities would increase destinations along the I-35 corridor in America's Heartland and attribute to the revitalization of the 400+ mile reconnection efforts; and

WHEREAS, extension points would increase transportation options and economic development growth opportunities for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, having the ability to connect urban, suburban, and rural cities and states is critically important for passenger rail efficiency to travel for business, work, pleasure, and to medical appointments; and

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer Extension anticipates environmental, congestion mitigation, and other public benefits as identified in three existing economic impact studies; and

WHEREAS, these additional communities would join more than 5.26 million (per U.S. Census 2021 data), other residents from the existing Heartland Flyer Extension communities to increase multi-modal options; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William H. Joyce, Mayor of Stillwater, Oklahoma, do hereby encourage the Heartland Flyer Extension program to include Edmond, Guthrie, Perry, and Ponca City as a transportation option, economic influencer, and asset in development of multi-modal communities.

ATTEST:

TERESA KADAVY, CITY CLERK