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The Honorable Governor Brad Henry Governor of the State of Oklahoma 212 State Capitol Building Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

The City of Edmond is aware that there is discussion about potentially expanding the Amtrak service to Newton, Kansas for more travel options.

We request that Edmond be included in any Oklahoma Department of Transportation plans for expansion of the service. Amtrak service would be a definite enhancement to the Edmond community and would provide a wonderful and unique shopping experience for the Heartland Flyer's passengers. Our Downtown area has a unique concentration of public art pieces and Edmond is nationally known for our public art program.

In addition, Edmond is continuing to make significant public improvements in the proximate area of the old, original train station location. As you may know, Edmond's history is connected to the railroad, and our city evolved from a railroad stop.

We are respectfully requesting that our community be considered as a stop on the rail line of the Heartland Flyer if expansion plans are further explored.

Sincerely,

Dan Ö'Neil Mayor

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