

CITY OF KRUM, TEXAS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KRUM, TEXAS, SUPPORTING CONTINUED STATE FUNDING FOR THE AMTRAK HEARTLAND FLYER AND REQUESTING INCLUSION IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FISCAL YEAR 2028-2029 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST

WHEREAS, clauses establish the factual and policy basis for this resolution:

WHEREAS, the Amtrak Heartland Flyer has provided daily round-trip passenger rail service between Fort Worth, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma since its inaugural run in 1999, serving the communities of Fort Worth and Gainesville in the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, in Fiscal Year 2025, the Heartland Flyer carried more than 80,000 passengers, an increase of approximately 14 percent over the prior year, demonstrating strong and growing public demand for intercity passenger rail service;

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer serves students, families, seniors, business travelers, and individuals who depend on the train to reach medical care and essential services, and demand peaks during major regional events such as the Red River Rivalry weekend;

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer supports tourism and local economies in both Texas and Oklahoma, sustaining restaurant and hotel traffic and generating sales-tax revenue for communities along the corridor;

WHEREAS, the Heartland Flyer is a joint venture between Amtrak, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and TxDOT has been a steadfast funding partner since Fiscal Year 2007;

WHEREAS, in 2025, adequate state funding failed to be allocated to ensure the route's continuation, requiring the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), through its Regional Transportation Council, to step in with emergency bridge funding to keep the train operating into 2026;

WHEREAS, that emergency bridge funding is now running out, and a funding deadline of August 30, 2026 is quickly approaching, placing the continued operation of the Heartland Flyer in jeopardy without Texas's share being secured;

WHEREAS, Senate Transportation Chairman Tan Parker, joined by Representatives Salman Bhojani, Giovanni Capriglione, David Cook, Charlie Geren, and John McQueeney, has formally requested that TxDOT commit funding to sustain Heartland Flyer service through the next legislative session and include dedicated funding in TxDOT's Legislative Appropriations Request for the 90th Legislative Session;

WHEREAS, Representative David Spiller and Senator Brent Hagenbuch, who represent Gainesville and Cooke County, communities served directly by the Heartland Flyer, have jointly

submitted a letter of support to TxDOT in support of Chairman Parker's request, reinforcing the importance of this service to the district and the region;

WHEREAS, placing the Heartland Flyer on a stable, recurring funding footing, rather than relying on emergency bridge measures, is the only path to ensuring its long-term viability and signals Texas's commitment to its interstate rail partners and the communities it serves;

WHEREAS, the City of Krum, Texas, recognizes the Heartland Flyer as a vital transportation, economic, and quality-of-life asset for the region and supports its continued operation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KRUM, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

The City of Krum, Texas, hereby expresses its strong support for the continued operation of the Amtrak Heartland Flyer passenger rail service between Fort Worth, Texas and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SECTION 2.

The City of Krum, Texas, urges the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to commit the funding necessary to bridge the Heartland Flyer's operations through the August 30, 2026 deadline and to sustain service through the next state legislative session.

SECTION 3.

The City of Krum, Texas, urges TxDOT to include dedicated, explicit funding for the Amtrak Heartland Flyer in its Fiscal Year 2028-2029 Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) to the 90th Texas Legislature, placing this essential route on a stable and recurring funding footing.

SECTION 4.

The City of Krum, Texas, directs the Mayor to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Transportation Commission, the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and the members of the Texas Legislature representing this community.

SECTION 5.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KRUM, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2026 WITH A VOTE OF _____ AYES AND _____ NAYS WITH _____ MEMBERS ABSENT.

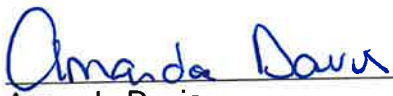

Rhonda Harrison
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lisa Dawn Cabrera, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Amanda Davis
City Attorney



EXHIBIT A

TARGET CITIES AND COUNTIES — SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION LIST

Heartland Flyer Corridor — Texas

DIRECTLY SERVED — PRIMARY TARGETS

Tarrant County:

- City of Fort Worth (Southern Terminal — Fort Worth Central Station)
- Tarrant County Commissioners Court
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce / Economic Development Council

Cooke County:

- City of Gainesville (only other Texas stop on the Heartland Flyer)
- Cooke County Commissioners Court
- Gainesville/Cooke County Economic Development Corporation

REGIONAL BENEFICIARIES — SECONDARY TARGETS

Denton County:

- City of Denton
- Denton County Commissioners Court
- Denton County EDC

Dallas County:

- City of Dallas (Texas Eagle connection at Fort Worth)
- Dallas County Commissioners Court
- Dallas Regional Chamber

Wise County:

- Wise County Commissioners Court (SD 12 — Chairman Parker's district)
- City of Decatur

Montague County:

- Montague County Commissioners Court (adjacent to Cooke County corridor)
- City of Bowie

Grayson County:

- Grayson County Commissioners Court (North Texas, border region)
- City of Sherman
- City of Denison

REGIONAL COUNCILS & ECONOMIC BODIES

- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) — has provided bridge funding
- North Texas Commission
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
- Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce
- Texas Association of Regional Councils

NOTE ON REP. SPILLER'S DISTRICT (HD-68):

Suzanne Feathers (Chief of Staff, Rep. Spiller's office) has offered to assist in outreach to local governments within HD-68, which includes Cooke County and surrounding areas. Coordinate with her office directly for Gainesville, Cooke County, and neighboring communities to streamline adoption.