

RESOLUTION 2009-095
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE AMTRAK *PIONEER ROUTE*
AND REQUESTING THAT AMTRAK INCLUDE FORT COLLINS
AS A STOP IN ITS NATIONAL PASSENGER RAIL SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 directed Amtrak to study the restoration of passenger service on the Chicago-Denver-Seattle *Pioneer Route*; and

WHEREAS, Fort Collins is a growing city and the home of a major university which needs a wide array of transportation facilities to serve its population; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway route through Fort Collins and other Front Range population centers warrants study as the best route for the *Pioneer Route* between Denver and Cheyenne; and

WHEREAS, the Burlington Northern Santa Fe route is being considered for upgrading for regional passenger rail service, which would complement long-distance Amtrak service; and

WHEREAS, trains are an environmentally friendly means of multimodal travel that can substantially reduce transportation-generated carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City has long been committed to the support of environmentally friendly transportation as an alternative to congested roads and airways; and

WHEREAS, passenger trains perform an especially important function when roads and airways are shut down by winter weather, leaving rail as the only intercity transportation alternative; and

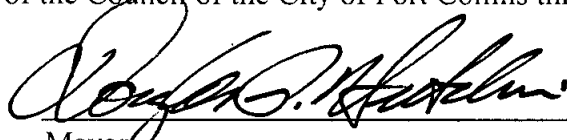
WHEREAS, a range of transportation facilities contributes to the vitality and attractiveness of the City to residents and visitors alike.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS that:

Section 1. The City Council hereby requests that Amtrak include Fort Collins as a stop in its national system.

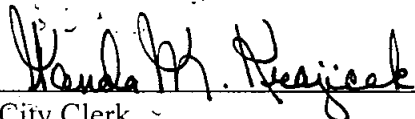
Section 2. That the City supports all efforts to reinstate the Amtrak *Pioneer Route* with direct service to Fort Collins.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of October, A.D. 2009.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk