

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-020

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MnDOT's REQUEST FOR STATE GENERAL FUNDS FOR A CORRIDOR STUDY OF REGIONAL PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE CONNECTING SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA AND THE TWIN CITIES ON EXISTING RAIL LINE THROUGH NORTHFIELD**

**WHEREAS** the City of Northfield unanimously adopted Resolution 2014-xxx requesting MNDOT to revise the 2010 Minnesota State Rail Plan with the addition of a passenger rail corridor connecting South Central Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metro using existing rail infrastructure through Northfield; and

**WHEREAS** other cities, post-secondary institutions, chambers of commerce, businesses and community groups joined in passing similar resolutions in support of regional passenger rail connections to the southern tier of the State; and

**WHEREAS** MnDOT revised the Minnesota State Rail Plan in 2015 with the addition of a regional passenger rail corridor designation connecting South Central Minnesota to the Twin Cities on existing rail line through Northfield, and also identified the corridor as a top ranked Phase One Corridor in the Revised Rail Plan; and

**WHEREAS** the Phase One designation of the South Central Minnesota Passenger Rail Corridor through Northfield makes the project eligible for immediate study and potential implementation; and

**WHEREAS** Legislators have introduced a HF1493/SF1866 to authorize the funds requested by MnDOT to continue implementation of Phase One Passenger Rail Projects including \$500,000 in general funds to complete a comprehensive planning study of the South Central Minnesota Passenger Rail Corridor; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northfield City Council supports study of the South Central Regional Passenger Rail corridor and State authorization of the \$500,000 in general funds that MnDOT has requested to move the project forward.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ DELONG    \_\_\_ GRABAU    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
          \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL