

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2022-020

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT 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 Motion 2014-207 “approving a letter of support endorsing inter-city passenger rail between Northfield and the Minneapolis Metropolitan Area” 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 for 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 Minnesota Statewide 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 bills in the Minnesota House and Senate 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; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Northfield City Council supports State authorization of funds required to study the South Central Regional Passenger Rail corridor and the wider statewide network of regional passenger rail corridors outlined in the Revised Minnesota Statewide Rail Plan. .

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2022.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ REISTER    \_\_\_ GRABAU    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
             \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZUCCOLOTTO