

Northern Flyer Alliance Mission: Intercity Passenger Rail Service, KC-DFW



Amtrak National Network

Over 500 Stops – 46 States – 22,000 Miles

Pop. Kansas City
2 Million

Service Gap

Pop. DFW
6.3 Million



Kansas Passenger Rail Service Development

Kansas Rail Feasibility Study 2000

- The study analyzed 6 Rail Corridors
- Kansas City-Topeka-Wichita-Oklahoma City ranked high
- The route is the easiest and quickest to develop

Kansas Passenger Rail Service Development

Amtrak Feasibility Study 2010

- 2007 request by KDOT following Wichita “Vioneering”
- Assessed impacts of state-supported passenger rail service
- Studied KC-Topeka-Wichita-OKC-Fort Worth corridor
- Included ridership and cost projections
- Delivered March – 2010

City Resolutions

Ark City

Bel Aire

Bonner Springs

Cassoday

Clearwater

Cottonwood Falls

Derby

Edwardsville

El Dorado

Emporia

Halstead

Haysville

Hesston

Lawrence

McPherson

Mulvane

Newton

Osage City

Oxford

Park City

Peabody

Rose Hill

Sedgwick

Strong City

Topeka

Udall

Valley Center

Wellington

Wichita

Winfield

County Resolutions

Chase

Cowley County

Harvey

Lyon

Sedgwick

Shawnee

Sumner

Legislative Authorizations

March 11, 2010:

- SB 409 passed 37-3 in the Senate and 15-5 in the House
- HB 2552 passed in the Senate 38-2

KDOT Studies and State Planning

March 2010: Amtrak Feasibility Study Delivered

2010: Kansas Joins Midwest Interstate
Passenger Rail Commission

Summer 2011: State Rail Plan Delivered

December 2011: Service Development Plan
Delivered

Federal Support for Passenger Rail

- National Rail Plan
- Federal Grant and Matching Funds
- Passenger Rail Improvement and Investment Act
 - Similar to Federal Highway Program
 - Mandates State Rail Plans (completed)
 - Service Development Plan (completed)
 - Cost Benefit/Return on Investment Studies (several done)

Next Steps/Action

- *Environmental Impact Study (NEPA)*
 - *Need definitive recommendation from FRA*
- *Apply for Federal Grant and Matching Funds*
- *Preliminary Engineering and Infrastructure*
- *Amtrak Service Agreement-Passenger Train Acquisition*
- *Announce New Passenger Rail Service in Kansas*

Kansas Intercity Passenger Rail Service

