

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

COOKE, DENTON and TARRANT Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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DALLAS, FORT WORTH and WICHITA FALLS Districts

Transportation Code, §91.002 states that the financing and operation of a rail facility are public and governmental functions, exercised for a public purpose and matters of public necessity.

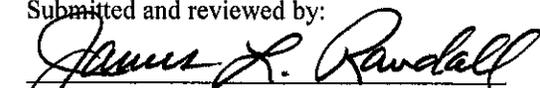
In May 2006, citing funding shortfalls, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) announced its intent to eliminate the Heartland Flyer route which extends from Fort Worth, Texas to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Amtrak's operating loss on the Heartland Flyer is projected to be \$3,976,000. The State of Oklahoma has agreed to provide \$2,138,000 for the continuance of the Heartland Flyer for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006.

Amtrak will cease providing passenger rail service on October 1, 2006, if the State of Texas does not provide \$1,838,000 to offset the operating loss on the Heartland Flyer.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Texas Transportation Commission that the executive director is authorized to enter into any necessary agreements to fund the Heartland Flyer passenger rail service for an amount not to exceed \$1,838,000.

Submitted and reviewed by:

  
Director, Transportation Planning  
and Programming Division

Recommended by:

  
Executive Director

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