

RESOLUTION NO. 1479

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ALL EFFORTS TO RESTORE AMTRAK SERVICE TO EASTERN OREGON

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Transportation connections between the Portland Metropolitan Area and other communities in Oregon are important to the economic vitality and livability of both the Metro Area and those other communities; and
2. Railroad transportation has been a critical and important component of our regional transportation system for over a century; and
3. The train is an environmentally friendly, comfortable way to travel and an efficient, effective way to transport goods; and
4. Rail services increases safety and peace of mind for travelers during the winter months, especially when traveling through severe climate areas like the Columbia Gorge and northeastern Oregon; and
5. The City of Troutdale recognizes the significant impacts the loss of passenger rail transportation has had on the residents of eastern Oregon communities along the former Amtrak pioneer corridor, especially the elderly and disabled; and
6. Amtrak's ability to carry mail and express freight in the Pioneer corridor not only increases the economic viability of restoring passenger service, but would also provide direct benefits between the Pacific Northwest and Chicago, Illinois, via eastern Oregon, Idaho and Utah; and
7. Oregon communities along the Historic Pioneer route, including Troutdale, would benefit from restored passenger rail service; and
8. It is in the public interest to plan and advocate for a variety of transit options that increase mobility for citizens and businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE:

That The City of Troutdale supports all efforts to restore Amtrak passenger, mail and express service to the Pioneer route; and

That the Troutdale City Council shall bring this Resolution to the attention of the National Rail Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), which is respectfully urged to restore daily passenger rail service between the Pacific Northwest and Chicago, Illinois, via eastern Oregon, Idaho and Utah; and

That this Resolution shall be brought to the attention of each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation, who is respectfully urged to act so as to give effect to this Resolution.

YEAS:	<u>6</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSTAINED:	<u>0</u>


Paul Thayer, Mayor

Dated: 3-29-00


Debbie Stickney, City Recorder

Adopted: 3-28-00