

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail (TCMC Second Train) project is expected to begin service this year, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the TCMC Second Train will utilize the existing Amtrak Empire Builder corridor from Saint Paul, MN to Chicago, IL with Minnesota station stops at Union Depot in Saint Paul, Red Wing and Winona; and

WHEREAS, a second round-trip passenger train from the Twin Cities to Chicago will benefit Minnesota's economy by supporting and creating jobs, increasing tourism and providing a more economical travel choice; and

WHEREAS, freight railroads will benefit from the capital improvements needed for the TCMC Second Train. Crossing improvements will make auto and truck travel safer; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walz's budget recommendation to the Minnesota Legislature includes \$5.2 million in to provide for operations funding for the current biennium and supplemental capital funds to address inflation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of _____, Minnesota, that it hereby supports funding for the Twin Cities-Milwaukee-Chicago Intercity Passenger Rail project, and requests that the Minnesota Legislature and Governor Walz fund the \$5.2 million request in 2023.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2023.

(TYPE NAME)
Mayor

Attest:

(TYPE NAME)
City Clerk