

2011-R-005

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Chicago-St. Louis Rail Corridor (hereafter referred to as "Corridor") has been an integral part of the U.S. passenger rail network, and was part of the original Amtrak route network; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois (hereafter referred to as "State") has supported the operation and improvement of rail service as well as the enhancement of the physical aspects of the Corridor for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Federal Railroad Administration selected Illinois for award of up to \$1.1 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding (hereafter referred to as "Grant") to provide high speed passenger rail service along the Corridor; and

WHEREAS, part of the Grant funds will be used toward the rehabilitation and/or development of new stations where necessary along the Corridor, including the station located at the City of Pontiac; and

WHEREAS, the State conducted a condition assessment (dated December 20, 2010) and created a programming study (dated June 29, 2011) for the Pontiac station; and

WHEREAS, in June, 2011, the State presented the City of Pontiac with concept plans of potential station locations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pontiac has reviewed the concepts and has determined that concept number 1 best suits the needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, final station design plans have not been created;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pontiac that

1. The City of Pontiac supports the concept #1 station plan which includes a new station, parking, the closing of the Washington Street crossing and the creation of a new crossing at Water Street, and
2. City officials are authorized to work in conjunction with the State to further develop the concept plan to reach design level.

Motion made by Gardner, seconded by Eckhoff that the above Resolution be passed.

VOTES: Yea: 8
Nay: 0
Absent: 2
Abstain: 0

Passed and approved this 1st day of August, 2011



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk