

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ANN
ARBOR STATION

Whereas, The City, under agreement and in cooperation with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), has undertaken an intercity passenger rail station planning and environmental review process to provide an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) Compliant intermodal facility, accommodate existing and future intercity passenger rail service, improve intermodal connectivity, accommodate potential commuter rail service, add ADA compliant features including parking and improve integration of the station within the City;

Whereas, The Planning Process has followed FRA guidance for development of the project's Purpose and Need, completion of an Alternatives Analysis, and preparation of a draft Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its regulations, including public meetings and review of the above referenced materials;

Whereas, The planning process including the development of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) resulted in detailed evaluation of a No Build Alternative and four (4) build alternatives;

Whereas, Detailed analysis, consistent with the requirements of NEPA, concluded with the preliminary identification of a Preferred Alternative, described as Build Alternative 3A, Fuller Road Elevated Station;

Whereas, The Transportation Commission (Commission) has received a presentation regarding the Alternatives Analysis and draft Environmental Assessment including the preliminary Preferred Alternative; and

Whereas, The Commission serves as an advisory body to City Council on matters relating to the transportation system.

RESOLVED, The Commission recognizes the need for an improved intermodal station in the community;

RESOLVED, The Commission supports integration of active transportation systems including bicycling and walking elements including linkages with the Border-to-Border Trail as a fundamental component of meeting both park and intercity rail passenger needs;

RESOLVED, The Commission supports Council taking whatever actions are required or appropriate under federal law to finalize the selection of a site for the station through the current EA process, including public engagement.