

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO,  
TEXAS SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE ACTION TO CREATE  
PROGRAMS AND PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE ENHANCEMENT OF  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION INCLUDING RELOCATION OF FREIGHT  
RAIL LINES**

**WHEREAS**, freight and passenger mobility is critical to the economic prosperity and quality of life in the state of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, freight rail traffic moves fastest and safest in areas with fewer at-grade crossings; and

**WHEREAS**, in its present state the transportation system in Texas is a major consumer of natural resources and a major source of air, water, and noise pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, the state's population has grown by 57% and the total passenger miles driven rose by 95% over the past 25 years, but highway lane miles increased by just 8% over the same period; and

**WHEREAS**, the congested transportation system creates approximately \$60.8 billion dollars in added costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the present system of inter-city freight rail lines adds to the traffic congestion and hampers efforts to develop a centralized, inter-city commuter rail line; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a centralized, inter-city commuter rail line will address some of the critical transportation issues facing this century; and

**WHEREAS**, freight rail traffic and commuter rail are often mutually exclusive on the same rail lines; and

**WHEREAS**, failure to address critical transportation needs will hamper economic stability in the State; and

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Department of Transportation estimates that freight-movement trucking is increasing nationwide by 2% per year, increasing by 6% per year statewide, but increasing by 15% per year in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor and 10% in the El Paso Region for rail; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Texas has passed and the public has approved by election the constitutional amendment creating the Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:**

That the City Council of the City of El Paso, Texas, supports the following:

1. Legislative action that would create and fund programs that would enhance public transportation in the State; and
2. Legislative action that would provide funding and assistance for the relocation of freight rail lines and the creation of inter-city commuter rail lines.

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2009.

**THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS**

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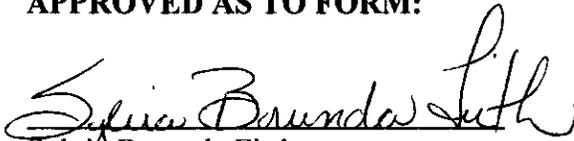
John F. Cook  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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