



WHEREAS, the 4 semi-final alternatives included #1 - Existing Amtrak route, #4 - Existing Amtrak route via Madison, #10 - Existing Amtrak route to Tomah, then via Eau Claire, and #11 - Existing Amtrak route via Madison to Tomah, then via Eau Claire; and

WHEREAS, Alternative #1 was selected because it has a.) fewer significant grades; b.) fastest travel times; c.) lowest capital costs; d.) second lowest track maintenance costs; and e.) serves more population in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the City (via City staff and Council Member Stark) has participated in the Upper Midwest High Speed Rail Commission and the Governor's forum on passenger rail, both of which has found favorable the existing Amtrak routing alternative (#1) as the highest priority inter-state passenger rail route.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council support the selection of Alternative 1 of the Alternatives Analysis Milwaukee-Twin Cities High-Speed Rail Corridor Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this endorsement of Alternative 1 be conveyed to MnDOT as part of the official public hearing record.