



**City of Atlanta
Georgia**

**Resolution
22-R-3645**

*****A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JASON DOZIER RECOGNIZING THE VALUE OF FUTURE AMTRAK EXPANSION WITHIN THE CITY OF ATLANTA AS A PART OF THE GULCH DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Information

Department:	Office of Research and Policy Analysis	Sponsors:	Councilmember, District 4 Jason Dozier
Category:	Personal Paper	Functions:	None Required

Item Discussion

(This legislation is a dual referred item and will be forwarded to Transportation Committee pending a Community Development/Human Services Committee recommendation)

Body

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta (hereafter “City”) has a long, rich history rooted in the railroads since its first founding days as Terminus; and

WHEREAS, the City grew prosperous alongside the success of the railroads, which fueled and shaped the city since the very beginning, and which continue to do so to this day; and

WHEREAS, the City was once home to multiple major passenger rail stations in an active, thriving downtown, serving many hundreds of thousands of passengers each year; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to increase its ability to welcome new visitors and residents while providing for the increased mobility of all without increasing traffic; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the role new passenger rail services have in increasing both housing access and economic opportunities for all people along any new routes; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the role revitalizing passenger rail, and improving the flow of freight rail has in meeting the city’s obligation to address Climate Change; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the once-in-a-generation opportunity represented by both the incredible redevelopment efforts in the Gulch, and Amtrak’s visionary expansion plans centered on the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that it has an obligation to ensure the maximum public benefit for financial support provided in the pursuit of redeveloping the Gulch; and

WHEREAS, the City desires a mutually beneficial revitalization of property, infrastructure, and services related to rail transportation and recognizes the opportunities for such through the development of the Gulch.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, that the Atlanta City Council emphasizes their support for the development around the AMTRAK

platform in order to also encourage and spearhead the investment of the state and CIM in the creation of a multi-modal transportation hub with AMTRAK and any other transportation entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the city hereby invites AMTRAK to publicly present, detail, and answer questions about its vision for expanded passenger rail, to include any plans for new routes, service facilities, and stations throughout the metro area.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby waived to the extent of the conflict.

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