

Proposal for Council Committee on Infrastructure.

Proposed by Robert V Frampton, Representative for California

Over the past 3-years, I have been keeping a database of funded rail infrastructure projects in the 8 Counties of Southern California. These currently have about \$49 Billion in approved funding. Of course, more funding will be added in the next few years, from both county, state and federal funds.

I would like to propose that the Council set up an Infrastructure Committee to maintain a data base of rail infrastructure grants and projects nationwide, along present and future AMTRAK corridors. This would allow a data base for assessing the amount and effectiveness of the IJA and various DoT and state programs. The database would document all funding grants announced after January 20, 2021, continuing for the next 10 years. Projects would include improvements in Amtrak corridors (including future and developing corridors) to tracks, signals, bridges, tunnels, grade separation, and stations.

This Resolution sets up a committee of the Council. Ideally it would have one member from each state. Each state representative on the committee would monitor rail infrastructure projects in his/her state and feed this information to the committee co-chairs, who would collate these inputs into a central database and provide periodic reports on new rail infrastructure projects. Auxiliary information, such as effective impact of these projects on Amtrak operations, ridership, and impact on connection to other rail transit systems, would also be made. This database would then provide a resource for analysts to make evaluation of existing and proposed projects as well as long-term planning.

RESOLUTION:

Sponsor: Robert V. Frampton, CA

Co-Sponsors: Mike Garey, AZ; Gary Moline, Ca; Todd Liebman, AZ; Brian Yanity, Ca; Kim Whittenmore, CA; John Webb, CA; Ron Kaminkow, NV; Lynn Aldrich, NM; John Webb. CA; Steve Roberts, CA;

Whereas the IJA legislation will provide enhanced funding over the next five years for rail corridor infrastructure for new rail corridors and improvements to existing rail corridors, including Amtrak and perhaps other passenger rail lines;

Whereas it is in the interest of the Rail Passengers Association and the public that rail improvement project on these rail corridors be tracked and monitored;

Thus, be it Resolved by the Council of the Rail Passenger Association:

That a Rail Infrastructure Committee (RIC) of the Council be established to track and maintain a database of rail corridor infrastructure improvements, including on new and on existing passenger rail corridors, over the next six-year period from July 2021 thru June 2027;

That the database includes infrastructure projects providing improvements to Amtrak corridors and other inter-city passenger rail corridors, to tracks, signals, bridges, tunnels, grade separation, and stations;

That the Rail Infrastructure Committee be comprised of at least one member from each State;

That the Council appoint an organizing Chair who shall coordinate its initial activities.

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