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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2023**

**EXPRESSING** the support of the Mayor and Council of the City of Cincinnati for the Ohio Rail Development Commission's application to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland Corridor, known as the 3C+D Corridor, to better connect Ohio communities with enhanced intercity passenger rail service.

WHEREAS, Governor DeWine has asked the Ohio Rail Development Commission to apply to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program to determine the cost and feasibility of improved and expanded passenger rail service in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland Corridor, known as the 3C+D Corridor, is a proposed passenger rail corridor that connects Ohio's four largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas; and

WHEREAS, more than 57 percent of Ohio's population lives in the metropolitan areas encompassing these cities, and connecting these important cities in Ohio would unlock a multitude of transportation options for travelers, which is the primary purpose of this corridor; and

WHEREAS, the state and federal partnership would aid projects that encourage public safety, assist in improving regional economic strength, and support green energy and sustainability, all of which are consistent with the United States Department of Transportation's goals; and

WHEREAS, cost-effective service improvements to this corridor would enhance Ohio's status as a significant hub on Amtrak's national rail network, improving economic opportunity and quality of life for all Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, because Cincinnati and Cleveland both have existing passenger rail service on Amtrak long-distance routes, the 3C+D Corridor would integrate with the existing national passenger rail system to allow residents access to endpoint 3C+D stations, opening up additional trip options and functioning as a gateway to our nation for Ohio residents; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Corridor would connect Ohio's largest metropolitan regions as well as smaller and rural communities, facilitating safe, efficient, and convenient travel throughout Ohio and allowing the economies of these cities and regions to better interact, creating a multiplier effect from business investments in the connected regions; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council express their support for the Ohio Rail Development Commission's application to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland Corridor, known as the 3C+D Corridor, to better connect Ohio communities with enhanced intercity passenger rail service.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and that copies of this resolution be provided to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and to Amit Bose, Federal Railroad Administration, through the office of Councilmember Jeffreys.

Passed: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

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Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

Submitted by: Councilmembers Mark Jeffreys, Reggie Harris, and Meeka Owens.