

RESOLUTION
R2024-039

**A Resolution in Support of Studying the Feasibility of Reviving the Twin Cities
Zephyr Amtrack Route from Chicago to East Dubuque**

Be it resolved by the County Board of the County of DeKalb, Illinois as follows:

WHEREAS, an initiative is underway to revive the Twin Cities Zephyr, BNSF, passenger rail service from Chicago through DeKalb, Rochelle, Oregon, Savanna, West Galena, and concluding in East Dubuque; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, the Northwest Illinois region, and the County need the economic development benefits from the reestablishment of the Twin Cities Zephyr passenger rail corridor; and

WHEREAS, as a major regional tourism destination, Northwest Illinois is expected to realize increased valuation to communities on or near passenger rail lines; and

WHEREAS, passenger train service would have a reciprocal function of allowing our residents to work and play in other areas of Illinois without adding to traffic congestion; and

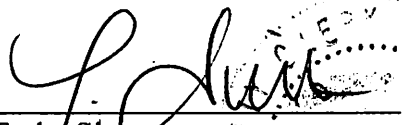
WHEREAS, passenger train service would improve the quality of life, enhance transportation safety, increase income from tourism, grow jobs, spur urban development, attract and retain a talented workforce, and be environmentally beneficial; and

WHEREAS, the County supports initiatives aimed at bringing passenger rail to Northwest Illinois; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DeKalb County Board does hereby fully endorse a Federal or State of Illinois funded feasibility study to evaluate and determine economic viability and everyday usefulness of a revival of the Twin Cities Zephyr, BNSF, passenger rail service from Chicago through DeKalb, Rochelle, Oregon, Savanna, West Galena, and concluding in East Dubuque.

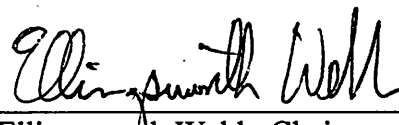
PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH 2024 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:



Tasha Sims
DeKalb County Clerk

SIGNED:



Ellingsworth Webb, Chair
DeKalb County Board

