

May 28, 2026

The Honorable Administrator Fink
Federal Railroad Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Joint Letter of Support Regarding Property Acquisition for the Hiawatha West Service
Development Plan

Dear Administrator Fink:

The City of Watertown and the undersigned property owner of 1013 S Third St jointly submit this letter to express our mutual support for continued collaboration regarding the Hiawatha West Service Development Plan, which contemplates the City's potential acquisition of the above-referenced property.

Both parties acknowledge that the City and the property owner are engaged in constructive, good-faith discussions regarding the property's suitability for the project and the general path forward for a possible transfer of ownership from Mr. Loeb to the City. At this stage, the parties are aligned in their intention to explore the feasibility of acquisition and to continue working together toward the shared goal of advancing the proposed expansion of Amtrak intercity passenger rail service to Watertown. Both parties view this proposed project as a significant benefit to the Watertown community.

We look forward to continued productive collaboration as the Project moves through its evaluation and planning phases.

Sincerely,

Robert Stocks
Mayor
City of Watertown

Bruce Loeb
Property Owner

cc: Wisconsin Department of Transportation
Amtrak