

**RESOLUTION TO
SUPPORT HIAWATHA WEST SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PLAN,
STATION PROPERTY ACQUISITION, AND FEDERAL GRANT
FUNDING**

**SPONSOR: MAYOR STOCKS
FROM: FINANCE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the City of Watertown (the “City”) has been briefed by Amtrak on the Hiawatha West Service Development Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the significant regional mobility, economic, and environmental benefits associated with expanded Amtrak intercity passenger rail service; and,

WHEREAS, the Hiawatha West corridor would enhance connectivity between Watertown and major employment, education, healthcare, and cultural destinations throughout southeastern Wisconsin and the Midwest; and,

WHEREAS, the City has proactively advanced readiness for passenger rail service, including identifying a preferred station location at the 1998-South Site (3rd Street); and,

WHEREAS the City continues to coordinate with the property owner of the identified station location to address station-area needs related to parking and access; and,

WHEREAS, the City supports the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s application to the Federal Railroad Administration’s Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program for the Hiawatha West as an investment in safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger rail; and,

WHEREAS, the City remains committed to ongoing collaboration with Amtrak, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Federal Railroad Administration as planning for the corridor advances; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN:

That based on the foregoing, and the objectives of the City, the proper City Officials be and are hereby authorized to sign and submit to the Federal Railroad Administration on behalf of the City in relation to the Hiawatha West Project 1) letter of support for the Service Development Plan 2) letter of support with the property owner of the identified preferred site for the Watertown station and 3) letter of support for Federal Rail Administration CRISI grant application.

That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

	YES	NO
DAVIS		
LAMPE		
BERG		
NITECKI		
BLANKE		
SMITH		
ARNETT		
HAASE		
MOLDENHAUER		
MAYOR STOCKS		
TOTAL		

ADOPTED June 16, 2026

CITY CLERK

APPROVED June 16, 2026

MAYOR