

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-08-024R**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL**

**WHEREAS**, high-speed trains have become a necessary tool for competing in a global marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, 220-mph high-speed trains draw cities closer together, making local businesses more productive and more innovative; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing a 220-mph system will integrate and boost the economy of the entire Midwest, turning journeys into commutes; and

**WHEREAS**, a Midwest-wide 220-mph network would link Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Milwaukee, Detroit, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Pittsburg, putting more than 25 million people within a three-hour ride of Chicago; and

**WHEREAS**, the O'Hare International Airport-Chicago-St. Louis route via Decatur and Springfield is ideally situated to be constructed quickly and prove the viability of high-speed trains in the Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, an O'Hare-Chicago-Champaign-St. Louis 220-mph main line would connect Chicago and St. Louis in under two hours, would create more than 40,000 jobs, and would reduce harmful CO2 emissions by nearly 200 million pounds; and

**WHEREAS**, an O'Hare-Chicago-St. Louis 220-mph line would create nearly 5,000 direct jobs in the Champaign-Urbana area, and create 1.5 percent in added economic growth for the area; and

**WHEREAS**, the 220-mph O'Hare-Chicago-St. Louis line would serve O'Hare airport directly, strengthening this critical international connection;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois**, that the Urbana City Council is in full support of a 220-mph high-speed rail line linking O'Hare International Airport, downtown Chicago, McCormick Place, Kankakee, Champaign, Decatur, Springfield, Edwardsville and St. Louis.

Motion was made by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_, seconded  
by Alderman \_\_\_\_\_ that the Resolution be adopted.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

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Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY THE MAYOR** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor