RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING RAIL SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING JOINING THE NEW ENGLAND RAIL COALITION

CITY OF NASHUA

In the Year Two Thousand and Ten

RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that,

WHEREAS, the City of Nashua supports commuter rail service, and has passed the following resolutions toward that end:
   R-00-56, “In support of commuter rail service”;
   R-03-169, “Encouraging the Governor and Executive Council to approve the contract extension to Parsons Brinkerhoff for the return of commuter rail service to Nashua”; and
   R-04-74, “Expressing support for the efforts of Congressman Charles Bass to secure federal funds to extend commuter rail service into New Hampshire”; and
   R-04-134, amended, “Continuing support for commuter rail and support for transit oriented development at an appropriate train station location in South Nashua”; and

WHEREAS, the New England Rail Coalition (“NERC”) is a broad-based alliance of businesses, municipalities, elected officials, planning entities, environmental groups, and transportation organizations that recognize the importance of substantially reinvesting in rail – both passenger and freight – to build a balanced and sustainable transportation system that will safeguard and enhance New England’s economy, environment, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the New England Rail Coalition is to develop, and establish the political and governmental infrastructure and funding needed to implement, a vision for a vastly improved network of passenger and freight rail services that better connects the New England states with one another and with other regions, and that promotes sustainable economic development, enhances the movement of people and goods, reduces the costs of living and doing business in New England, minimizes greenhouse gases and other pollutants, and improves the quality of life for people throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashua agrees with the New England Rail Coalition’s mission and intends to participate in their meetings and to assist in shaping specific policy positions;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua join the New England Rail Coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor will appoint and the Board of Aldermen will approve a City of Nashua liaison to the New England Rail Coalition; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the liaison will report to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the activities of the New England Rail Coalition and consult with the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on the City of Nashua’s interest in rail service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Nashua liaison will have the authority to join policy positions and support communications prepared by the New England Rail Coalition which promote the City of Nashua’s interest in rail service.

This Resolution expires on December 31, 2013.
LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2010

RESOLUTION: R-10-02

PURPOSE: Supporting rail service and authorizing joining the New England Rail Coalition

ENDORSEES: Mayor Donnalee Lozeau
Alderman-at-Large Barbara Pressly

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT:

FISCAL NOTE: None.

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ANALYSIS

This legislation authorizes the City of Nashua joining the New England Rail Coalition; establishes a city liaison to that coalition; has the liaison report to and consult with the mayor and board of aldermen on the activities of the New England Rail Coalition and the city’s interest in rail service; and authorizes the liaison to join policy positions and support communications prepared by the New England Rail Coalition which promote the City of Nashua’s interest in rail service.

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Approved as to form: Office of Corporation Counsel

By: ________________________________

Date: January 8, 2010
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England Rail Coalition

IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

1st Reading  January 12, 2010
Referred to:

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE

2nd Reading  January 26, 2010
3rd Reading
4th Reading

Other Action

Passed  January 26, 2010
Indefinitely Postponed
Defeated

Attest:
City Clerk

Approved:
Mayor's Signature

1-27-10  Date

Endorsed by:

MAYOR

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Vetoed:

Veto Sustained:

Veto Overridden:

Attest:
City Clerk

President

President