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Jennifer Bastian
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Re: Discontinuance of state support for operations of the Heartland Flyer

Dear Ms. Bastian:

This letter serves as notice that the State of Texas does not have funding available to continue supporting its portion of the Heartland Flyer route upon expiration of the current Funding Agreement, which expires on August 31, 2026.

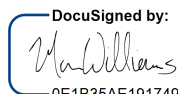
For many years, TxDOT has supported the route through specific appropriations for that purpose from the Texas Legislature in each biennial budget. However, the legislature did not appropriate funding for that purpose in the FY26-27 biennial budget. For FY26, the route was funded with the assistance of the North Central Texas Council of Governments. At this time, another suitable funding source has not been identified. Thus, funding is not available for FY27, which begins on September 1, 2026. The State will not be able to fund the route after that date.

Section 9 of the Funding Agreement requires at least 90 days written notice of termination, which falls on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. This notice is submitted before that deadline.

We appreciate the partnership the State of Texas has had with the National Railroad Passenger Corporation over the years and thank Amtrak for its dedication to improving and supporting passenger rail in this region.

Please contact Donald Franks at (737) 368-3292 or donald.franks@txdot.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,

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