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In Support of an Additional Amtrak Train

Whereas, Winona State University students utilize the train to travel to and from major cities in the Midwest.

Whereas, the Great River Rail Commission hopes to offer a second train that travels a path from Minneapolis to Chicago with a stop in Winona.

Whereas, this additional train will benefit WSU students with a sustainable and effective option to travel to nearby cities.

Whereas, the additional train will benefit Minnesota's economy by saving an estimated \$20.8 million from taking cars off the roads and an additional \$1.3 million from avoiding traffic accidents (Rail Passenger Association March 2019).

Whereas, the additional train will bring needed tourism into Winona, thus potentially increasing future enrollment at Winona State University.

Therefore, be it resolved, that WSUSS be in support of the additional Hiawatha train due to the direct student and economic impacts on the Winona community.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that the WSUSS President writes a letter to local Winona newspapers, Governor Walz, Senator Miller, and Representative Pelowski in support of the additional transit option.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Benjamin Ellgen'.

Benjamin Ellgen
President | Winona State University Student Senate