

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-20
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
EFFORTS OF THE SALUDA GRADE
TRAIL COMMITTEE TO CONVERT
THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAIL
RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN SALUDA,
NC AND LANDRUM, SC TO A RAILS
TO TRAILS PROJECT SHOULD THIS
RIGHT-OF-WAY BECOME RETIRED
OR RAIL BANKED.**

WHEREAS, the economies of Landrum, SC, Tryon, NC, and Saluda, NC were built by the existence of the railroad; and

WHEREAS, the scenic Saluda Grade, being the steepest standard track rail grade in the United States, is one of the most famous, beautiful and historically significant rail corridors in the country; and

WHEREAS, Norfolk Southern Corporation's rail bed between Landrum and Saluda (line W) has not been utilized for rail traffic since 2001; and

WHEREAS, said rail is unlikely to be put back into service in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, conversion of said rail bed into a recreational trail could:

- Provide a permanent recreational exercise facility for local residents and visitors;
- Serve as a magnet for clean, environmentally friendly tourism for the region;
- Promote and expand existing tourist related businesses;
- Promote the creation of new tourist related businesses;
- Promote equine related enterprises resulting from public trail access;
- Enhance downtown development in Landrum, Tryon, and Saluda;
- Increase sales and hospitality taxes as a result of increased retail activity;
- Preserve the scenic Saluda Grade, one of the most famous and historically significant stretches of rail line east of the Mississippi River;
- Give Norfolk Southern Corporation a means to renew, rejuvenate and reinvigorate the economies of communities which were originally built by its corporate predecessor, Southern Railway;
- Promote the health, fitness and welfare of all who use it;
- Provide alternate safe healthy access to schools and parks along the trail;
- Enhance the quality of life of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Saluda Grade Trail Committee has been formed for the purpose of accomplishing such a conversion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Landrum, South Carolina expresses its support for the Saluda Grade Trail Committee and its mission, and pledges its active cooperation in accomplishing that mission; and

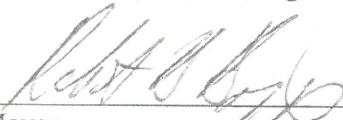
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Landrum encourages, challenges and invites other governments, organizations and individuals to likewise support the mission of the Saluda Grade Trail Committee in the hope that said Committee will accomplish said mission with all due speed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Landrum expresses its recognition of and appreciation for the contributions of Norfolk Southern Corporation and its corporate predecessor, Southern Railway in creating, building and maintaining the economy of our region throughout virtually the entire 20th Century; and

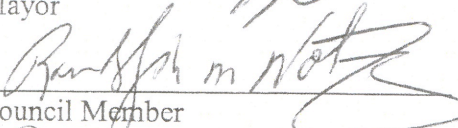
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Landrum entreats Norfolk Southern Corporation to look kindly upon the mission of the Saluda Grade Trail Commission as an opportunity for Norfolk Southern to repurpose its unused rail line and thereby help to re-create, rebuild, and remake said economy as it moves forward through the 21st Century.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.


Done in a regular meeting, duly assembled, 14th day of December, 2010



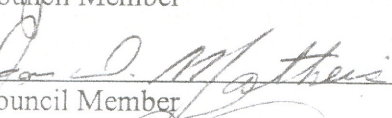
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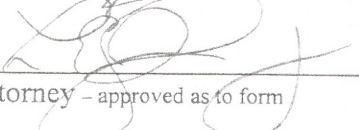
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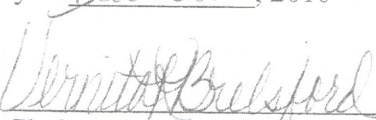
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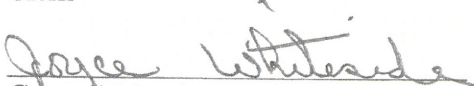
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