



July 12, 2011

Ms. Diane Stoddard  
Assistant City Manager  
City Hall  
6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Lawrence, KS 66044

Re: Lawrence, KS Rail Station

Dear Ms. Stoddard:

Amtrak is willing to retain the responsibility for ADA compliance that was in place before the transfer of ownership of the station from BNSF Railway to the City of Lawrence. This responsibility would be discharged through a funding agreement between Amtrak and the City. The stipulations in the funding agreement would include:

- The City will design and construct the station improvements to meet ADA requirements—as part of its general renovation to meet historic standards
- The design of the ADA improvements will be reviewed and approved by Amtrak prior to construction to allow Amtrak to review the changes made to the station to achieve ADA compliance
- Cost estimates provided in the construction bids will be separated to include a line item that is the minimum requirements needed to meet ADA compliance in accordance with the approved design
- The construction costs for the ADA compliance components will be invoiced to Amtrak upon completion of the construction contract and paid forthwith—Amtrak retains the right to inspect the improvements to verify ADA compliance
- The City will take the responsibility for operations and maintenance of the station building as well ongoing code compliance with respect to ADA requirements
- Amtrak will be a lessee of the City at terms that are not substantially different than the current agreement between Amtrak and BNSF—essentially an incremental cost arrangement



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Please contact me at the following address if you have any questions regarding the agreement:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John C. Bennett  
*Assistant Vice President, Policy Management*

cc: Carey Maynard-Moody  
Derrick James  
Michael Ensminger  
Joe Rago