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April 26, 2012

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

**Re: Amtrak's Accessible Stations Development Program
Lawrence, KS Rail Station**

Dear Ms. Stoddard:

Amtrak is committed to ensuring that rail stations we serve are fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and accessible to all passengers. This letter is to notify you of Amtrak's intent to survey, assess, and where appropriate, make improvements to that portion of the Lawrence, KS Station ("Station") for which Amtrak has ADA responsibility. At this time, we are putting together our work schedule for the upcoming year and plan to visit the Station on or about May 1, 2012 to conduct a property (topographic) survey of the Station. The ADA assessment will be scheduled for a later date.

Amtrak has engaged Jacobs Project Management Co. ("Jacobs") to serve as the program manager for the improvements to be made at the Station. Jacobs will be coordinating the project efforts.

We understand that the City is in the process of acquiring the Station from BNSF. In light of this, we are willing to provide the City with notices of upcoming stages of the project (and to share plans for any improvements). If you would like to receive such notices and a copy of plans, please let us know if you are the appropriate contact person and, if not, who that contact person would be. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the Station project, please contact the following Amtrak representative:

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National Railroad Passenger Corporation
Chicago Union Station
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Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary L. Talbot".

Gary L. Talbot *lk*
Amtrak Program Director, ADA

cc: Carey Maynard-Moody, Chair, Depot Redux
Derrick James