



# City of Emeryville

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 11, 2017

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Vice Mayor John Bauters  
Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** A Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Opposing The Proposed Elimination Of Long-Distance Amtrak Passenger Train Service By The Federal Administration

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council adopt a resolution opposing the proposed elimination of long-distance Amtrak passenger train service by the Federal administration.

### BACKGROUND

The City of Emeryville is home to the Emeryville Amtrak Station, which opened August 13, 1993, and is one of the five busiest train stations in California. In 2015, 587,000 passengers used the station, constituting 1,600 daily trips. The Emeryville Amtrak Station serves as the western terminus for the California Zephyr, which runs a daily service between Emeryville and Chicago, and also serves the Coast Starlight, which has run a continuous service between Seattle, Washington and Los Angeles, California since Amtrak's formation in 1971.

The Emeryville Amtrak Station also serves as a hub for both the Capitol Corridor and San Joaquin routes, which thousands of riders use to travel to and from the San Francisco Bay Area and destinations across California, while providing a safe, reliable and environmentally-conscious alternative to single-rider car trips and promoting last-mile trips on bike, on foot and via the Emery-Go-Round.

### DISCUSSION

The federal government's proposed budget seeks to cut all funding to Amtrak's national train service, and would result in the elimination of services such as Coast Starlight and the California Zephyr. These proposed cuts would have significant and negative impacts on Emeryville's local economy, traffic congestion and its efforts to combat climate change. By adopting the attached resolution, the City Council would be publicly affirming its support for national Amtrak service and opposing the proposed changes in the federal budget that would have grave and immediate impacts on the local economy,

transit and environment for Emeryville residents. If adopted the resolution would be sent to Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**PREPARED BY:** Sheri Hartz, City Clerk

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Draft Resolution of Opposition