

RESTORING PASSENGER RAIL TO SOUTHERN MONTANA



Establishing a regional rail authority in Montana

What:

- Establish a regional passenger rail authority for southern Montana:
Big Sky Passenger Rail Authority

Why:

- Further the health, safety, welfare and economic prosperity of the region previously served by the North Coast Hiawatha by advocating for rail as a 21st century public transportation option
- Create the governance structure to investigate, analyze, seek funding for and develop long-distance, inter-city rail service across southern Montana

How:

- County commissions in Montana are authorized to create regional rail authorities by adoption of a resolution by two or more counties (MCA 7-14-16).

NEXT STEPS

Once the authority is established, next steps include:

- Performing an economic impact study
- Updating previous feasibility studies

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