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Mayor Johnny Magee  
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Laurel City Hall  
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Laurel, MS 39441  
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**RE: Amtrak ADA Stations Program ("ADASP")  
Laurel, Mississippi Rail Station ("Station")**

Dear Mayor Magee:

National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak") is committed to ensuring that rail stations it serves are fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and accessible to all passengers. At this point, Amtrak has conducted a property survey and an ADA assessment of all portions of the Station for which Amtrak has some degree of ADA responsibility and has designed the required ADA improvements to be constructed by Amtrak.

This letter is a follow up to an on-site meeting with Ms. Sandra Hadley and members of the ADASP team on June 26, 2019. The purpose of this letter is two-fold. First, it is to provide the City with design plans for the improvements being made as part of our ADA Stations Program ("Plans"). The Plans have progressed to the 90% Submission level of design and are enclosed with this letter for your review, since the improvements impact property owned by the City. The exact timing of the work is not yet known.

Improvements that impact property owned by the City include but are not limited to:

- A sidewalk connection to the existing sidewalk on Central Ave.
- Removal/reinstallation/replacement of some existing signs with new Amtrak signage
- Addition of wayfinding signage along the parking lot
- Removal and replacement of existing concrete sidewalk and curbing adjacent to the station building
- Connection of new platform lighting to new panel inside station building waiting room

The second purpose of this letter is to provide Amtrak's notice under section 17 of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation and City of Laurel, Mississippi Station Lease ("Lease Agreement") of the planned improvements and to request that the City: (i) consent to the making of the improvements to the City's property substantially in accordance with the Plans; (ii) agree to provide Amtrak and its contractors access

**EXHIBIT A**

to the City's property at the time the improvements are to be made; (iii) agree that the City will timely sign any related documentation that may be required for Amtrak and its contractors to complete the project; (iv) confirm that the improvements will be owned by the City after installation; (v) agree that the City will not remove or in any way alter the improvements for as long as Amtrak uses or intends to use the improvements in providing passenger rail services at the Station, without the prior written consent of Amtrak; and (vi) agree that the City will assume the ongoing responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the improvements to the City's property in accordance with section 12 of the Lease Agreement.

Your signature below constitutes the City's consent to the improvements substantially in accordance with the Plans and the City's agreement to comply with all of Amtrak's other requests described in the above paragraph.

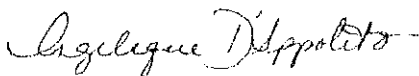
Please contact the following Amtrak representative if you have any questions or concerns regarding the planned improvements or the project:

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The schedule associated with Amtrak's ADA Stations Program is an aggressive one. You can help us complete the design portion of the Station project quickly by having the authorized representative of the City sign and date the original copy of this letter and return it in the enclosed envelope by December 18, 2019.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

Sincerely,



Angelique D'Ippolito  
Director Real Estate,  
Amtrak Real Estate Development