



Legislation Text

File #: 22-5561, **Version:** 1

Department: Commissioner, Precinct 1

Department Head/Elected Official: Commissioner Rodney Ellis

Regular or Supplemental RCA: Regular RCA

Type of Request: Resolution

Project ID (if applicable):N/A

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable):N/A

MWDBE Contracted Goal (if applicable):N/A

MWDBE Current Participation (if applicable):N/A

Justification for 0% MWDBE Participation Goal: N/A - Goal not applicable to request

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

Request by the Commissioner of Precinct 1 for approval of a resolution regarding the environmental and public health impacts of a proposed merger of Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific freight companies.

Background and Discussion:

The proposed merger of Kansas City Southern and Canadian Pacific freight corporations spans the length of the United States and could have unique impacts on the Harris County region, which is already a non-attainment area for clean air and home to many environmental justice communities. The proposed merger is anticipated to increase NOX emissions by 31.5 tonnes per year in Harris County; transport tar sands material through the region; and increase delays near at-grade crossings, complicating public services like waste removal and emergency vehicle access.

Expected Impact:

By placing this resolution on the agenda, Harris County Commissioners Court will be taking its first public action regarding the merger in the hopes of guaranteeing a more thorough environmental impact assessment process and securing mitigation for residents if the merger is approved.

Alternative Options:

N/A

Alignment with Goal(s):

- ☐ Justice and Safety
- ☐ Economic Opportunity
- ☐ Housing

X Public Health

_ Transportation

_ Flooding

X Environment

_ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

Date	Agenda Item #	Action Taken

Location:

Address (if applicable):

Precinct(s): Countywide

Fiscal and Personnel Summary			
Service Name			
	SFY 22	FY 23	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Non-Labor Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Total Incremental Expenditures	\$	\$	\$
Funding Sources (do NOT write values in thousands or millions)			
Existing Budget			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Current Budget	\$	\$	\$
Additional Budget Requested			
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Choose an item.	\$	\$	\$
Total Additional Budget Requested	\$	\$	\$
Total Funding Sources	\$	\$	\$
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)			
Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
Total Personnel	-	-	-

Anticipated Court Date: September 13th, 2022

Anticipated Implementation Date (if different from Court date):

Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note: Not an emergency, disaster, or COVID-19 related item

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Attachments (if applicable): Resolution (submitted separately)