

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor's Commission on Passenger Rail

FROM: Mayor Teresa Tomlinson

DATE: January 4, 2012

The Mayor's Commission on Passenger Rail shall be convened pursuant to Columbus City Charter which provides:

The Mayor shall have the power and the duty:

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- (11) To conduct studies and to make recommended actions to Council for legislation concerning all matters relating to the Consolidated Government and the welfare of its citizens;

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- (13) To appoint for his or her information and assistance, advisory boards, commissions, and committees which shall be answerable only to the Mayor, but whose actions shall be advisory in nature; ...

See Section 4-201(11) & (13).

Mission

The objective of the Commission is to review and analyze the viability of passenger rail in Georgia and the feasibility of a Columbus, Georgia line. The Commission will review the issues of passenger rail construction, operations and market viability, as well as the economic impact passenger rail might have on the Columbus, Georgia region. The Commission shall meet as necessary to accomplish its mission and issue a report of its analysis, findings and conclusions to the Mayor of Columbus, Georgia.