

**BOROUGH OF ELMWOOD PARK  
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
RESOLUTION R-260-15**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RESOLUTION BY: COUNCILMAN DOMBROWSKI  
SECONDED BY: COUNCILMAN CARAMAGNA**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY TRANSIT MOVING FORWARD  
THE PROPOSED PLAN TO RESTART COMMUTER SERVICE ON THE NEW  
YORK SUSQUEHANNA & WESTERN FREIGHT LINE – AKA THE PASSAIC-  
BERGEN COMMUTER RAIL**

**WHEREAS**, The New York Susquehanna and Western Railway (“NYS&W”) ran passenger service on its tracks up until 1966, serving commuters in Passaic, Bergen and Hudson counties; and

**WHEREAS**, now NYS&W uses the railway primarily for freight line service, although the infrastructure is still in place to restart passenger service; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 NJ Transit Board of Directors approved \$5.7 million dollars to fund final design, creation of an operating plan and preparation of bid documents to restart commuter service on this line, with eight stops planned in Hawthorne, Paterson, Elmwood Park, and Hackensack; and

**WHEREAS**, the project would introduce Federal Railroad Administration compliant Diesel Multiple Unit (“DMU”) technology into the NJ Transit fleet of rail equipment and will provide new passenger service along more than eight (8) miles of existing freight track; and

**WHEREAS**, the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Rail (“Commuter Rail”) will spur economic development, reduce traffic congestion, and help in diminishing emission of greenhouse gas into the environment; and

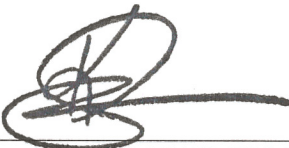
**WHEREAS**, the freight track infrastructure is in place to further expand the line to Hudson county, where a seamless connection to the Hudson Bergen Light Rail exists, and connecting the second and third largest municipalities in New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, although the project remains dormant, significant work has been done on a draft Environmental Impact Study, and its completion is vital to the long-term transportation and economic needs of Passaic, Bergen and Hudson Counties in the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

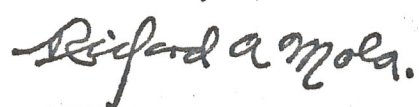
**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Elmwood Park has been working in concert with the other municipalities on the Commuter Rail to advocate for this project; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park whilly supports the Passiac-Bergen Commuter Line project and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

**LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough of Elmwood Park will continue to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to lobby State and Federal officials to fully fund and complete this vital project.

ATTEST:   
Keith Kazmark, RMC/CMC/MMC  
Borough Clerk

APPROVED: July 16, 2015

  
Richard A. Mola, Mayor

Record of Council Vote on Passage

	AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent		AYE	NAY	Abstain	Absent
Caramagna	X				Pettigano				X
Colletti	X				Vuoncino	X			
Martino				X	Dombrowski	X			

This resolution was approved by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Elmwood Park at a regular scheduled meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2015. Signed and sealed before me.

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Keith Kazmark RMC/CMC/MMC  
Borough Clerk

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