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Public Meeting (Board Meeting)

Date: Jun 22, 2015 - 5:30 PM

Location: County Administration
220
401 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Agenda: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY TRANSITMOVING FORWARD THE PROPOSED PLAN TO RESTARTCOMMUTER SERVICE ON THE NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA AND WESTERN FREIGHT LINE A/K/A THE PASSAIC-BERGEN COMMUTER RAIL, ALL AS NOTED IN THE RESOLUTION

THIS RESOLUTION WAS REQUESTED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

Anthony J. De Nova III
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Planning and Economic Development
COMMITTEE NAME

Official Resolution#	R20150466						
Meeting Date	06/22/2015						
Introduced Date	06/22/2015						
Adopted Date	06/22/2015						
Agenda Item	k-49						
CAF #							
Purchase Req. #							
Result	Adopted						
FREEHOLDER	PRES.	ABS.	MOVE	SEC	AYE	NAY	ABST.
Lora	✓				✓		
James	✓		✓		✓		
Bartlett	✓				✓		
Best Jr	✓				✓		
Cotroneo		✓					
Duffy	✓			✓	✓		
Lepore	✓				✓		

PRES.= present ABS.= absent
MOVE= moved SEC= seconded
AYE= yes NAY= no ABST.= abstain

Dated: June 23, 2015

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY TRANSIT
MOVING FORWARD THE PROPOSED PLAN TO RESTART
COMMUTER SERVICE ON THE NEW YORK SUSQUEHANNA
AND WESTERN FREIGHT LINE A/K/A 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 New Jersey 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, 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 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Passaic County has been working in concert with the other municipalities on the Commuter Rail to advocate for this project; and

WHEREAS, this matter was reviewed by the Freeholders Planning and Economic Development Committee as part of its May 10, 2015 agenda and recommended to the full Board for approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders hereby wholly supports the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Line project and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Passaic will continue to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to lobby State and federal officials to fully fund and complete this vital project.

Dated: June 22, 2015

