

Council Member	Intro	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent	Excused
Battaglia			X				
Deputy Mayor Canestrino		X	X				
Sims			X				
Some Mayor Labrosse	X		X				
			X				

CITY OF HACKENSACK

RESOLUTION NO. 265-15

**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 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 NJ Transit Board of Directors approved \$5.7 million dollars to fund the final design for Phase 1 of the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Rail which included the 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 proposed Phase 2 Commuter Rail would service Hackensack, Bogota, Ridgefield Park and stop at the Tonelle Avenue, Hudson Bergen Light Rail Station in North Bergen allowing service from Passaic County to New York City; and

WHEREAS, phase 1 of 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, both phases of 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 21st century; and

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

NOW LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Hackensack wholly supports the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Line project for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

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

**CERTIFIED TO BE A TRUE COPY OF THE MOTION PASSED AT
THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY OF HACKENSACK
HELD ON JULY 7, 2015.**



DEBORAH KARLSSON, CITY CLERK