

BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

County of Passaic
State of New Jersey



CERTIFICATION
I, Lori DiBella, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Hawthorne, County of Passaic, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify this copy of MR 31-16 to be a true copy as adopted by the Municipal Council on Jan. 20, 2016
Lori DiBella, RMC
Borough Clerk January 20, 2016

RESOLUTION NO. 31-16

Resolution, Introduced by Council Person Mele

**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 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 21st century; and

WHEREAS, this project will benefit Hawthorne provided that no at-grade intersections are crossed within the Borough of Hawthorne, the new station for this line is located proximate to the existing New Jersey Transit Hawthorne Station, and adequate off-street parking is provided at the station in Hawthorne; and

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Bennett				X		
Bertollo			X			
Lane				X		
Matthews			X			
Mele	X		X			
Sinning		X	X			
Woltecki			X			

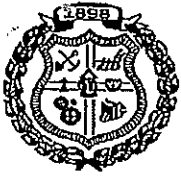
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WHEREAS, the project will be detrimental to the Borough should the aforementioned conditions not be met; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Hawthorne 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 Borough of Hawthorne supports the Passaic-Bergen Commuter Line project with the aforementioned conditions and urges New Jersey Transit to continue its progress in the near future; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Borough of Hawthorne will continue to work in conjunction with neighboring communities to lobby State and federal officials to fully fund and complete this project; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Borough of Hawthorne's support would turn to opposition should the three following conditions not be met:

- a) No trains on this line shall traverse at-grade crossings within the Borough of Hawthorne;
- b) The station in Hawthorne on this new line shall be located proximate to the existing Hawthorne train station; and
- c) Adequate off-street parking shall be provided for commuters using the station.

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