

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION
NO. 2208**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE REINSTATEMENT OF REGIONAL RAIL SERVICE TO THE NEWTOWN REGIONAL RAIL LINE CONNECTING NEWTOWN BOROUGH, NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON, UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP, ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH WITH THE FOX CHASE STATION IN NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

WHEREAS, reinstatement of regional rail service on the SEPTA Newtown Line North of Fox Chase will afford Lower Makefield residents with an easy and efficient means of transportation to and from Center City Philadelphia and points on SEPTA's Regional Rail system; and

WHEREAS, the rate of development throughout the Newtown Rail Line Corridor has consistently been among the highest in Pennsylvania for over forty years and is expected to continue into the future; and

WHEREAS, exceptionally high growth rates of housing development and population in areas of Montgomery and Bucks Counties formerly serviced by the Newtown Rail Line North of Fox Chase has caused crowded trains and a severe lack of parking for riders forced to use stations of the R2, R3 and R7 Rail Lines; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion and travel delays in the suburban areas of Southeastern Pennsylvania adversely affects the movement of people and goods throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Bucks through its adopted Comprehensive Plan indicate the need and desire for reinstatement of passenger service on this rail corridor; and


WHEREAS, the March 2009 DVRPC Green House Gas Emissions Study has determined that per capita GHG emissions are significantly higher in the outer suburbs due to increased use of automobiles as compared to the inner suburbs; and

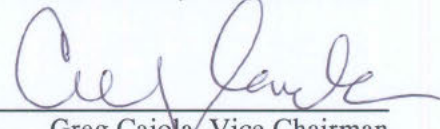
WHEREAS, the existing SEPTA Newtown Line Right Of Way, recognized as an asset to our regional transportation system, has been allowed to deteriorate over time and even be dismantled by other parties for purposes other than regional commuter rail at a time when energy costs and environmental concerns have led local, state and federal leaders to call for reduced vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and increased use of regional commuter rail;

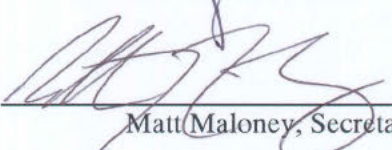
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Lower Makefield Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the Board of Supervisors hereby publicly states its support for cooperative effort with other municipalities, the County of Bucks, and the business community, for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), the Bucks County Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to develop an improvement program and to create plans for both short and long term improvements to this vital transportation corridor.

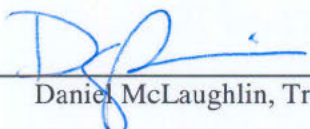
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Township of Lower Makefield, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its meeting held at 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley Pennsylvania 19067 on this second day of June, **2010**.

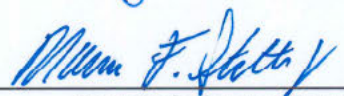
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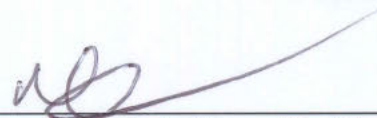
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ATTEST:

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Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
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RESOLUTION
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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NEW REVIEW BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUCKS COUNTY PLANNING
COMMISSION, DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, OF THE
REINSTATEMENT OF REGIONAL RAIL SERVICE TO POINTS BETWEEN FOX
CHASE AND NEWTOWN BOROUGH**

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WHEREAS, exceptionally high growth rates of housing development and population in areas of Montgomery and Bucks Counties formerly serviced by the Newtown Rail Line north of Fox Chase has contributed to crowded trains and lack of parking for riders who use the Warminster(R2), West Trenton(R3) and Trenton(R7) Rail Lines; and

WHEREAS, traffic congestion and travel delays in the suburban areas of Southeastern Pennsylvania adversely affects the movement of people and goods throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, existing SEPTA stations on the West Trenton(R3) line are utilizing all of its existing capacity and a significant degree of unmet demand for commuter rail exists; and

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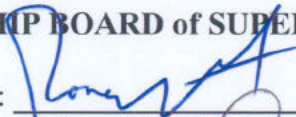
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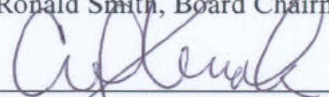
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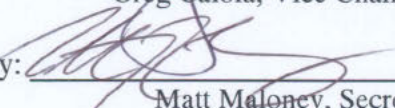
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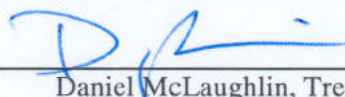
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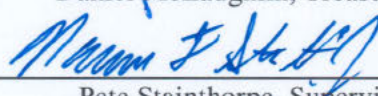
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