

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-10R
A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

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

WHEREAS, reinstatement of regional rail service on the SEPTA Newtown Line North of Fox Chase will improve access to SEPTA's commuter rail system for Middletown Township residents by alleviating parking and congestion on the existing West Trenton regional rail line, and will provide an improved 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 formally serviced by the Newtown Rail Line North of Fox Chase has caused crowded trains and a severe lack of parking for riders that use stations of the Warminster (R2), West Trenton (R3), Doylestown (R5) 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, the County of Bucks through its adopted Comprehensive Plan indicate the need and desire for reinstatement of passenger service on the Newtown Commuter 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 Middletown Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the Township 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 Middletown Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its meeting held at 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne Pennsylvania 19047 on this 12th day of July, 2010.

MIDDLETOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD of SUPERVISORS

By: [Signature]
Thomas Gallagher, Chairperson

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Pat Mallon, Vice Chairperson

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H. George Leonhauser, Secretary

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Drew Kreiling, Member

By: [Signature]
Robert McMonagle, Member

ATTEST:

By: [Signature]
Debby Lamanna, Acting Manager

Approved this 12th day of July, 2010.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-11R
A RESOLUTION OF THE
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BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NEW REVIEW BY THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUCKS COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, MONTGOMERY 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

WHEREAS, reinstatement of regional rail service on the SEPTA Newtown Line North of Fox Chase will afford Middletown Township residents with an improved 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 Commuter Rail 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 formally serviced by the Newtown Rail Line north of Fox Chase has contributed to crowded trains and lack of parking for riders who use the West Trenton Regional Rail Line; 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 absence of public transportation service on the SEPTA Newtown Regional Rail Line brings additional automobile traffic through local roads in Middletown Township; 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 the regional commuter rail system;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Supervisors of Middletown Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that the Township 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, the

Bucks County Planning Commission and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to conduct a feasibility study for the reinstatement of regional rail service on the existing right of way of the Newtown Line north of the Fox Chase section of Philadelphia to Newtown Borough, Pennsylvania.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the township of Middletown Township, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, at its meeting held at 3 Municipal Way, Langhorne Pennsylvania 19047 on this 12th day of July, 2010.

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