

**RESOLUTION No. 2009 – R – 31**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP**  
**BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A NEW REVIEW BY THE PA 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 TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, reinstatement of regional rail service on the SEPTA Route R8 north of Fox Chase will afford Newtown Township residents with an easy and efficient means of transportation to and from Center City Philadelphia; and

**WHEREAS**, the rate of development throughout the Newtown R8 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 R8 rail line north of Fox Chase has contributed to traffic and congestion in the Newtown area; and

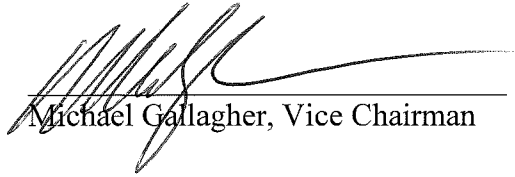
**WHEREAS**, sound planning principles indicate a growing need to expand the use of regional commuter rail systems to improve mobility and improve traffic flow; and

**WHEREAS**, there existing R8 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 Newtown Township that the Board of Supervisors hereby publicly states its support for the cooperative effort with other municipalities, the County of Montgomery, 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 new review of the plans for and benefits of reinstatement of regional rail service on the existing right of way of the R8 rail line north of Fox Chase to Newtown Township, Bucks County, PA.

Resolved this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009


  
Attest: Joseph Czajkowski Twp Mgr

  
Michael Gallagher, Vice Chairman

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Jerry Schenkman, Member

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Robert Ciervo, Chairman

  
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Matthew Benchener, Treasurer

  
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Philip Calabro, Member