

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-011
A RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP
BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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 Wrightstown Township 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 formally 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

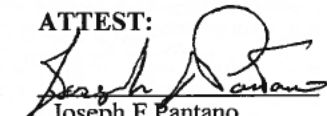
WHEREAS, the County of Bucks through its adopted Comprehensive Plan indicate the need and desire for reinstatement of passenger service on this rail corridor; and

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

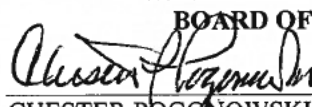
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Wrightstown, County of Bucks, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby publicly states its support for cooperative effort with other municipalities, the County of Bucks, and the business community, for the Southeastern Pennsylvania 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 Fox Chase to Newtown, Pennsylvania.

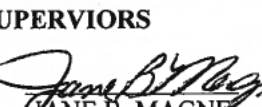
RESOLVED AND ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Wrightstown Township this 3rd day of May, 2010.

ATTEST:


Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager

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