

RESOLUTION #2003-5

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER SOUTHAMPTON, COUNTY OF BUCKS, COMMONWEALTH OF PA SUPPORTING THE RENEWAL OF RAIL SERVICE TO THE NEWTOWN REGIONAL RAIL LINE CONNECTING NEWTOWN BOROUGH, NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP, UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP, ABINGTON TOWNSHIP, AND BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH WITH THE FOX CHASE STATION IN NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

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

WHEREAS, public safety is being compromised by deficient highway conditions that increase the potential for traffic accidents and delay the movement of emergency vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the rate of development throughout the Newtown Rail Line corridor has consistently been among the highest in the state for the last four decades and is expected to continue into the future; and

WHEREAS, sound planning principles indicate a growing need to expand the use of transit modes of travel to improve suburban mobility and overall air quality; and

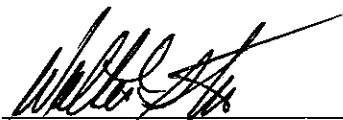
WHEREAS, the County of Bucks through its adopted Comprehensive Plan and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) through its long-range planning process indicate the need and desire for improvements to this rail corridor;

NOW THEREFORE, that the Upper Southampton Township Board of Supervisors hereby publicly states its support for cooperative effort with other municipalities, the County of Bucks, the business community, the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) 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.

RESOLVED this 18th day of March 2003.

UPPER SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


Lola Biuckians, Chairperson



Walter C. Stevens, Secretary/Treasurer