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John J. Matheussen, CEO
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Dear Mr. Matheussen:

Congratulations on the selection of a Preferred Alternative for the expansion of light rail to Gloucester County. As Executive Director of New Jersey's state-wide public transit agency, I am encouraged by the selection of light rail and look forward to seeing this project take shape through the EIS process. We have had great success with light rail and the increasing ridership on the Hudson Bergen Light Rail Line, Newark Light Rail Line and the River LINE underscore that for many it is the vehicle of choice.

NJ TRANSIT is about to undertake several efforts that will complement the DRPA's work. This fall we will evaluate the Atlantic City Rail Line, examining the feasibility of enhanced service on that important link between Atlantic City and Philadelphia. We are also conducting a South Jersey Bus Rapid Transit Study to identify needed highway improvements, new bus stops and increased parking opportunities, with the goal of improving service in the Route 42/55 corridor. Each of these efforts will be coordinated with the DRPA to establish a truly multi-modal transit system for southern New Jersey.

We look forward to working with the DRPA in bringing light rail into Gloucester County. This can help alleviate congestion on area roads while offering residents effective alternatives to the automobile. And that will continue to make southern New Jersey a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,


Richard R. Sarles
Executive Director

John J. Matheussen
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Dear John:

I would like to offer my organization's support for the Transportation Investment Vision for Southern New Jersey, most especially the plans for the continuation of SJ Light Rail service from Camden to Glassboro. The current success of light rail service in Burlington County has provided incredible economic advantages to the area and similar success is anticipated for the Camden/Gloucester region. Your work in determining the best route through the alternatives analysis and planning study has produced a superior plan – you and your team are to be congratulated.

Further, the Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 42, 55 and 676 and improvements to the NJ Transit 30th Street Station to Atlantic City line proposed by the Delaware River Port Authority, NJ Transit and the South Jersey Transportation Authority will have immediate success in easing congestion on our highways.

My organization and our entire eight county region anxiously looks forward to seeing the plan set in motion and completed as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

Eileen R. Della Valle