

## TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA

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August 18, 2009

John J. Matheussen Chief Executive Officer Delaware River Port Authority One Port Center 2 Riverside Drive P.O. Box 1949 Camden, NJ 08101-1949

Dear Mr. Matheussen,

On behalf of Mayor Timothy W. Chell and the Township Committee I hereby present to you a sealed copy of Resolution R-154-2009. This legislation, adopted by the Committee on August 17, 2009, offers the Committee's support to the extension of Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transfer Service to the County of Gloucester.

Copies of this resolution are also being forwarded to Governor Jon Corzin, Senate President Richard Cody, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts and Senate Majority Leader and Gloucester County Board of Chosen Freeholder Director Stephen Sweeney.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

Shawn Menzies Township Clerk

CC: Mayor & Township Committee

## RESOLUTION R-154-2009 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MANTUA RE: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EXTENSION OF LIGHT RAIL AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT SERVICE TO THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Port Authority, (herein after "DRPA") has extensively studied various alternative plans to extend Light Rail Service to Gloucester County municipalities, including the provision of Bus Rapid Transit service as well; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Planning Commission and the New Jersey State Office of Smart Growth have both indicated their support for the alternative by which Light Rail service would be extended from the City of Camden to the Borough of Glassboro following the routes of existing Conrail Right of Way; and

WHEREAS, this alternative will spur economic growth in Gloucester County, help alleviate traffic congestion, provide commuters with a much needed alternative, and improve air quality by reducing traffic congestion, the leading cause of air quality problems in our county and region; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Transportation Trust Fund has committed \$500 million in funding to this project so critical to preserving the quality of life in our county.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Mantua, in the County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey, does hereby endorse the extension of the Light Rail System into Gloucester County, as well as Bus Rapid Transit service, along with other transit improvements provided for by the DRPA preferred alternative plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Clerk of the Township of Mantua is hereby directed to forward true copies of this Resolution to Governor Jon Cozine, Senate President Richard Cody, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, the DRPA and Freeholder Director & State Senator Stephen Sweeney.

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By:

PETE SCIRROTTO, DEPUTY MAYOR

ATTEST;

Shawn G. Menzies, Township Clerk

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Chell				X
Scirrotto x	(			,
Beckett 4				
Lawrence	(			
Zimmerma				

Adopted by the Township of Mantua at an Open Public Township Meeting this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009.

Shawn G. Menzies Township Clerk