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Resolution # 5-2016

WHEREAS, Dauphin County is committed to providing, at the best value possible, quality public transportation to its citizens, residents, business, and visitors to encourage economic development to protect the environment and in a manner which requires the allocation of the fewest Dauphin County taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, Dauphin County, together with its partners, the City of Harrisburg and Cumberland County, jointly incorporated the Capital Area Transit Authority ("CAT") to provide regional transportation for the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County and Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, each of the three incorporating entities for CAT provide funds, as set forth in state law, to supplement federal funding, state funding and operating income of CAT; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT") has worked with counties and transit systems in South Central Pennsylvania to study the feasibility and financial benefits of consolidating transportation across the region; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that consolidation can result in more efficient operation, streamlining of government, and saving of administrative costs and better service; and

WHEREAS, under Act 89, for a period of five years after consolidation, the obligation from a county for public transportation is capped which will result in a savings of tax dollars for a participating county in the consolidation; and

WHEREAS, PennDOT conducted a phase I and phase II study of South Central Consolidation which identified potential significant savings of tax dollars through consolidation of public transportation in the Dauphin County region; and

WHEREAS, PennDOT formed a Critical Issues Committee which studied the issues of governance, board representation, local match and transit service levels for consolidation consistent with the Phase II South Central Consolidation study; and

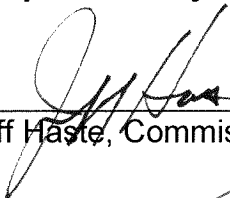
WHEREAS, it was determined that such a path forward exists.

WHEREAS, through consultations with neighboring counties, it has been determined that Lebanon County has a similar interest in pursuing public transit consolidation and joint action.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners endorses and supports cooperating with other counties and municipal entities in the south central Pennsylvania area and particularly the County of Lebanon, to move forward to reach consensus on the details of consolidation to provide joint public transportation in the Dauphin County region or a portion thereof and directs the appropriate staff to participate with partner counties, municipalities, public transportation entities, PennDOT and others in attempting to reach consensus on the details of such a consolidation.

ADOPTED, this 2 day of March, 2016.

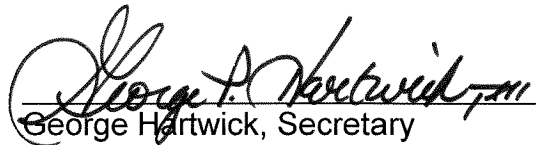
Dauphin County Board of Commissioners



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Attest:



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