

RES 16-059

Wilmington, Delaware
July 7, 2016

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WHEREAS, while Wilmington is nestled in the densely populated northeast corridor and located along the region’s major transportation arteries, public transit options to regional amenities remain somewhat limited; and

WHEREAS, public transit routes from Wilmington to the Philadelphia International Airport are especially cumbersome – requiring either rail to bus transfers or a transfer through center city Philadelphia; and

WHEREAS, enhancing Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) rail routes and connections between the Philadelphia International Airport and the Delaware border are among proposals included in a blueprint discussed by the Federal Railroad Administration; and

WHEREAS, the federal agency has also discussed the need for improving rail service throughout the region, which could include new tracks and stations in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, federal officials have cited significant maintenance backlogs and the massive costs of such enhancements as barriers which could slow the progress of regional rail improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, that the Council supports the efforts on the part of the Federal Railroad Administration and its regional, state and local partners to study and propose some of the much-needed enhancements to the transit infrastructure in and around Delaware, and encourages collective action and innovation to pursue projects which would expand the range of public transit and rail options for Wilmingtonians and other residents of the First State.

Approved as form this 6th
day of July, 2016.

Sony Dhatu
Assistant City Solicitor

Passed by City Council,
July 7, 2016

Attest: *Maribel Seijo*
City Clerk