

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission recognize the role passenger rail traffic plays in regional economic development; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission has supported the development of additional passenger rail connections to larger cities and industrial and business centers across Pennsylvania and neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission understand that currently, a morning passenger train runs east from Pittsburgh through Johnstown, Altoona, and Huntingdon on to Harrisburg and an evening passenger train returns west from Harrisburg to Pittsburgh; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission acknowledge individuals seeking a single day trip to Pittsburgh for business or leisure do not have passenger rail options available; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission recognize that an additional train traveling east to west in the morning and west to east in the evening would be of great economic benefit to the Southern Alleghenies Region; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission hereby declare their full support for expanded Amtrak passenger service between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

Approved this 21st day of September, 2016

Southern Alleghenies
Planning and Development Commission
Altoona, Blair County, Pennsylvania


Heather Meck, Secretary