

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

RESOLUTION NO. 08-75

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT GOVERNOR CORZINE, U.S. SENATOR FRANK LAUTENBERG, U.S. SENATOR ROBERT MENENDEZ, CONGRESSMAN FRANK PALLONE, CONGRESSMAN RUSH HOLT, STATE SENATOR JENNIFER BECK, ASSEMBLYMAN DECLAN O'SCANLON, ASSEMBLYWOMAN CAROLINE CASAGRANDE AND THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH REJECT NEW JERSEY TRANSIT'S PROPOSED RAIL EXTENSION FROM RED BANK TO LAKEHURST FOR THE PROPOSED MONMOUTH-OCEAN-MIDDLESEX RAIL ROUTE.

Mr. Murphy offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, New Jersey Transit is in the process of developing plans to create a new rail line known as the Monmouth-Ocean-Middlesex Rail Route or "MOM"; and

WHEREAS, three (3) routes have been proposed for such MOM Rail Route as follows: (1) Monmouth Junction to Lakehurst; (2) Matawan to Lakehurst; and (3) Red Bank to Lakehurst; and

WHEREAS, previous studies suggested that the Monmouth Junction to Lakehurst route would prove the most cost-effective and would increase rider-ship; and

WHEREAS, should New Jersey Transit decide to implement the Red Bank to Lakehurst route, such plan would negatively and adversely impact the environment and quality of life of the residents and citizens of the Borough of Red Bank who live in the affected areas of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the proposed route would be located primarily in residential areas, wherein such rail route would expose residents and their children to increased ground contamination, air pollution, noise pollution and safety hazards, posing a direct and detrimental affect on the health, safety and welfare and quality of life of the residents and citizens of Borough of Red Bank; and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution Mayor Pasquale Menna and the entire Borough Council are publicly stating and advising our State Representatives and national legislators and our County representatives that we are against the proposed rail line running through the Borough of Red Bank; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank appreciates the value of the MOM Rail Route, and is committed to the encouragement and provision of additional public transportation routes throughout the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank believes that the most appropriate route for the MOM Rail Route is the Monmouth Junction to Lakehurst route, which route was demonstrated by several studies as being the most cost effective and the most likely to increase rider-ship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, that it hereby requests that Governor Corzine, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Frank Pallone, Congressman Rush Holt, State Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblyman Declan O'Scanlon, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande and the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Monmouth, reject the proposed MOM railway route from

Red Bank to Lakehurst and support the implementation of the Monmouth Junction to Lakehurst route as being the most cost effective route and the route most likely to encourage and increase rider-ship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Jon Corzine, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, Congressman Frank Pallone, Congressman Rush Holt, State Senator Jennifer Beck, Assemblyman Declan O’Scanlon, Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande, and the Board of Chosen Freeholders for the County of Monmouth and to the Municipal Clerks of each of the municipalities in Monmouth and Middlesex County for distribution to the various Mayors and Governing Bodies and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the Borough of Red Bank.

Seconded by Ms. Cangemi and adopted on roll call by the following vote:

	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Mr. Curley	()	()	()	(x)
Mr. Murphy	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Lee	(x)	()	()	()
Mr. DuPont	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Cangemi	(x)	()	()	()
Ms. Horgan	(x)	()	()	()

Dated: March 24, 2008