

RESOLUTION NO. 93-105

RESOLUTION OF THE Members of the Board OF Hopewell Township SUPPORTING AND ENDORSING EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE PLANNING EFFORTS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT A PROPOSED HIGHWAY KNOWN AS THE WESTERN BELTWAY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Beaver County has among the highest rates of unemployment and chronic economic distress of any area of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, an improved transportation system has proven to be an effective, long term means to ameliorate economic distress; and

WHEREAS, there have been efforts to plan for the construction of a new highway connecting Interstate 79 in Butler County with State Route 65 near Conway in Beaver County that would help contribute toward the completion of a beltway highway system encompassing the metropolitan Pittsburgh area; and

WHEREAS, there are other projects in connection with the aforementioned highway including a new Ohio River bridge crossing, maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing Aliquippa-Ambridge Bridge, improvements to the intersection of State Route 51 and Franklin Avenue and improved access to State Route 60 (Beaver Valley Expressway) at the Aliquippa interchange; and

WHEREAS, there are presently in excess of \$50 million in federal grants available to facilitate a portion of the cost of these projects that will expire within four years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Board of Hopewell Township as follows:

1. That the Transportation Commission of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation be strongly urged to place the aforementioned transportation improvement projects into an active planning status.

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2. That the necessary planning be carried out expeditiously and be properly coordinated to ensure that the secured federal grant support will not lapse.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1993.

Tim Fourn  
(Chief Elected Official, Title)

Attest:

James M. Eisenhart

#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution is an extract taken from a true and correct and compared copy of the original Minute Book of the Members of the Board of Hopewell Township for the meeting held on FEBRUARY 9<sup>th</sup>, 1993.

WITNESS my hand this 11 day of FEBRUARY, 1993.

James M. Eisenhart  
(Name, Title)