## **RESOLUTION 37-2022**

## RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE GLASSBORO-CAMDEN LINE

WHEREAS, the Glassboro-Camden Line ("GCL"), is an 18-mile diesel multiple unit light rail system planned for the southwestern part of New Jersey, including a northern terminus located at the Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden, which will connect with the River Line and permit transfers to the PATCO Speedline, all of which is currently in the pre-construction phase; and

WHEREAS, the GCL route will generally follow the right of way (ROW) of Conrail's South Jersey/Philadelphia Shared Assets Operations Vineland Secondary freight rail line, which continues beyond the light rail terminus in Glassboro as part of a greater plan to expand public transportation in the Delaware Valley metro area; and

WHEREAS, although the GCL may be intended to positively impact the region as a whole, the Borough of Woodbury Heights stands to be negatively impacted by the condemnation of real property and/or still yet unknown elements of the planning and construction, including, but not limited to, the following: the location of a maintenance yard within Borough limits and/or other properties to be condemned; adverse environmental impacts; adverse noise pollution and acoustical concerns affecting Borough residents and properties; and adverse traffic impacts within the Borough, which include safe pedestrian passageways for the residents and children in the affected areas of development; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Woodbury Heights strongly believes that, ultimately, we owe a duty to the residents and taxpayers to oppose the GCL, unless and until such time as the Borough and its residents are given conclusive and supplemental information and documentation to address the aforementioned concerns of the residents and Borough Council, as well as the opportunity to provide additional input to our elected and appointed officials at the State level.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights hereby opposes the construction of the GCL; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Nicholas Scutari; Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; Senator Edward Durr, Jr.; and Governor Phil Murphy.

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

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WILLIAM C. PACKER, MAYOR

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THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS DULY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS AT THE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2022.

SHANNON ELTØN, BOROUGH CLERK