

RESOLUTION 93-2023

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A QUESTION TO THE PUBLIC IN A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 7, 2023 REGARDING THE PROPOSED GLASSBORO-CAMDEN COMMUTER LINE

WHEREAS, the proposed Glassboro-Camden Line ("GCL") is an eighteen-mile (18 mile) diesel multiple unit light rail system planned for the southwestern part of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the GCL project is to improve light rail transit service along the Glassboro to Camden corridor with a focus on increasing mobility and improving links between the established communities within the GCL corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and New Jersey Transit (NJ TRANSIT) initiated preparation of the Glassboro-Camden Line Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

WHEREAS, the FTA is the lead federal agency for the project, with DRPA/PATCO providing EIS project oversight, and NJ TRANSIT serving as the funding partner; and

WHEREAS, the GCL is proposed to operate through twelve (12) established South Jersey communities while making stops at fourteen (14) new stations; and

WHEREAS, the GCL will commence in Camden at the northern end, and terminate in Glassboro at the southern end; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Woodbury Heights has been designated as one of the proposed fourteen (14) new train stations for the GCL; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Clerk received a signed petition purporting to comply with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 19:37-1.1 by registered and qualified voters at the last general election, wherein the governing body was requested to ascertain the sentiment of legal voters concerning the "GCL"; and

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the governing body desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the Borough of Woodbury Heights to determine if they support or oppose a light rail stop on the GCL within the Borough of Woodbury Heights.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, et seq., authorizes a governing body of any municipality who desires to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of the municipality upon any question or policy pertaining to the government or internal affairs thereof by adoption of a resolution requesting the County Clerk to print upon the official ballots to be used at the next ensuing general election of a certain proposition as formulated and expressed in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, such request must be submitted by duly adopted resolution to the County Clerk not less than the prescribed time period prior to the general election required by the Statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:37-1, et seq., the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights hereby determines to submit the following question to a non-binding vote at the next general election to be held on November 7, 2023:

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Do you support the operation of the proposed Glassboro-Camden Line light rail transit system within the Borough of Woodbury Heights?

YES NO

Do you support the location of a station or stop along the proposed Glassboro-Camden Line light rail transit system within the Borough of Woodbury Heights?

YES NO

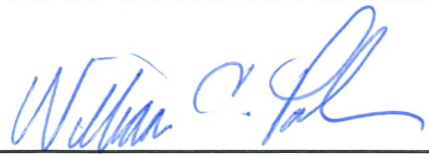
INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT


The Glassboro-Camden Line ("GCL") is a proposed light rail transit system providing service between Camden and Glassboro. The eighteen-mile (18 mile) light rail transit system proposes fourteen (14) new stations or stops, including the Borough of Woodbury Heights. This non-binding referendum is intended to ascertain the sentiment of the legal voters of whether they support or oppose the proposed Glassboro-Camden Line light rail transit system in addition to a station or stop within the Borough of Woodbury Heights.

2. The Gloucester County Clerk is hereby requested to print the above question and Interpretative Statement on the official ballots for the Borough of Woodbury Heights for the General Election to be held on November 7, 2023

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey held on August 16, 2023.

BOROUGH OF WOODBURY HEIGHTS

BY: 
WILLIAM C. PACKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SHANNON ELTON, MUNICIPAL CLERK

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above resolution is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Woodbury Heights, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, at a meeting held by the same on August 16, 2023 in the Borough's Municipal Building, 500 Elm Ave., Woodbury Heights, New Jersey 08097.



SHANNON ELTON, Municipal Clerk