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Borough of Dunellen and NJ TRANSIT Highlight Progress on Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project

Dunellen, NJ - The Borough of Dunellen and NJ TRANSIT are pleased to announce continuing progress in the ongoing effort to advance the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project, which aims to turn the Dunellen Train Station into a modern, fully accessible transportation hub for commuters throughout the region.

Following years of advocacy led by Mayor Jason F. Cilento and the Borough of Dunellen, the project continues to gain momentum through bipartisan support at the local, county, state, and federal levels.

As part of these efforts, the Borough of Dunellen has coordinated an extensive advocacy campaign, collecting formal resolutions and letters of support from municipal, county, regional, and professional partners in support of advancing this critical transportation project. These materials were submitted to Senator Jon Bramnick, Assemblyman Andrew Macurdy, and Assemblyman Vincent Kearney to advocate for funding through New Jersey's Fiscal Year 2027 budget by urging Governor Mikie Sherrill, Senate President Nicholas Scutari, and Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin to allocate the necessary resources for the project.

The following municipalities, counties, regional organizations, and professional partners have formally endorsed the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project, recognizing its regional importance and the positive impact it will have on commuters, local economies, and surrounding communities:

- Dunellen Downtown Management Organization
- Dunellen Parking Authority
- Dunellen Planning Board
- Harbor Consultants
- Green Brook Township
- Borough of Middlesex
- Piscataway Township
- Warren Township
- Borough of Watchung
- Middlesex County
- Somerset County
- Raritan Valley Line Mayors' Alliance

"Since 2020, the Borough of Dunellen has been advocating for a modernized and fully accessible Dunellen Train Station to better serve the residents and commuters who rely on it every day, and I am encouraged to see these efforts finally making tangible progress," said Mayor Jason F. Cilento. "We are grateful to NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri and his team for their partnership, former Governor Phil Murphy for helping facilitate the connection with NJ TRANSIT, and to the many local, county, state, and federal leaders who have joined this historic bipartisan effort to move this project forward. Securing the support and funding necessary to move this project from planning to construction remains a top priority for the Dunellen Borough Council and me."

“People depend on reliable public transportation to get to work, school, and appointments every day,” said Senator Jon Bramnick. “Modernizing the Dunellen Train Station will improve access, strengthen connectivity, and make commuting easier for residents across the region. This is a practical investment that will benefit the community for years to come.”

Building on that momentum, NJ TRANSIT continues to pursue Federal grant opportunities to support the continued design and preliminary engineering of accessibility improvements at the Dunellen Train Station, including future Americans with Disability Act (ADA)-compliant necessities such as elevators, ramps, and enhanced pathways to improve access for all passengers.

“Mayor Cilento and the Borough of Dunellen have been steadfast advocates for their community, and NJ TRANSIT is pleased to be their partner in delivering a modern, accessible station on our Raritan Valley Line,” said NJ TRANSIT President & CEO Kris Kolluri. “We will continue pursuing all available funding opportunities to move this project from design to construction.”

Project planning continues to advance, with updated station elevations and preliminary design renderings being finalized to offer residents, commuters, and stakeholders a look at a modernized, fully accessible Dunellen Train Station.

Securing the necessary funding for the Dunellen Train Station Modernization Project remains a top priority for both the Borough of Dunellen and NJ TRANSIT. Through continued advocacy at the state level, the pursuit of federal grant opportunities, and ongoing collaboration with partners across all levels of government, both organizations are committed to identifying the resources needed to move this project from concept to construction and turn a long-standing vision into a lasting investment that will ultimately strengthen regional connectivity, improve accessibility, and support economic growth.

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