



The Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton

Resolution R1-2007

THIS RESOLUTION is made this 7th day of March, 2007, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton supporting House Bill 681, entitled *Maryland Transit Administration - BRAC-MARC Penn Line Extension*.

WHEREAS, the Town of Elkton is the county seat of Cecil County and has a residential population of some 14,000 residents, and is not served by a passenger railroad transportation system available to commuters who work beyond the borders of Cecil County; and

WHEREAS, citizen demand for transportation options created by the growth and development of Elkton and surrounding Cecil County including anticipated demand resulting from new growth and development stimulated by increasing federal jobs at the Aberdeen Proving Ground arising from the United States Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure 2005 initiative, must be addressed by the Maryland Transit Administration through the planning and ultimate creation of passenger railroad service available in Elkton via the MARC Penn Line extension from Perryville, some 14.5 miles west of Elkton; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Transit Administration is responsible for the development, implementation, operation and maintenance of accessible transit networks that are customer focused, safe, appealing, reliable and efficient throughout Maryland; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 681 has been introduced by the Cecil County Delegation in the Maryland House of Delegates for the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide a specified date when passenger railroad service shall be provided to Elkton and to initiate planning for service to other locations by the MARC Penn Line, as well as by the Southern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA), the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) or other entities from Elkton to Wilmington, Delaware.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Elkton fully support the Cecil

County Delegation and its efforts to enact House Bill 681 *Maryland Transit Administration BRAC-MARC Penn Line Extension* that requires the Maryland Transit Administration to specify a time when passenger railroad service shall be provided to the town of Elkton and to coordinate planning with other passenger rail service entities for service to Wilmington, Delaware; and

2. That the Mayor of the Town of Elkton shall be authorized and designated by the Board of Commissioners to represent the Board and act in matters relating to the Town's participation in the planning and creation of passenger railroad service to the town of Elkton.

READ AND PASSED THIS 7TH DAY OF MARCH, 2007

**Mayor and Commissioners
of the Town of Elkton**

Mayor Joseph L. Fisona
Commissioner Charles H. Givens, Sr.
Commissioner Mary Jo Jablonski
Commissioner Earl M. Piner, Sr.
Commissioner C. Gary Storke