

MOTION OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Urging the Port Authority Board of Allegheny County to vote against the North Shore Connector Project if the final project does not include both the Convention Center Line and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), or if the project cost exceeds \$381 million, requesting further information from the Port Authority, and establishing the policy of the Council on appropriating funds for the North Shore Connector Project.

WHEREAS, the original project cost presented to this Council was estimated at \$381 million of which the County of Allegheny would have to contribute three and one third percent or \$12.7 million; and

WHEREAS, the original project presented to this Council included the Convention Center Line, a 0.3-mile light rail line from Steel Plaza station to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the final cost of the project is \$435 million with \$348 million from the federal government, \$72.5 million from the state, and \$14.5 million from the county, to be paid in installments through 2010, when the 1.2-mile line is to be completed; and

WHEREAS, the Port Authority has eliminated the Convention Center Line from this project due to cost overruns; and

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

That it is the sense of the Council of Allegheny County that the Port Authority Board of Allegheny County should vote against the North Shore Connector Project if the final project does not include the Convention Center Line and if the project cost exceeds \$381 million.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY,

That the County Council shall commit \$0 to the North Shore Connector until such time as the Port Authority adds the Community College of Allegheny County to the North Shore Connector, and also comes before the Budget and Finance Committee with its Executive Director, Henry Nutbrown and any and all staff members that were involved with the North Shore Connector project, and brings with them any and all relevant and pertinent information pertaining to any potential cost overruns, calculations and methodology used in arriving at the numbers used by the Port Authority to explain and justify the requests for funding from the County.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FITZGERALD

In Council July 12, 2006.

Read and Approved.

Rich Fitzgerald

Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest:

John Mascio
John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council



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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: John Mascio, Chief Clerk

DATE: July 13, 2006

SUBJECT: Approved Legislation

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 12, 2006, Council passed a Motion (enclosed) urging the Port Authority Board of Allegheny County to vote against the North Shore Connector Project if the final project does not include both the Convention Center Line and Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), or if the project cost exceeds \$381 million, requesting further information from the Port Authority, and establishing the policy of the Council on appropriating funds for the North Shore Connector Project.

The Motion passed by a vote of 10-3, with Council Members Burn, Caldwell, Cleary, Fawcett, Finnerty, Frazier, Macey, Martoni, Robinson and Fitzgerald voting yes; and Council Members Drozd, Gastgeb and Rea voting no.

Council Members DeFazio and Nerone were not present for the vote.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.