THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 154 Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY LaGROTTA, THOMAS, BEBKO-JONES, CALTAGIRONE,
   CLYMER, CRAHALLA, HESS, JAMES, LEH, MANN, PALLONE, PETRARCA,
   READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SHANER, STABACK, TIGUE, WALKO AND
   YOUNGBLOOD, MARCH 16, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 16, 2005

A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the Auditor General to conduct performance audits of
2   the Allegheny County Port Authority Transit System (PAT) and
3   the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority
4   (SEPTA) and report the findings to the General Assembly.

5   WHEREAS, Thousands of residents of this Commonwealth use mass

6 transit every day; and

7   WHEREAS, Mass transit is a necessity for persons who rely on

8 it to get to work, to medical care, to school, to the grocery

9 store and to many other places; and

10   WHEREAS, Mass transit in this Commonwealth is facing a

11 shortage of operating funds; and

12   WHEREAS, Insufficient funding results in a decrease in

13 services, thereby harming the long-term viability of transit, as

14 well as an increase in fares, causing layoffs for public

15 transportation employees; and

16   WHEREAS, Until the mass transit crisis is resolved, the lives

17 of thousands of Pennsylvanians and the productivity of hundreds

18 of Pennsylvania companies will be disrupted; and

1   WHEREAS, Before asking taxpayers to invest significant State

2 dollars in the mass transit system, we must investigate cost-

3 saving measures as well as allegations of waste; therefore be it

4   RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request the

5 Auditor General to conduct performance audits of the Allegheny

6 County Port Authority Transit System and the Southeastern

7 Pennsylvania Transportation Authority; and be it further

8   RESOLVED, That the Auditor General report the findings of

9 these audits to the General Assembly by May 1, 2005; and be it

10 further

11   RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

12 the Auditor General, to the Chief Executive Officer of PAT and

13 to the General Manager of SEPTA.