

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY EVANKOVICH, METZGAR, FLECK, GROVE, HELM, MIRABITO,
OBERLANDER, PYLE AND READSHAW, JUNE 14, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 14, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the United States Secretary of Transportation to
2 issue a Transportation Investment Generating Economic
3 Recovery (TIGER) grant to fund the construction of the New
4 Kensington Smart Growth and Sustainable Corridor & Multimodal
5 Facility.

6 WHEREAS, The New Kensington Smart Growth and Sustainable
7 Corridor & Multimodal Facility project is a catalyst for
8 regenerating economic development and job creation in the
9 distressed city of New Kensington, Pennsylvania, and in 17
10 surrounding communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Building a multimodal public transit facility will
12 provide more transportation choices, promote recreation
13 activities, enhance economic competitiveness, support existing
14 communities and improve the quality of life in the area; and

15 WHEREAS, New Kensington's proximity to Pittsburgh and Route
16 28, a major artery that connects New Kensington and surrounding
17 communities with Pittsburgh, makes New Kensington an ideal
18 location for a multimodal facility; and

19 WHEREAS, This facility and corridor will represent the

1 northern-most hub of a planned New Kensington-to-Pittsburgh
2 commuter rail line, which is expected to be under construction
3 by 2014; and

4 WHEREAS, The project plans also provide for a bicycle and
5 pedestrian throughway trail and proponents of the plan seek to
6 build local and regional innovative education resources to
7 support early childhood education through partnerships with the
8 Valley Points Family YMCA and the New Kensington-Arnold School
9 District; and

10 WHEREAS, The project will include the reconstruction of
11 Constitution Boulevard, a two-lane collector road that runs
12 adjacent to the future commuter rail line and connects New
13 Kensington with Arnold, Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, Grant applicants include the City of New Kensington,
15 the Redevelopment Authority of New Kensington and the Valley
16 Points Family YMCA, all of which have been investing in and
17 pursuing this project for several years; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives memorialize the
19 United States Secretary of Transportation to issue a
20 Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER)
21 grant to the grant applicants to fund the construction of the
22 New Kensington Smart Growth and Sustainable Corridor &
23 Multimodal Facility; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
25 Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to take action to support
26 the project as well; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
28 United States Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and to each
29 member of Congress from Pennsylvania.