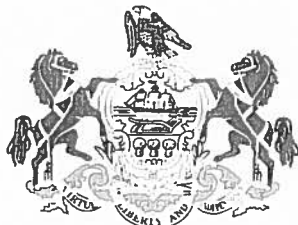


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Memorandum

DATE: June 4, 2012

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar
State Representative
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RE: A resolution urging the U.S. Secretary of Transportation to support the issuance of a TIGER grant for an Amtrak passenger station in Rockwood, PA

In the near future, I plan on introducing a resolution which would urge the Federal Government to support the issuance of a TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grant in order to fund an Amtrak passenger station in Rockwood, Pennsylvania. The aim of this project is to bring economic growth and development to the entirety of the Commonwealth.

Given Rockwood's geographic proximity to the Laurel Highlands region and the Great Allegheny Passage, a bicycle and hiking trail stretching from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC., this location is ideal for tourism related economic development. Not only would a passenger station at this location broaden access to Southern Allegheny Mountains, but it also provides a convenient means to draw out of state wealth from urban areas across Eastern seaboard to Pennsylvania. With Tourism being the second largest industry in Pennsylvania, it is only natural to continue to generate revenue with a method proven to succeed.

To date, Amtrak's Capitol Limited operates on the Maryland rail line but does not currently stop at Rockwood. The nearest alternative stops are in Cumberland, MD, 48.6 miles east of Rockwood, and Connellsville, 42.9 miles west of Rockwood.

If you would like to join me in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Brandy Brown in my Capitol office at (717) 783-8756 or Bbrown@pahousegop.com.