

WHEREAS, the Raritan Valley Line (RVL) trains currently terminate in Newark Penn Station and riders destined for midtown Manhattan and Penn Station must transfer platforms and trains; and,

WHEREAS, RVL is one of the busiest and fastest growing lines of NJ Transit with more than 23,000 weekday passengers and no midtown direct, one-seat ride in and out of NY; and,

WHEREAS, RVL did get some off-peak hour one-seat service in 2014 and 2015 that provided relief and on average a 30 minute reduction in commuting time each way; and,

WHEREAS, the off-peak one-seat service on RVL, Atlantic City and Princeton Lines were suspended in 2018 because of Positive Train Control installation; and,

WHEREAS, Atlantic City and Princeton trains will be restored on May 24, 2019, there is no confirmation that service will be restored on the RVL; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Fanwood and the Raritan Valley Line Mayors Alliance of 32 Mayors in Union, Somerset, Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties, organized in 2018 by Fanwood Mayor Colleen Mahr, Westfield Mayor Shelley Brindle and Bound Brook Mayor Robert Fazen, are committed advocates for equitable service for RVL; and,

WHEREAS, 23,000 commuters and approximately 400,000 residents in towns served by the RVL deserve to know when the suspended off-peak morning and evening direct trains into New York will be back on schedule; and,

WHEREAS, midtown direct train service, known as "one-seat ride" has a positive impact on Fanwood, quality of life for our residents, home values and business growth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Borough Council of the Borough of Fanwood urge Governor Phil Murphy, DOT Commissioner Gutierrez and our State Legislators to support the immediate restoration of the off-peak hour "one seat ride" to NY Penn Station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Murphy, Fanwood's Legislative Delegation and NJ Transit.

This is to certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on March 18, 2019.