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Cumberland County Commissioners Give Support Of Single Transit Authority Model

Cumberland County, PA- The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners have signed a letter of support addressed to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to express interest in exploring the single transit authority model as detailed by the second phase of the recent South Central Pennsylvania Transit Regionalization Study. The single transit authority model that the study reviewed would save approximately \$2.4 million annually in the region. These savings would be achieved predominantly through the elimination of 30 administrative positions employed by the multitude of transit organizations currently serving the region, but which would no longer be required under the proposed single transit model.

A switch to this proposed model would provide Cumberland County with a substantial share of these savings. Cumberland County would experience approximately \$1.5 million in savings in the first five years of operation and a total of \$2 million by the tenth year. Dauphin County's savings would be greater and the City of Harrisburg's subsidy savings would be slightly less, but still on a large scale. Savings anticipated beyond those expected for the counties would be available for reinvestment into regional transportation services to improve services, reduce fares and/or delay fare increases. In contrast, remaining under a shared service model is not a viable option as it would cost an additional \$840,000 annually to the region.

With a shared goal of improved transit services and cost savings that will reduce the impact on taxpayers, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners are eager to work with PennDOT and other elected officials within the region on this project.

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