



Statement by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners Regarding Threatened Termination of Bus Service

In response to statements made on Thursday, May 11, by the consultant Anthony Johnson, interim Director of Capital Area Transit (CAT), that bus service for Cumberland County residents might be terminated on July 1, 2017, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners states unequivocally that service will not be interrupted.

Johnson's threats have no basis in fact, and no legal leg to stand on. If Johnson pursues this option, the Commissioners will:

1. Take immediate legal action to enjoin CAT from taking any action that would jeopardize service in our County;
2. Take all appropriate legal action against any individual(s) responsible for illegally terminating bus service in our County;
3. Ensure that alternative transportation is made available to anyone impacted by any changes made by CAT management to bus service in our County.

Johnson's threat was made to reporters at a CAT Board meeting on Thursday, May 11; but has been heard many times over the past year from CAT Board members and senior managers opposed to transit regionalization. This most recent threat came immediately following Cumberland's vote against Johnson's bloated budget proposal for 2018. Following the budget vote, CAT Board leadership attempted unsuccessfully to force a resolution through the Board coercing CAT's three funding partners to commit to providing local match for fiscal year 2018. Representatives from Cumberland and Dauphin County voted against the measure.

Here are the facts:

- Cumberland County signed a funding agreement with CAT through 2019, pledging to provide financial support if CAT took measures to improve cost efficiency and move towards regionalization, which has in the past sufficed to meet PennDOT's requirements to provide funding to sustain operations.
- Due to overcharging CAT funding partners in the past, CAT continues to hold money from Cumberland County sufficient to keep CAT operational through the third quarter of 2017, at a minimum. In 2016, the CAT Board approved to use those funds to meet PennDOT match requirements.
- Cumberland County has for the last 2 years, made it clear that it will provide new local match as soon as CAT takes decisive steps towards regionalization. To date, no such steps have been taken although there has been significant movement in that direction in recent months.

The Commissioners have set up a hotline at (717) 240-7350 and BusQuestions@ccpa.net to answer any questions and provide assistance to Cumberland County commuters with concerns about their public transportation options going forward.

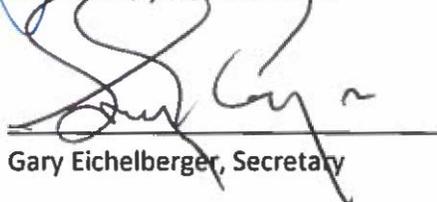
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