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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
148th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

ENDORISING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT THE CLAYMONT
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, Claymont is a historic location of industry and commerce in Delaware, serving as home to a steel
2 producer for nearly 100 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Claymont's last steel producer, the Evraz steel mill, closed in 2013 and furloughed 375 employees;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in 2014, the Evraz steel mill site was purchased by Commercial Development Company, Inc. (CDC),
6 which is redeveloping the site and surrounding brownfield into a new multi-purpose industrial and commercial center that
7 has the potential to employ thousands of Delawareans; and

8 WHEREAS, CDC's new industrial and commercial center will be complemented by a multimodal transportation
9 facility embedded within a new transit-oriented development, known as First State Crossing; and

10 WHEREAS, CDC's new industrial and commercial center is strategically situated as a mixed-use economic
11 growth engine poised to support redevelopment in Claymont and the larger region; and

12 WHEREAS, the Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) contracts with the Southeastern Pennsylvania
13 Transportation Authority to provide frequent, daily regional rail service to Claymont; and

14 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, there were 302,620 passenger trips at Claymont, and all stations transported 1.18
15 million Delaware trips; and

16 WHEREAS, the current Claymont Rail Station is considered obsolete, with limited parking, inaccessible
17 platforms, and inadequate passenger amenities; and

18 WHEREAS, the DTC and the Delaware Department of Transportation have applied for a \$20 million grant for
19 fiscal year 2016 from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery
20 (TIGER) discretionary grants program to design and construct the Claymont Regional Transportation Center.

21 NOW, THEREFORE:

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 148th General Assembly of the State of
23 Delaware, with the approval of the Governor, that the General Assembly endorses the TIGER grant application for funds
24 for the design and construction of the Claymont Regional Transportation Center and provides notice to the Secretary of the
25 U.S. Department of Transportation and the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Transportation of its support for this
26 transformational development in northern Delaware.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate prepare suitable copies of this resolution to be
28 presented to Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Secretary of the Delaware Department of
29 Transportation

SYNOPSIS

This Resolution endorses the TIGER grant application for funds for the design and construction of the Claymont Regional Transportation Center.

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