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Cumberland County Appoints Representatives To PennDOT Phase 2 Workgroup

Cumberland County, PA- As part of their ongoing support for PennDOT's Phase 2 Consolidation Study, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has accepted an invitation from PennDOT Deputy Secretary Toby Fauver to participate in a work group with 9 other South Central PA Counties to discuss "next steps and critical issues" related to possible consolidation of transportation services. Commissioner Jim Hertzler and Deputy Controller Michael Clapsadl were appointed as Cumberland County's two representatives to the work group. PennDOT will convene a meeting with representatives from across the region in September to begin looking at critical issues such as Board representation and governance issues.

The proposed single transits authority model, recommended from the Phase 2 Study would produce \$12 million in savings regionally by eliminating the local share contribution. With the goal of improved transit services delivered through a cost effective model, Cumberland County would realize \$1.5 million in savings in the first five years and \$2 million by the tenth year. In recent months Cumberland County Commissioners have attended numerous stakeholder meetings and signed a letter of support to further endorse the proposed model.

Cumberland County Commissioner Jim Hertzler said of his appointment "Our action today signals Cumberland County's commitment to moving forward with a, hoped-for, constructive dialogue with our neighboring counties and PennDOT on the prospect of transit regionalization. I look forward to an open-minded and honest discussion with our peers from surrounding counties on how we can best save taxpayer costs and improve transit services for our respective constituents."

Clapsadl, who also serves as one of Cumberland's representatives to the Capital Area Transit (CAT) Board said "I am proud to see Cumberland County demonstrate leadership today in reaching out to work with, not only our current transit partner governments but with all other counties in the region as well to explore the delivery of both transit savings and service improvements."

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