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## ***CAT Commissioned Study Supports Transit Regionalization***

**Cumberland County, PA** – The long anticipated Capital Area Transit commissioned study on the future of the transit provider recommends transitioning to a regionalized system. The Cumberland County Commissioners fully support the study, recently presented by Dave Kilmer to the CAT board. The report was commissioned in January 2017 to evaluate CAT’s potential future and the best ways to respond to the regions’ transit system needs.

The study recommends extending CAT’s management contract with McDonald Transit Associates, a transit management consulting firm from Texas, for one month, while seeking a Request for Proposal from rabbittransit to take over management of CAT for a six month period. This “trial run” will provide all funding partners, including Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg, an opportunity to evaluate how a regionalized transit system would operate. The study also detailed that CAT is one of the most costly transit operations of its size, has very weak financial reserves, is facing significant service reductions and is unable to fund its capital projects.

The Cumberland County Commissioners’ urge the transit authority funding partners, including Dauphin County and the City of Harrisburg, as well as CAT’s board members, to support the regionalization efforts as outlined in Kilmer’s study.

“We are at a pivotal moment concerning our transit services,” said Vince DiFilippo, chairman of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners. “The report from Dave Kilmer further emphasizes the need for regionalization of public transit and that we cannot continue with the status quo. The commuters of Cumberland and Dauphin counties, and the City of Harrisburg, deserve better. This recommendation for a trial run at regionalization allows CAT to continue operating, but under new, proven management, provides better services for riders and is estimated to provide more than \$5.2 million in savings to the CAT funding partners over the next five years. This is an opportunity we cannot afford to squander.”

As the fastest growing county in the Commonwealth, the Commissioners have advocated for a sustainable, regionalized transit system for Cumberland County, which is also fiscally responsible with taxpayer funds. Residents with transit related questions can contact the hotline at 717-240-7350 or email questions and concerns about public transportation services to [BusQuestions@ccpa.net](mailto:BusQuestions@ccpa.net).

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Attached: [Letter to CAT Funding Partners](#) (Dauphin County Commissioners, and Mayor and City Council of Harrisburg) and CAT Board Members; [Relevant Kilmer Report Presentation Slides](#)