

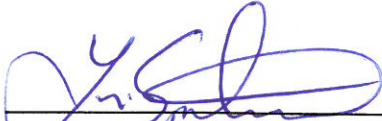
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY OF RAIL LINK TO BOSTON

WHEREAS, the State of Massachusetts is currently conducting a study that is looking at reestablishing commuter rail along an East-West corridor between Worcester (with its existing commuter rail link to Boston) and Pittsfield, with stops in Springfield and other towns; and

WHEREAS, this link would provide the region with a convenient rail connection between the Hartford Line and Boston via Springfield; and

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts study does not focus on ridership and economic impacts of the CRCOG region and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board authorizes the CRCOG Executive Director pursued a study into the economic impacts due to improved accessibility to Boston, including but not limited to property value increases, transit-oriented development activity, and workforce impacts. The amount of the study is not to exceed \$50,000 with funds from the state Regional Services Grant, if available, or the CRCOG Regional Fund.



Lori Spielman, Secretary
9-25-09

Date