

A resolution in favor of ARC, The new trans-Hudson passenger rail tunnel

WHEREAS, the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area provides significant financial, educational, economic and recreational resources that contribute to and act as a catalyst for the overall well-being of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the current, 100-year-old rail tunnel that connects New York and New Jersey is at capacity and cannot accommodate continuing growth in ridership; and

WHEREAS, the ARC Tunnel will more than double rail capacity between New York City and New Jersey, to 48 trains per hour from the current 23, bringing more frequent and reliable service and offering one-seat rides into New York for all passengers on all NJ Transit lines; and

WHEREAS, the ARC Tunnel will provide a new, separate and redundant trans-Hudson rail route, improving our ability to recover efficiently from a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, the ARC Tunnel will eliminate 30,000 daily personal automobile trips, taking 22,000 cars off the roads and resulting in significant congestion relief and 600,000 fewer daily vehicle miles traveled, and will reduce greenhouse gases by nearly 66,000 tons each year; and

WHEREAS, the ARC Tunnel will create 6,000 construction and related jobs each year for nearly a decade, spinning off \$4 billion in new personal income and adding \$10 billion in gross regional product.

WHEREAS, the ARC Tunnel will generate 44,000 new, permanent jobs once the tunnel opens to service in 2017, providing the kind of boost the region and the nation need during these tough economic times; therefore,

Be It Resolved that we, the undersigned, respectfully urge the President, Congress and Federal Transit Administration to sign a full funding agreement for the construction of a new passenger rail tunnel between New Jersey and the Pennsylvania Station area in Manhattan, New York City.

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