

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-12-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BATH TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR  
THE NEW INTERSTATE 70  
INTERCHANGE TO SERVE THE ORCHARD BUSINESS PARK**

**The Town of Bath Mayor and Council express support for a new Interstate Highway Interchange in southern Fulton County, PA serving Bethel Township and Fulton County, PA, Morgan County, WV, the Town of Hancock, Washington County, MD and surrounding areas; We adopt the following Resolution this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020:**

**RECITALS:**

**Whereas**, the commercial development of the Orchard Business Park and adjoining properties will economically support the entire region to include Morgan County and the Town of Bath, WV, Fulton County, PA as well as Washington County, and the Town of Hancock, MD and

**Whereas**, this development will bring much needed capital investment and jobs to the entire region, and

**Whereas**, the Town of Hancock, MD is committed to providing the needed water and sewer infrastructure to the Orchard Business Park to encourage this commercial investment which will directly benefit the residents of the Town of Bath and Morgan County, WV, and

**Whereas**, this area already has electricity and natural gas utilities to support this commercial development, and

**Whereas**, a new Interstate 70 interchange would also serve, Berkeley Springs, WV, Southern Pennsylvania and Western Maryland and

**Whereas**, a new Interstate 70 interchange just north of the Orchard Business Park in Bethel Township, PA will greatly encourage the commercial development of the region not limited to the Orchard Business Park, and

**Whereas**, this new highway interchange will divert commercial truck traffic away from the Village of Warfordsburg, off of Warfordsburg Road eliminating the current disruptive noise and damage to the infrastructure such commercial truck traffic causes, and

**Whereas**, this project will require the cooperation, collaboration and coordination between all jurisdictions that will benefit from the new I-70 interchange, and

**Whereas**, serving Bethel Township, Western Maryland and the Town of Hancock, the Berkeley Springs area and Fulton County, PA, this interchange will attract further funding opportunities from the Federal Government programs and resources; and

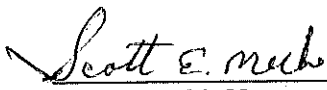
Therefore be it resolved: The Town of Bath, support the project to construct a new Interstate 70 interchange in Bethel Township, PA and request state leaders in Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania; transportation officials on the local, regional and state levels; and Governor Justice of WV, Governor Hogan of MD and Governor Wolfe of PA to consider the opportunities and commercial development resulting from this new interchange; increased revenues; possible Federal funding opportunities; expanded access to Western MD, Southern PA and across the Eastern Panhandle of WV; increases job opportunities, and

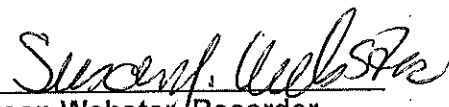
Be it further resolved, the Town of Bath Mayor and Council requests a copy of this resolution to be sent the Fulton County, PA Commissioners, Honorable Governor of Maryland Larry Hogan, the Honorable Governor of West Virginia Jim Justice and the Honorable Governor of Pennsylvania Tom Wolfe; the area Legislative Delegations of WV, MD and PA; and Transportation officials in MD, WV and PA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Bath Mayor and Council do hereby approves and confirms this Resolution and supports the construction of a Interstate Highway 70 Interchange to Bethel Township, PA 17267 this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF BATH  
BERKELEY SPRINGS  
MORGAN COUNTY, WV

  
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Scott Merki, Mayor

  
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Susan Webster, Recorder