



## RESOLUTION

### SUPPORTING THE CAPITOL CORRIDOR STUDY FOR COMMUTER RAIL EXPANSION FROM NASHUA TO CONCORD IN NEW HAMPSHIRE'S 10-YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2019-2028

#### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen*

**WHEREAS**, HB 2018 (legislative year 2018) relative to New Hampshire's 10-year Transportation Improvement Program for 2019-2028 was introduced on January 9, 2018 and referred to the Public Works and Highways Committee ("the Plan");

**WHEREAS**, as recommended by the Governor to the legislature, the Plan added funding for the commuter rail Capitol Corridor Study. The \$4 million study would be funded by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and include engineering to support completion of an environmental assessment of the project from Nashua to Concord along with the development of a cost estimate and financial plan. This phase requires approval of the Federal Transportation Administration to qualify for the Capital Investment Grant Program, which distributes \$2.3 billion a year through 2020 for rail and bus rapid transit projects.

**WHEREAS**, recent polling indicates that 74% of New Hampshire residents support the extension of passenger rail service from Massachusetts into the City of Nashua and this study represents the a key step in seeking funding for a commuter rail project which would develop rail service between Boston and Nashua, Manchester and Concord;

**WHEREAS**, the establishment of passenger rail service from Nashua enjoys widespread support among Nashua's residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen wish to support progress on bringing passenger rail service to the City and the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that the City of Nashua hereby endorses any effort by the State Legislature to support the inclusion of funding for the Capitol Corridor Study in the 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2019-2028 and HB 2018.

**LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2018**

**RESOLUTION:** R-18-015

**PURPOSE:** Supporting the Capitol Corridor Study for commuter rail expansion from Nashua to Concord in New Hampshire's 10-year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2019-2028

**SPONSOR(S):** Mayor Jim Donchess  
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

**COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENT:**

**FISCAL NOTE:** None.

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**ANALYSIS**

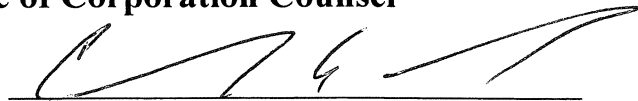
This legislation indicates the support of the City of Nashua for State legislation, HB 2018, which would include funding for the Capitol Corridor Study regarding the development of commuter rail.

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**Approved as to form:**

**Office of Corporation Counsel**

**By:**



**Date:**

Feb 27, 2018