

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE
TOWN OF DURHAM**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b, the City of Middletown established the Middletown Transit District ("MTD") in 1968;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018, the Board of Directors of the MTD moved to resolve and invite, among others, the Towns of Durham and Middlefield to join MTD;

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Town of Durham voted to join MTD and became a member of MTD pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b(e);

WHEREAS, in June of 2020, a Lower Connecticut River Valley Transit Study, funded by the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("CTDOT"), recommended expanding the Estuary Transit District ("ETD") to be the single transit operating entity for the Middletown and Shoreline region;

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2021, ETD entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (the "MOA") with the Middletown Transit District ("MTD") pursuant to which MTD and ETD committed to prepare for and effect the equivalent of a merger of MTD and ETD by the MTD member towns withdrawing from MTD, the joining of MTD's member towns into ETD, and the transfer of MTD's assets and transit operations into the existing ETD structure, and to implement other recommendations for Scenario 3 in the Lower Connecticut River Valley Transit Study (hereafter referred to as LCRV Transit Study) prepared for the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments ("COG") conditioned upon receiving the necessary support from the Connecticut Department of Transportation ("COOT") as set forth in the MOA;

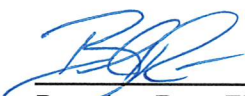
WHEREAS, effective on July 1, 2022, the Town of Durham became a member of the ETD;

WHEREAS, Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b(f) provides that "[a]ny municipality included in the district may withdraw therefrom if the legislative body thereof votes to do so. In such case the board of directors of the district, including the members chosen from the withdrawing municipality, shall determine the share of the district's expenses and obligations remaining due from the municipality. The municipality shall pay or secure such amount to the district before such withdrawal shall become effective."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, that the Town of Durham approves and authorizes the withdrawal of the Town of Durham from MTD at their meeting of June 17, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, that the Town of Durham hereby withdraws from the MTD in accordance with and pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-273b(f); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, that Brendan Rea, First Selectman, is empowered to take any action necessary to effectuate the withdrawal of the Town of Durham from the MTD.



Brendan Rea, First Selectman
Dated this 18th day of June 2024

