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Preliminary injunction hearing on Easton Riverwalk

PLEASE NOTE—Easton ‘Riverwalk’ Hearing rescheduled to
10:00 am, Thursday, Dec. 13
Public, Press, WELCOME to attend

JUDGE GRANTS DELAWARE RIVERKEEPER NETWORK A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION HEARING ON EASTON RIVERWALK DEVELOPMENT

Delaware Riverkeeper Network received notice that the injunction hearing for its ‘Riverwalk’ lawsuit has changed to 10:00 am Thursday, December 13, 2007. The United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania issued confirmation that the Honorable Petrese B. Tucker ordered the Hearing for the new date (order attached). The public and press is welcome to attend the Hearing at the U.S. District Court House, Courtroom 9B, 601 Market St. in Philadelphia.

Delaware Riverkeeper Network filed a Motion for Preliminary Injunction on August 9, 2007 asking the Court to enjoin construction of the Riverwalk Transportation Facility development project. Delaware Riverkeeper Network requested that oral argument be heard on the preliminary injunction request. The legal action was required because the Easton Parking Authority stated that they would continue to take action to build the contested project before federally required environmental studies were complete.

‘Riverwalk’ is a federally funded 12-story bus depot, parking garage and condominium development proposed for the Delaware River floodplain and Historic District in Easton, PA. The proposed tower would loom over the Phillipsburg and Easton region and the Wild and Scenic Delaware River on a site repeatedly covered by floodwaters. The Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA) has issued a totally inadequate Environmental Assessment (EA) for the project, unjustifiably dismissing all alternative locations for the transportation facility. Residents of Easton, Phillipsburg, and the region have vigorously opposed the project.

There have been other motions filed related to the legal challenge brought by DRN and its members over the past several months. A Motion to dismiss the case was recently filed by Easton Parking Authority. The Court did not address that motion.

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