

RESOLUTION NO. 14-11
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE
EXCHANGE OF TRANSIT FUNDS BETWEEN URBANIZED AREAS

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments operates transportation services for the citizenry of Elkhart and Goshen, Indiana. The transit services are funded through local matching funds, state funds, and by annually apportioned Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 program fund; and

WHEREAS, the MACOG has available to it certain Federal Transit Administrative funds, which to be usable, require certain matching funds to be from local sources of revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation (GLPTC) has available to it certain local funds, which for proper consideration, may be transferred to MACOG for its use in providing support for the Elkhart Goshen transit services. Additional local funds will ensure the continuation of Elkhart and Goshen services to their citizenry, while providing a stable source of local mass transit revenue for the services; and

WHEREAS, the Greater Lafayette Public Transportation Corporation operates transportation services for Lafayette and West Lafayette area residents. The services are partially funded by local funds and by annually apportioned Section 5307 program funds. The Greater Lafayette PTC is in need of additional operating and capital assistance. The addition of Section 5307 funds will provide the funds needed and make additional capital improvements possible while making Greater Lafayette PTC local funds available for other uses; and

WHEREAS, an exchange of Elkhart-Goshen apportioned Section 5307 for Greater Lafayette PTC local funds will permit the more efficient use of both funds and will benefit all of the region's public transit services. As the designated recipient, MACOG will agree to transfer Elkhart-Goshen apportioned Section 5307 funds in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Transportation Transit representative of the Governor of Indiana under the provisions of Federal Transit Administration Circular 9030.1C, Chapter IV, Section 6; and

WHEREAS, the MACOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the area. It is responsible for the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning and coordinating for the administration of the Heart City Rider, Goshen Transit Service, and Interurban Trolley public transportation services; and

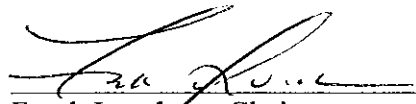
WHEREAS, that the MACOG endorses and recommends approval of the exchange of Elkhart-Goshen and Greater Lafayette PTC funds as benefiting both community public transportation systems and their riders; and

WHEREAS, the MACOG will manage the exchanged funds in an interest bearing account, which will be used to support the operating, capital and planning needs of the Heart City Rider, Goshen Transit Service and the Interurban Trolley public transit services.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this resolution authorizes the Executive Director of the MACOG to enter into agreements with the Greater Lafayette PTC for the transfer and exchange of FTA Section 5307 funds in cooperation with the Greater Lafayette PTC, and state and federal agencies.

RESOLVED THIS 13th day of April, 2011.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



Frank Lucchese, Chairman