

RESOLUTION NO. 48-11

**TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA AGREEMENT SUPPORTING THE
TRANSIT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ELKHART/GOSHEN AND SOUTH BEND
URBANIZED AREAS**

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments operates transportation services for the citizenry of Elkhart and Goshen, Indiana and the South Bend PTC provides and operates transit for the citizens of the South Bend Urbanized Area collectively providing public transit services throughout the Transportation Management Area. In 2009, both agencies agreed to cooperate to provide connecting services between the two urbanized areas in benefit to the citizens of the TMA. The Bittersweet route has been funded and operated by the Interurban Trolley since 2009 and will continue to be operated by the MACOG. The Interurban Trolley transit services are currently funded through local matching funds, state funds, and by annually apportioned Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 program funds; and

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

WHEREAS, the South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO) has a need for state transit funds and the ability to match state funds for its service operation and capital needs, and also has available to it, certain local, non-state transit funds, which for consideration, may be provided to the MACOG to provide connecting transit route/Interurban Trolley service that will continue to benefit and serve residents of both the South Bend and Elkhart Goshen Urbanized areas.

WHEREAS, the MACOG is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the TMA and 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 and South Bend PTC services; and

WHEREAS, the MACOG endorses and recommends approval of the transfer of state transit funds to TRANSPO in an amount not to exceed \$583,000, to be available in 2012 and further agrees that TRANSPO will pay MACOG \$240,000 in non-state non-federal transit “local funds” as identified in their agreement _____ September, 2011 toward the continuation of the Bittersweet route and Interurban Trolley services, which may be used to match other state and federal assistance programs. The connecting route benefits both urban community public transportation systems and their riders. The MACOG will manage the exchanged funds in an interest bearing account, which will be used to support the operating, capital costs for the Interurban Trolley and the connecting route in benefit to the Transportation Management Area public transit services.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, this resolution authorizes the Executive Director of the MACOG to enter into agreements with the South Bend Public Transportation Corporation (TRANSPO) for the transfer and exchange of state transit funds and local funds in cooperation with TRANSPO and state agencies.

RESOLVED THIS 14th day of September, 2011.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



Frank Lucchese, Chairman