RESOLUTION NO. 33-13 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF ELKHART/GOSHEN TRANSIT SERVICE CHANGES

- WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Transportation is authorized to make grants to states through the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) to support capital and operating assistance projects for urbanized public transportation systems under Section 5307 of the FTA Act of 1964, as amended, and;
- WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) being the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas, in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the urbanized areas, administers transit programs in Elkhart and Goshen, and;
- WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires that the Michiana Area Council of Governments develop service changes through public participation and policy board endorsement and approval in conjunction with FTA-assisted operations;
- WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments provided an opportunity for public comment on the proposed changes to the public transit services in Elkhart and Goshen. In addition, a public comment/hearing opportunity was held at the Elkhart County Planning and Development building (4230 Elkhart Road, Goshen, Indiana 46526) on Monday, September 30, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the Michiana Area Council of Governments that the following items are approved:
 - Discontinuance of the previous service, known as Heart City Rider/Goshen Transit Service, which operated until August 15, 2013 on a 24 hours a day, 7 days per week basis.
 - Establishment of the Interurban Trolley Access Service which will provide comparable ADA paratransit service to individuals with disabilities. Service will be provided the same days and hours as the Interurban Trolley to riders who call by 4:00 p.m. at least one business day ahead.
 - Expansion of the ADA Corridor for complementary paratransit services for the Interurban Trolley from 3/4 of a mile to 1-1/2 miles either side of the fixed route services.

RESOLVED THIS 9th day of October, 2013.

Michiana Area Council of Governments

David Wood, Chairman