

RESOLUTION NO. 33-16

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING SUPPORT OF THE MICHIANA AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (MACOG) AS A MODEL OF REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL INDIANA COUNTIES OF ST. JOSEPH, ELKHART, MARSHALL, AND KOSCIUSKO

WHEREAS, Section 450.310 of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) issued by USDOT on June 27, 2016, proposed among other things for a single Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to be designated for an urbanized area or Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), unless the Governor and the MPOs determine that the MPA's size and complexity necessitate multiple MPOs" and

WHEREAS, the USDOT is also requiring a single Long Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Performance Measures for the urbanized or metropolitan planning areas; and

WHEREAS, MACOG is the designated MPO for the urbanized counties of Elkhart and St. Joseph and the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for the rural counties of Kosciusko and Marshall Counties; and

WHEREAS, the MACOG region includes unique characteristics and complexity in each of its member counties and is comprised of 1,921 square miles and serves a population over 590,000; and

WHEREAS, the South Bend Urbanized Area and the Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area extends into the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission (SWMPC) MPA; and

WHEREAS, MACOG strongly believes in the Regional Models of Cooperation and has taken action to continually enhance our planning processes in coordinated and cooperative planning across the Michigan and Indiana state line with the SWMPC; and

WHEREAS, MACOG and SWMPC recognize the need for increased regional transportation planning and coordination, balanced with the need and desire to maintain localized transportation planning as recognized in a regularly updated Transportation Planning Cooperative Memorandum of Agreement between our governing Boards; and

WHEREAS, facilitating regional transportation planning by engaging the public and fostering strong partnerships with other agencies, local governments, and communities is a priority in the MACOG planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, a history of regional collaboration has been established between MACOG, its member counties, neighbor MPOs, local governments, the Indiana and Michigan Departments of Transportation, and the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations; and

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WHEREAS, MACOG has completed the Michiana on the Move: 2040 Transportation Plan; amended to include the Active Transportation Plan, the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program, identified regional performance measures, prioritized regional transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, MACOG continually accomplishes its regional efforts in the areas of transportation planning, public involvement, economic development, active transportation, among others; and

WHEREAS, MACOG has successfully grown to be recognized by statewide MPOS and the Indiana Department of Transportation as a model of regional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Board unequivocally supports MACOG as the regional planning body, which preserves the local planning structure within a regional context,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the MACOG Policy Board affirms its support of the Michiana Area Council of Governments as a model of regional cooperation for other Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

The adoption of the forgoing resolution was sponsored by, Mayor Joseph Thallemer, Chair, and endorsed by a quorum of the Policy Board.

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RESOLVED THIS 25TH Day of August, 2016.

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Joseph Thallemer, Chair

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