

RESOLUTION 14-25
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE EXCHANGE OF
TRANSIT FUNDS BETWEEN PUBLIC TRANSPORTAION SERVICE PROVIDERS

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, 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 Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) 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 Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District operates the South Shore Line commuter rail line between Millennium Station in downtown Chicago, Illinois, and the South Bend International Airport in South Bend, Indiana. The services are partially funded by local funds and by annually apportioned Section 5307 program funds. NICTD 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 NICTD local funds available for other uses; and

WHEREAS, an exchange of Elkhart-Goshen apportioned Section 5307 for NICTD 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, 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 Interurban Trolley fixed route and the Interurban Trolley ADA Access public transportation services; and

WHEREAS, that MACOG endorses and recommends approval of the exchange of Elkhart-Goshen and Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District funds as benefiting both public transportation providers and their riders; and

WHEREAS, 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 Interurban Trolley fixed route and the Interurban Trolley ADA Access public transit services.

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that this resolution authorizes the Executive Director of MACOG to enter into agreements with the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) for the transfer and exchange of FTA Section 5307 funds in cooperation with the NICTD, and state and federal agencies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been adopted on this 9th day of April 2025.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



David Wood, Policy Board Chair