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RDA to Provide Para-transit Funding

Regional Development Authority joins coalition to preserve key transportation option for elderly and the disabled.

Crown Point, IN (July 2, 2012) – The Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA) has agreed to provide a matching grant of approximately \$100,000 to help maintain complementary para-transit services formerly provided by the Regional Bus Authority.

The emergency request comes from a coalition including the Gary Public Transit Corporation (GPTC), North Township and the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The agreement is subject to approval by the RDA Board of Direction, who will meet tomorrow, Tuesday, July 3.

The RDA grant will leverage an estimated \$500,000 in federal dollars that will be used to provide complementary para-transit (GPTC) and direct-response (North Township) services, and will allow those services to be maintained for up to 12 months. These services are used by residents, primarily the elderly and disabled, who are unable to access the normal bus system.

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About the Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority

Established in 2005 through a bipartisan effort including Governor Mitchell E. Daniels, Congressman Peter J. Visclosky, key state legislators, and local elected officials, the RDA is quasi-governmental development entity entrusted to make public investment decisions within a regional framework for supporting catalytic infrastructure projects and inducing private sector investment. Its mission is to be a catalyst for transforming the economy and quality of life for Northwest Indiana. For more information, visit www.in.gov/rda and www.rdatransformation.com.