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MEMORANDUM

To: Technical Planning Committee

From: Stephen Hughes, Public Transit & Engagement Planner

Date: September 10, 2024

Re: Non-Profit Transportation Feasibility Study

Action Requested: Recommendation to adopt Resolution 24-11

In October of 2023 NIRPC contracted with TranSystems to study the feasibility of non-profit groups in Lake and Porter Counties sharing their transportation resources to better serve the needs of their clients in Northwest Indiana. The project was completed in partnership with the Crown Point Community Foundation, the Legacy Foundation, the Porter County Community Foundation, and Goodwill of Northwest Indiana, who served as the advisory committee. The contract was funded through a combination of local funding provided by the foundations and federal funding provided through the UPWP. The project commenced in March of 2024 with a survey, stakeholder interviews, and in-person meetings. The study was presented in detail to the TPC on June 4, 2024. The final report was delivered later that month.

NIRPC opened a 21-day public comment period beginning on August 21, 2024 and ending on September 10, 2024. All comments received during this time will be compiled into a draft public comment report and presented to the committee at the September 10, 2024 meeting. Provided there are no significant revisions to the study based on public comment, staff will recommend adoption of the final report.