



RESOLUTION 25-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REQUESTING THAT THE GOVERNOR OF INDIANA DESIGNATE NIRPC AS THE RECIPIENT OF
FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION SECTION 5307 FORMULA FUNDS FOR THE
VALPARAISO-SHOREWOOD FOREST URBAN AREA**

February 20, 2025

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission" is the designated metropolitan planning organization for the Lake, LaPorte, and Porter Counties of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funds as defined by 49 U.S.C. section 5307 for the Indiana portions of the Chicago Urban Area and the Michigan City-LaPorte Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 United States Census separated the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area from the Chicago Urban Area; and

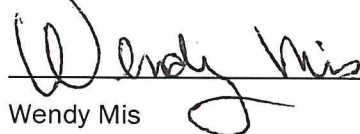
WHEREAS, the Commission had been the direct recipient of 5307 funds for the transit operators within the area that is now the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Valparaiso, which operates transit service in the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area as Valpo Transit, as well as the Union Township Trustee, has requested that the Commission remain the direct recipient of 5307 funds for Valpo Transit, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has the staff necessary to administer Section 5307 funds on behalf of the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission that the Commission officially requests that the Governor designate the Commission as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration Formula Funds provided by 49 U.S.C. section 5307 for the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 20th day of February 2025.



Wendy Mis
Chairperson

ATTEST:


Denise Ebert, Secretary



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January 16, 2025

Mr. Ty Warner, AICP
NIRPC
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Dear Ty,

The City of Valparaiso and Valparaiso Transit are requesting that the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) remain as the designated recipient of the FTA funds. The request is that NIRPC be the designated recipient of the funds for the recently created Valparaiso Shorewood Forest Urban Area. NIRPC will remain responsible for tasks such as:

- Procurement
- Program oversight
- Transit Asset Management Plan
- NIRPC ownership of vehicles
- Grant Management and reimbursements

This is a general list of duties and functions that NIRPC undertakes for Valparaiso Transit. In short, we are requesting that NIRPC continue their functions as they have in the past for Valparaiso Transit.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jon Costas
City of Valparaiso

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Honestly Accountable • Surprisingly Responsive • Boldly Proactive
Creatively Frugal • Respectfully Compassionate

[Date], 2025

Ms. Kelley Brookins
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration, Region V
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Ms. Brookins:

The Federal Transit Administration permits the Governor of Indiana to designate an agency to administer the FTA Formula Programs authorized by Title 49, United States Code, Section 5307 in Urban Areas of the state. The transit operators in the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area, which is under 200,000 in population, along with the Board of Commissioners of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), have requested that I designate NIRPC as the direct recipient of these federal funds. NIRPC has been administering federal transit funds since the 1970s and has the legal, financial and staffing capabilities to receive and administer federal funds.

In accordance with this request and in recognition of NIRPC's qualifications, with this letter, I hereby designate NIRPC to be the direct recipient of these Section 5307 funds within the Valparaiso-Shorewood Forest Urban Area.

NIRPC is looking forward to working with the Federal Transit Administration in the administration of these Section 5307 funds.

Sincerely,

Michael Braun
Governor of Indiana