

RESOLUTION NUMBER 18-22 A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE COORDINATED TRANSIT PLAN, AS REQUIRED BY 49 U.S.C. 5310

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 Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funds as defined by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan requirement issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requires "a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan" that is "developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public;" and

WHEREAS, the Commission together with the Northwestern Indiana transit operators: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District, Gary Public Transit Bus Corporation, City of LaPorte, City of East Chicago Transit, North Township Dial-a-Ride, Opportunity Enterprises, Porter County Aging and Community Services, and South Lake County Community Services; and

WHEREAS, the Commission together with a steering committee comprised of representatives from a variety of fields of human service agencies including: transit operators, the aging community, the disability community, the housing community, and workforce participation; and

WHEREAS, this planning period utilized a robust outreach process to gain participation from seniors, individuals with disabilities, the public, and many human service agencies; and

WHEREAS, the NIRPC Technical Planning Committee provides the Commission with technical advice and recommendations, and concurs with this resolution; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission officially adopts the NIRPC Coordinated Transit Plan:

DULY ADOPTED by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 15th day of November, 2018.

Geof R. Benson

Chair

ATTEST:

Karen Freeman-Wilson

Secretary