

1 **BILL NO. R-12-11-15- AS AMENDED**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. _____**

3 **RESOLUTION ON THE**
4 **TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

5 **WHEREAS**, it is our obligation to the citizens of our City to maintain
6 and whenever possible enhance the livability and value of their homes and the
7 attractiveness, stability, and human scale of their neighborhoods, and, for
8 neighborhoods so favored, their historic significance and character, and

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10 **WHEREAS**, in these times of tightened budgets, property tax caps, and a
11 limited geographic property tax base, it is critical that the City, in order to secure
12 the property tax revenues needed to provide quality city services, maintain and
13 whenever possible enhance the property values which are the basis for those
revenues, and

14 **WHEREAS**, NIRCC is in the process of updating the Transportation
15 Plan to the year 2035 and recognizes the need to incorporate protection of public
16 health, property values, and the livability, attractiveness, and historic character of
17 neighborhoods and to align with the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, the July 2010 NIRCC¹ 2030-II Transportation Plan sets
20 goals that primarily serve traffic movement efficiency, but does not adequately
21 address the need to protect public health, property values, and the livability,
22 attractiveness, and historic character of neighborhoods.

23 **WHEREAS**, failure to meet these needs makes neighborhoods less
24 livable, lowers property values, and reinforces the migration of homeowners
25 outward from the city, further weakening the city's tax base, and making delivery
26 of services less efficient and more expensive, and

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2 **WHEREAS**, it is the mission and responsibility of the Common Council
3 to protect the quality of life of its citizens and to maintain a sound financial base
4 for the support the city's expenses, and

5 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative that our citizens be confident that they are
6 represented effectively and in timely manner by the Common Council,

7 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE**
8 **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE:**

9 **SECTION 1.** That the following provisions that make up the substance
10 of this Resolution are recognized as non-binding and represent the opinion and/or
11 position of the members of Common Council who have sponsored this
12 Resolution or have otherwise voted in favor of the Resolution.

13 **SECTION 2.:** With respect to any and all plans that fall within the City
14 of Fort Wayne or affect its properties, the Common Council respectfully requests
15 that the goals of the current 2035 Transportation Plan promote planning
16 processes that align with the goals and needs as itemized above.

17 **SECTION 3.** It being understood that an update of the 2030-II
18 Transportation Plan is currently underway, the Fort Wayne Common Council
19 requests that members of the Council be actively engaged, and that the 2035
20 Transportation Plan promote the recommendations in the AASHTO² "Flexibility
21 in Highway Design" Handbook and the Federal Highway Administration
22 "Context Sensitive Solutions Primer".

23 **SECTION 4.** The 2035 Transportation Plan, insofar as it affects any
24 property within the City of Fort Wayne, should be endorsed by the Common
25 Council, Continuation of planning on the State Boulevard project, should
26 proceed on an expedited timetable within the framework of the "Context
27 Sensitive Solutions" approach. Modifications of the State Boulevard Project
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1 should be considered in the context of the needs and goals of the community
2 enumerated above, it being understood that failure to respect them may result in
3 harm to the community and may result in failure of the Council to grant the
4 required approval of engineering and construction contracts.

5 **SECTION 5.** In the future, City traffic planners should proceed with
6 new projects in accordance with the AASHTO Flexibility Handbook, with
7 FHWA Context Sensitive guidelines, and in coordination with the Planning and
8 Policy Department and any other relevant department or agency, and with the
approval of the Controller.

9 **SECTION 6.** The Fort Wayne Common Council requests that the
10 Indiana Department of Transportation consider revisions to the Design Manual
11 that incorporate the FHWA "Context Sensitive Solutions" approach and flexible
12 highway designs for Urban Areas.

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John Shoaff, Council Member

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Russell W. Jehl, Council Member

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Thomas E. Smith, Council Member

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22 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**

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Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF
REGULATIONS**

MARTY BENDER – CHAIR
JOHN CRAWFORD – CO-CHAIR
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

WE, YOUR COMMITTEE ON _____ REGULATIONS TO WHOM WAS REFERRED.
RESOLUTION R-12-11-15 A Resolution on the Transportation Planning
Process. COMMITTEE OF REGULATIONS HAVE HAD SAID ORDINANCE UNDER
CONSIDERATION AND BEG LEAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE COMMON COUNCIL
THAT SAID ORDINANCE

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ABSTAIN

NO REC

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SANDRA E. KENNEDY
CITY CLERK