

BILL NO. R-12-11-15

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION ON THE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 **SECTION 1:** With respect to any and all plans that fall within the City of
7 Fort Wayne or affect its properties, the Common Council respectfully requests
8 that the goals of the current 2030-II Transportation Plan be re-evaluated and
9 reformulated to include and properly prioritize all of the City's goals and needs
10 as itemized above.

11 **SECTION 2:** It being understood that a reconsideration and revision of
12 the 2030-II Transportation Plan is scheduled to begin in November 2012, the Fort
13 Wayne Common Council requests that members of the Council be actively
14 engaged, and that the reconsideration include a maximum of public transparency
15 and meet the recommendations for public and professional input as called for in
16 the AASHTO² "Flexibility in Highway Design" Handbook and the Federal
17 Highway Administration "Context Sensitive Solutions Primer".

18 **SECTION 3:** The revised 2030-II Transportation Plan, insofar as it
19 affects any property within the City of Fort Wayne, should be endorsed by the
20 Common Council, and such endorsement should precede further work on the
21 State Boulevard Project, the South Anthony Grade Separation Project, or any
22 other city project under consideration. Modifications of these projects should be
23 made as needed to conform to the new goals, it being understood that failure to
24 respect the revised 2030-II Plan or any other advisories by Council could result
25 in failure of the Council to grant the required approval of engineering and
26 construction contracts.

1 **SECTION 4:** In the future, City traffic planners, as they are directed to
2 do in this case, will proceed with any new projects in accordance with the
3 AASHTO Flexibility Handbook and in coordination with other relevant City
4 departments. These projects will be evaluated for their conformity to the new
5 goals and revised Plan and presented at a preliminary stage to the Common
6 Council for approval.

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10 John Shoaff, Council Member

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12 Russell W. Jehl, Council Member

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14 Thomas E. Smith, Council Member

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16 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY**

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20 Joseph G. Bonahoom, Attorney for City Council