

BILL NO. R-13-11-26

RESOLUTION NO. R-_____

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FUNDING
TOWARDS AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY
FOR PASSENGER RAIL**

Whereas, the City of Fort Wayne has a strong interest in the return of passenger rail service; and,

Whereas, the return of such service would add not only an efficient transportation option but also create a number of jobs and economic value to the city and region; and,

Whereas, a coalition of cities in Indiana and Ohio are working on a plan to fund a Tier I Environmental Impact Study, as a necessary step in this process; and,

Whereas, a business plan and feasibility study prepared for the Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association, indicates such service could be self-sustaining; and,

Whereas, working together with many other cities in Indiana and Ohio, development of such a passenger rail line could be funded by federal and state funds; and,

Whereas, this project provides our community with an opportunity to make our city stronger and better positioned for growth;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WAYNE, INDIANA THAT:**

Section 1. The Fort Wayne Common Council supports efforts to return passenger rail service to Fort Wayne. Through the efforts of the Northeast Indiana Passenger Rail Association, in conjunction with communities along the proposed line from Chicago, Illinois to Columbus, Ohio, the Common Council will look favorably on providing \$200,000 in matching funds for the Tier I Environmental Impact Study. This commitment will be contingent on the remaining funds, approximately \$1,800,000, being committed by partnering entities. The study is to begin sometime in 2014 and take approximately 18 to 24 months.

Section 2. The foregoing Resolution is non-binding and represents the opinion and/or position of the members of Common Council who have sponsored and voted in favor of the Resolution.

Geoff Paddock, Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Joseph G. Bonahoom, City Council Attorney