BILL NO. R-26-11-26 **RESOLUTION NO. R-_____**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORT WAYNE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION TO EXPAND A REGIONAL VANPOOL PROGRAM OUTSIDE ITS OPERATIONAL BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, I.C. 36-9-4-29.4 as amended in 2025 defines the operational boundaries for the operation of the public transit system of Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation ("Citilink"), now allowing County governments to enter into Interlocal agreements with adjacent County governments to operate expanded public transportation service beyond the boundary of the county in which the public transportation corporation is located; and

WHEREAS, Citilink expanding its service area to counties adjacent to the County of Allen will allow them to establish a regional work force commute program utilizing vanpools; and

WHEREAS, the purposes of the Regional Vanpool Program will be to enhance employment opportunities for residents in a regional service area and to assist in developing the work force for local employers impacting the entire region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Vanpool Program will be completely funded without the use of any funds from the City of Fort Wayne or from Fort Wayne property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in order for Citilink to proceed with the Regional Vanpool Program, the Common Council of the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana, pursuant to I.C. 36-9-4-29.4, must first approve expansion of the Citilink service area as described in this Resolution.

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

SECTION 1. The service area for Citilink's Regional Vanpool Program and for any other purpose contemplated by I.C. 36-9-4-29.4 is hereby extended to match the boundary of all Indiana counties adjacent to the County of Allen.

SECTION 2. The extension of Citilink's service area into any county adjacent to the County of Allen, as provided in Section 1, is expressly conditioned upon the execution of an Interlocal agreement between the Board of Commissioners of the County of Allen and the governing body of each such adjacent county, as required by I.C. 36-9-4-29.4. No service shall be operated in any adjacent county unless and until such Interlocal agreement has been entered into.

SECTION 3. The Common Council finds that there is a qualifying need for public transportation service outside the County of Allen, the home county of Citilink, in order to enhance employment opportunities for residents of the expanded service area and to assist in developing the workforce for local employers in the region. One of the purposes of the Regional Vanpool Program is to enhance employment opportunities for the expanded service area and to assist in developing the workforce for local employers.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is passed in conformity with I.C. 36-9-4-29.4.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and any and all necessary approval by the Mayor.

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Rohli Booker, Council Member

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Nathan Hartman, Council Member

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

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Joseph Bonahoom, City Council Attorney