



RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 11

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION OF THE HAMMOND ALTERNATIVE OPTION 2 AS THE LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR THE WEST LAKE CORRIDOR PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (“District”) is a duly constituted political subdivision of the State of Indiana responsible for the preservation and operation of commuter railroad passenger service within and between points from South Bend Indiana to Chicago, Illinois;

WHEREAS, the District, in partnership with the City of Hammond and Town of Munster, entered into a tri-party agreement and purchased the former Monon right of way in 1993 with the expressed intent of extending commuter rail service along the corridor;

WHEREAS, the District and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have jointly completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) of the West Lake Corridor Project as required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA);

WHEREAS, the District recognizes the economic, social and transportation benefits to be derived from extending commuter rail along the West Lake Corridor;

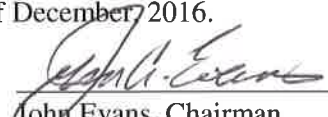
WHEREAS, the District recognizes that it must adopt a Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) in order to have the project included in the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission’s fiscally constrained long range plan and transportation improvement program;

WHEREAS, the District fully recognizes its action on adopting the staff recommended LPA is separate and distinct from, and subject to, the DEIS public review and comment period that will commence on December 16, 2016 and conclude on February 3, 2017;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

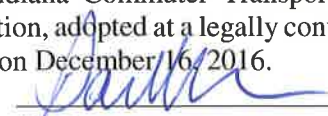
The Board of Trustees endorses the West Lake Commuter Rail Extension and adopts the Hammond Alternative Option 2 as the staff recommended Locally Preferred Alternative.

Witness the Board’s approval by my signature on the 16th day of December 2016.


John Evans, Chairman

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution, adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District held on December 16, 2016.


Dave Decker, Secretary