SPONSOR: Mark Kalwinski
1st District Councilman
Janet Venecz
Councilwoman at Large
Dan Spitale
Councilman at large

RESOLUTION NO. R10

A Resolution Supporting the South Shore Extension Environmental Impact Study

WHEREAS, Under Federal Law, the South Shore Extension project is required, before a request to proceed is submitted to the Federal Transit Administration, to complete a Draft Environmental Impact Study; and

WHEREAS, The required Draft Environmental Impact Study, will examine all aspects of the South Shore Extension project, including its financing and route, and will take approximately eighteen months to complete; and

WHEREAS, NICTD has contracted with AECOM, of Los Angeles, to prepare this Draft Environmental Impact Study, at a cost of three million dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Draft Environmental Impact Study, when completed in 2016, will be then submitted to the Federal Transit Administration "New Starts" program and will show what percentage of the projected $570 million dollar cost will be federally funded and what percentage will be paid for by local municipal bond debt; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hammond, as a result of SB 367, has already contributed $600,000 annually to the South Shore Extension project, for a total cost of $18 million dollars over thirty years; and

WHEREAS, The City of Hammond taxpayers are being asked to contribute an additional $900,000 annually, from CEDIT funds, to the South Shore Extension project, for a total cost of $27 million dollars over thirty years, without knowing what harm or benefit will be received by the City of Hammond or its citizens;

WHEREAS, The harm or benefit to the City of Hammond and its citizens will be determined upon the completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Study, and the City of Hammond, by its Mayor and Council, support the prompt and timely completion of that Draft Study and wish to support this effort;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Hammond City Council, and its Mayor hereby declare and commit a single payment of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars ($250,000.00) of its 2015 CEDIT funds towards the cost of the Draft Environmental Impact Study, prepared by AECOM Corp, for NICTD. Upon completion of the Draft Environmental Impact Study, the Hammond Common Council and Mayor will make a decision on pledging further financial support.

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RESOLVED this 14th day of April, 2014.

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Michael Opinker, President /s/
Hammond Common Council

ATTEST:_____
ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

PRESENTED BY ME, the undersigned City Clerk of the City of Hammond to the Mayor said City for approval on the 15th day of April, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/

The foregoing Resolution No. R09 consisting of one (1) typewritten pages, including this page, approved by the Mayor on the 17th day of April, 2014.

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THOMAS M. MCDERMOTT, JR., Mayor /s/
City of Hammond, Indiana

PASSED by the Common Council on the 14th day of April, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/