

SPONSOR: Mark Kalwinski  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

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ROBERT J. GOLEC, City Clerk /s/