

RESOLUTION NO. 2010

TOWN OF MUNSTER, INDIANA

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF MUNSTER'S REQUEST/DESIRE FOR THE LOCATION OF THE MUNSTER/DYER MAIN STREET STATION AND PARKING SPACES TO SUPPORT THE EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF COMMUTER RAIL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Munster is the municipal legislative body of the unit; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Munster, pursuant to I.C. § 36-1-7-1, et. seq. entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between and amongst several Lake County governmental entities with the purpose of providing resources to support the extension and improvement of the commuter rail services provided by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, the Town of Munster committed resources for the extension and improvement of commuter rail services in Lake County, Indiana, with the belief that the provision of those services would not adversely impact existing residential development in Munster, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transit District has proposed two alternatives for the location of the Munster/Dyer Main Street Station that require the new tracks to be east of the existing CSX line: (1) placing the passenger platform, ticket kiosk/station, and parking facility on the east side of the existing rail line, north of Main Street (in the Community Estates subdivision); and (2) placing the ticket kiosk/station and parking facility west of the existing rail line and north of a proposed extension of Main Street (south of the West Lakes subdivision) while keeping the passenger platform on the east side of the tracks; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2016, the Munster Town Council passed Resolution 2008 in an attempt to convey its preference with regard to the location of the rail line, platform, and parking lot; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to more specifically delineate the Town of Munster's preference with regard to the location of the rail line, platform, ticket kiosk/station, and parking lot, the Town of Munster adopts this Resolution 2010 to amend/supplement Resolution 2008; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire/preference of the Town Council of the Town of Munster that this project be completed in a way to: (1) minimize any negative impact on the surrounding neighborhoods and proposed residential development; (2) enhance development opportunities; (3) increase the tax base, and (4) promote needed infrastructure upgrades; and

WHEREAS, locating the following facilities in the following locations will best advance the above goals: (1) Rail Line: east of existing CSX tracks; (2) Platform: east of CSX tracks; and (3) Parking lot and ticket kiosk/station: west of CSX tracks, north of main street, and south of West Lakes subdivision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Munster that it expresses its desire/preference for the proposed Munster/Dyer Main Street Station facilities to be located as shown on NICTD West Lake Corridor Project Draft Conceptual Design Plans, Project I.D. 7801 01, Page 18 (Exhibit "A").


RESOLVED that the facilities shall be located: (1) Rail Line: east of existing CSX tracks; (2) Platform: east of CSX tracks; and (3) Parking lot and ticket kiosk/station: west of CSX tracks, north of main street, and south of West Lakes subdivision. It is contemplated that the Main Street underpass will be constructed to accomplish this design.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Munster, Indiana, this 16th day of May, 2016, by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed.



John P. Reed, President

ATTEST:



David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer