

RESOLUTION 2024-09

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) APPLICATION FOR FY 2024 SECTION 5339(b) FUNDS FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A LEED CERTIFIED, CLIMATE RESILIENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE COMPLEX

WHEREAS, public transportation services provided by Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation (“BPTC”) benefit all community members through accessible, affordable mobility options, alleviated traffic congestion, and overall reduction of harmful emissions; and,

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council (“Council”) prioritizes the expansion of public transit to promote the health and wellbeing of community members and to build resiliency to the impacts of climate change, as established in the City’s Comprehensive Plan, Transportation Plan, and Climate Action Plan, and demonstrated through the ongoing commitment of economic development local income tax funds to BPTC; and,

WHEREAS, accessible, convenient public transportation is integral in connecting community members to employment, education, healthcare, shopping, housing, and recreation, especially those most vulnerable and socioeconomically disadvantaged, including the elderly and persons with disabilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Council endorses BPTC’s vision outlined in its strategic plan, TransformBT, to enhance local public transportation through transformative projects, including a Bus Rapid Transit line, boosting bus frequencies, incorporating on-demand microtransit services, and the transition to a 100 percent zero-emission fleet; and,

WHEREAS, BPTC’s current administration and maintenance facility at Grimes Lane has reached maximum capacity, and restricts opportunities for future expansion of transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the Council supports BPTC’s investment in a state-of-the-art, LEED-certified administration and maintenance facility built to maintain a next-generation zero-emission transit fleet, with capacity to sustainably and efficiently scale transit services with the needs of the community in the decades to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington Common Council hereby endorses and supports the BPTC 2024 FTA Section 5339 application for a state-of-the-art LEED-certified BPTC Administrative, Operations, and Maintenance Facility and Battery Electric Buses.

SECTION 2. The Bloomington Common Council has committed economic development local income tax funds through an Interlocal Agreement with BPTC to serve as a portion of local financial support for the submission of the 2024 FTA Section 5339 grant request.

PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ISABEL PIEDMONT-SMITH, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk,
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this _____ day of _____, 2024.

KERRY THOMSON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses the Bloomington Common Council's support for the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation's application for Section 5339 grant funding through the Federal Transit Administration.