

RESOLUTION 23-14

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF
BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY BOUNDARIES AND
EXTENDING THROUGHOUT MONROE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-9-4-35.1 states that the board of directors of a public transportation corporation may determine, among other things, the rates, routings, and hours and standards of service for the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 36-9-4-29.4 provides a mechanism for the expansion of service outside the operational boundaries of a public transportation corporation; and

WHEREAS, city and county residents would benefit if the public transportation services of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation were extended beyond the city limits of Bloomington, Indiana to the boundaries of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, such an extension of service would increase participation in public transit, would accordingly reduce demand for private car transportation and reduce the greater community's carbon footprint, would enhance employment opportunities in the new service area and existing service area, would serve persons who are in need of public transportation, including the elderly and persons with a disability, and would provide a blueprint for greater regional cooperation in public transit provision; and

WHEREAS, BPTC understands that an agreement would need to occur with Monroe County concerning the financing for the expansion of such services.

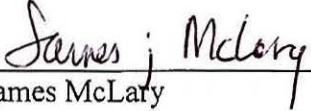
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BPTC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation hereby endorses and requests the Bloomington Common Council consider through the introduction of an ordinance, extending the BPTC service area to match the boundary of the County of Monroe.

SECTION 2. Such expansion of service will enhance education and employment opportunities outside Bloomington city limits and within Monroe County. Such expansion would also serve persons who are in need of public transportation outside of Bloomington city limits but within Monroe County, including the elderly and persons with a disability.

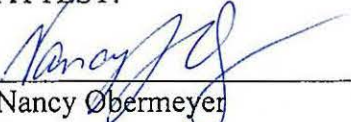
SECTION 3. It is understood that an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Monroe County and perhaps other interlocal agreements will be necessary in order to finance the service expansion contemplated by this Resolution.

APPROVE:



James McLary
Chair

ATTEST:



Nancy Obermeyer
Secretary

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