



AREA 10

AGENCY ON AGING

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WHEREAS,

The Area 10 Agency on Aging has been the designated Rural Transit public transportation service provider in Monroe County for 40 years, receiving FTA Program 5311 (non-urban transit) pass-through funding. The service area has always been city to county or county to city, due to Bloomington Transit's designation as the urban transit provider for the Bloomington urbanized area (UA).

WHEREAS,

Area 10's Rural Transit received direction from INDOT in April 2023 that we would no longer be allowed to provide transit trips that had both pick up and drop off within the urbanized area beginning January 1, 2024.

WHEREAS,

Bloomington Transit receives the FTA Program 5307 urbanized transit program grant funding for the Bloomington urbanized area and has only served the City of Bloomington boundaries, as limited by their founding City Council authorization.

WHEREAS,

Many residents live within the urbanized area outside of the City of Bloomington who rely on Rural Transit for their transportation needs and will need to have replacement services after January 1, 2024.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. Area 10 Agency on Aging's Board of Directors supports the City Council's authorization of Bloomington Transit's service area to extend to the full urbanized area as defined by the most recent U.S. Census, not the entire county.
2. Area 10 supports continued collaboration between the Bloomington Transit and Rural Transit systems, as historically has been the case, through reasonably available means like free transfer passes and coordinated transfers.
3. Area 10 Agency's Board does not support any potential supplanting of transportation services throughout Monroe County outside of the urbanized area.

Adopted on July 28, 2023, by full Area 10 Board of Directors. Signed by:



Mark Babbs, Board President