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RESOLUTION 14-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN RESPONSE TO AN AMENDMENT REGARDING DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN SENATE BILL 367

March 7, 2014

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission," being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the council of governments for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County area, establishes a comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (3-C) transportation planning and programming process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties and transit operators and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Development Authority (hereinafter referred to as "The RDA"), was established in September 2005 under Governing Statute IC36-7.5,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Commission reiterates and reaffirms its previously adopted Resolution 13-29 in support of the Reauthorization of the RDA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Commission further affirms the prerogative of the General Assembly to find ways and means to continue its \$10 million annual level of support for the RDA and appreciates the ongoing dialogue and efforts of the General Assembly toward the accomplishment of this goal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Commission affirms support of the West Lake Extension and urges localities to support this extension to the extent possible; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, HOWEVER, that The Commission finds it objectionable that a bill whose original purpose is to restore and imbue greater tax equity and justice would then frustrate its purposes by arrogating rather than restoring local control over the rescued gaming funds.

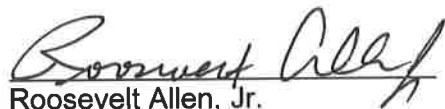
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the pleasure of The Commission that the revenue generated by the closing of the loophole be allocated back to the local communities in Lake County and any surplus funds be committed toward public mass transportation including but not limited to bus service.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this seventh day of March, 2014.



Brian Snedecor
Chairperson

ATTEST;



Roosevelt Allen, Jr.
Secretary