

MICHIGAN CITY COMMON COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 4661

APPROVING THE OPERATING AGREEMENT FOR THE NORTHWEST INDIANA DOUBLE TRACK PROJECT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA AND THE NORTHWEST INDIANA COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (NICTD) OPERATING THE SOUTH SHORE LINE

WHEREAS, the Northwest Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) has for many years operated in the middle of 10th and 11th Streets in Michigan City over track that is embedded in asphalt which presents insurmountable obstacles to modernizing the South Shore Line; and

WHEREAS, issues that exist because of the present “in street” alignment of the South Shore Line are obstacles to NICTD’s ability to enhance safety, comply with the Federal Railway Safety Improvement Act of 2008, address the excessive number of grade crossings, modernize the signal and catenary systems, and provide a fully accessible passenger station; and

WHEREAS, NICTD is presently engaged in what is referred to as a “Core Capacity Project,” a four (4) county project benefiting Northwest Indiana that has an estimated cost of \$250,000,000, approximately half of which is expected to be utilized for modernizing and improving the South Shore Line’s facilities through Michigan City, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the Core Capacity Project between the four (4) counties, which includes that portion of the project directly affecting Michigan City, which is referred to as the Double Track NWI (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Project, which is in the environmental investigation and preliminary engineering phase, involves double tracking the South Shore Line from Tennessee Street in Gary to Michigan Boulevard in Michigan City; and

WHEREAS, the City reasonably believes that the Project will be of tremendous benefit to the City and its residents, businesses, and visitors by increasing ridership on the South Shore Line, increasing train frequency, reducing travel time, improvement of passenger service in downtown Michigan City, enhancing safety crossings, and reduction of track and road maintenance costs all of which will contribute to increasing economic development in Michigan City, including, but not limited to, transit oriented development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Michigan City, Indiana as follows:

1. The aforementioned “Whereas” sections are incorporated herein as if fully set forth herein.
2. The Operating Agreement for the Double Track Project Between the City of Michigan City, Indiana and the Northwest Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) operating the South Shore Line, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby approved and adopted for the City of Michigan City, Indiana.
3. The Mayor and Council President are authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the City.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after passage and approval by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED BY:



Tim Bietry, President



Bryant Dabney, Member

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Passed by the Common Council of the City of Michigan City, Indiana, this 1ST day of NOVEMBER, 2016.

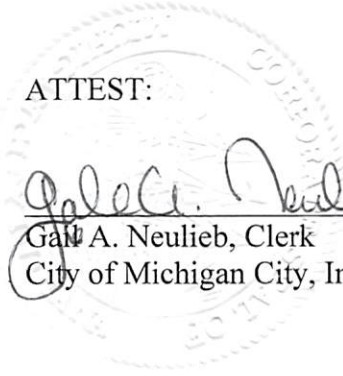
Tim Bietry
Tim Bietry, President
Michigan City Common Council

Approved by me, this 2nd day of November, 2016

Ron Meer
Ron Meer, Mayor
City of Michigan City, Indiana

ATTEST:

Gale A. Neulieb
Gale A. Neulieb, Clerk
City of Michigan City, Indiana



10/27/16 - Emailed to Council & Attorney Meyer
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