

RESOLUTION 22-16

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE EXTENSION OF
BLOOMINGTON TRANSIT SERVICES OUTSIDE THE CITY BOUNDARIES FOR
BUS SERVICE TO DANIELS WAY**

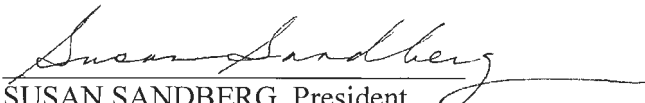
- WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council is the elected body with the legislative responsibility and authority for passing ordinances regulating and governing the city of Bloomington, Indiana and for passing resolutions expressing the will of the community; and
- WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council supports a strong local public transportation system and believes that transit and transportation alternatives positively impact the economy of Indiana, improve air quality, reduce congestion, improve mobility, increase personal independence, and enhance the quality of life for the community, and
- WHEREAS, Bloomington Municipal Code Section 2.76.040 entitled "Boundaries" states that the boundaries of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation shall be coterminous with the boundaries of the city of Bloomington; and
- WHEREAS, the city has attempted and is attempting appropriately to extend city boundaries to include numerous areas long intended for annexation and where city services, including transit, would be welcome and appropriate, including the near west side where numerous employers and Ivy Tech Community College are located; and
- WHEREAS, due to illegal activities of the state legislature and governor, the annexation process was interrupted and altered mid-stream and now is in litigation, and thus that resolution of city boundaries has been delayed; and
- WHEREAS, there are areas outside city limits that many local residents would like to access via public transit, the most prominent example of which is Daniels Way in Richland Township, where Ivy Tech Community College, Cook Medical, and other local employers are located; and
- 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, during recent discussions of an increase in the local income tax, the city administration expressed its intent to significantly increase investment in public transit, including a new service that would be the city's first express bus line on Third Street between State Road 446 and Whitehall Crossing; and
- WHEREAS, the city and local residents would benefit if this new line were extended by approximately one and a half miles to Daniels Way; 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, and would provide a blueprint for greater regional cooperation in public transit provision; and
- WHEREAS, the marginal increases in cost of such service extensions outside city boundaries should be borne by Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomington Common Council has never formally expressed its willingness to extend service outside the city, and wants to send an unambiguous signal that it is willing to enable such service and under what circumstances it is willing to do so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Bloomington Common Council hereby supports the extension of service by the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation to Daniels Way and expresses its intent to approve extensions of the geographic limits of Bloomington Transit services upon the completion of equitable interlocal agreements between the city and county that specify areas of, and appropriate funding mechanisms for, those extended services.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 7 day of September, 2022.


SUSAN SANDBERG, 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 8 day of September, 2022.


NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington


JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this 13th day of September, 2022.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Volan. It would express the Common Council's support for the extension of Bloomington Transit service to Daniels Way upon the completion of appropriate interlocal agreements between the city and county that specify exact areas and funding mechanisms for those services.

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