

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Wendy Mis, Clerk-Treasurer

Copy to: Dustin C. Anderson, Town Manager

Date: June 19, 2023

Re: Interlocal Governmental Agreement by and between the Town of Munster, Indiana, the Town of Highland, Indiana, the City of Hammond, Indiana, the Town of St. John, Indiana, the City of Gary, Indiana, and Lake County, Indiana

Many signals in the northwest portion of Lake County do not have signal preemption for emergency vehicles. This can make intersections extremely dangerous for police, fire, ambulance, and the public in responding to emergency situations.

Munster, Highland, Hammond, St. John, Gary and Lake County, Indiana share a common interest while responding to emergency calls and transporting the injured to shared nearby hospitals. Implementation of an Emergency Vehicle Preemption (EVP) system provides emergency vehicles a safe means of proceeding through a signalized intersection. This can reduce conflict, reduce driver confusion, and improve emergency response times.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) awarded the Town of Munster, Indiana, the Town of Highland, Indiana, the City of Hammond, Indiana, the Town of St. John, Indiana, the City of Gary, Indiana, and Lake County, Indiana **\$ 6,450,000** in Federal Transportation Funds for Signal Modernization, Emergency Vehicle Preemption for Munster, Highland, Hammond, St. John, Gary and Lake County, Indiana.

The Town of Munster has identified 30 intersections, 15 police vehicles and 28 fire vehicles in need of signal preemption devices. The matching funds from Munster will not exceed \$ 291,970.00.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

By motion and roll-call vote, adopt Resolution 2115 as presented.

Adopt the Interlocal Governmental Agreement by and between the Town of Munster, Indiana, the Town of Highland, Indiana, the City of Hammond, Indiana, the Town of St. John, Indiana, the City of Gary, Indiana, and Lake County, Indiana.