



Legislation Text

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Council Member Melden

A Resolution asserting Toledo City Council’s support of language in House Bill 74 that would allow for majority consent of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority member jurisdictions to allow Lucas County to join the system, which will help to sustain the future success of public transportation in the Toledo region; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, a strong Toledo depends on the availability of public transit to help individuals in getting to work, school, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, our current transit system is inadequately funded due to its piecemeal organizational structure whereby certain communities such as Toledo are members of the transit system, but neighboring suburban communities have refused to join; and

WHEREAS, current state law requires unanimous consent of members jurisdictions in order to add new members; and

WHEREAS, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority (“TARTA”) has attempted four times since 2010 to obtain consent from its seven-member jurisdictions to add Lucas County as a member of TARTA; most recently, a 2020 attempt to add Lucas County failed after obtaining 6 of the 7 required municipal approvals; and

WHEREAS, a previous version of HB 74 included language that would revise the Ohio Revised Code to allow for a majority consent of TARTA member jurisdictions to allow Lucas County to join TARTA; that language has been removed in the current version; and

WHEREAS, Toledo City Council strongly urges the General Assembly to add that language back into HB 74 when it comes for final approval; NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the Toledo City Council strongly urges the General Assembly to include the language that allows for majority consent of the Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority member jurisdictions to allow Lucas County to join the system in the final version of HB 74 and urges all legislators to vote in the affirmative for its passage.

SECTION 2. That the Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Governor Mike DeWine of the State of Ohio, to the Clerk of the Ohio House of Representatives and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Representatives and also forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Ohio Senate and request that he forward a copy to each of the duly elected State Senators.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that this Resolution is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and property; and for the further reason that immediate action is necessary in order to authorize a resolution indicating the support of Toledo City Council on a matter of great importance to the City in a timely manner which shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas _____, nays _____.

Adopted: _____, as an emergency measure: yeas _____, nays _____.

Attest: _____
Clerk of Council

President of Council

Approved: _____

Mayor

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by Council

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Attest: _____
Clerk of Council