

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-4
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LAPORTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Indiana Toll Road is a critical link in LaPorte County to its residents and travelers to get to both the Eastern and Western areas of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Indiana House of Representatives Bill 1389 addresses Toll Road revenues and requires the Toll Road Authority to use excess revenues for road and infrastructure projects in the counties which the toll road passes, and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1389 requires the Toll Road Authority to allocate money for the projects on the basis of the population of each county bears to the total population of all the counties through which the toll road passes, and

WHEREAS, prior to House Bill 1389 Toll Road revenue in excess of operating costs and the major expense account were put into the Transportation Improvement Fund, which a moratorium was placed on until the long term capital needs were met, and

WHEREAS, had House Bill 1389 been in place previously, LaPorte County would have received: \$3,670,264 in 1997; \$3,243,489 in 1998; \$3,243,489 in 1999 and finally, \$2,048,519 in the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, prior to House Bill 1389 there were no criteria on determining the amount of revenue a county would receive from the Toll Road Authority,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED By the Board of Commissioners of LaPorte County that we hereby declare that we fully and firmly support House Bill 1389.

Furthermore, we strongly urge the Indiana General Assembly to pass House Bill 1389.

In our judgment, LaPorte County should receive the revenues it deserves from the Toll Road Authority due to the fact the Toll Road plays a major role in the transportation of citizens of LaPorte County and those passing through LaPorte County.

The failure to receive the funds in the past few years have put a strain on transportation funding and economic development in LaPorte County.

In sum, as representatives of the people of LaPorte County, we believe we must take a very strong stand in supporting House Bill 1389 which we believe will have a positive impact on our citizens.

Dated this 27th of February, 2001.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF LAPORTE COUNTY

Michael Hannon

Clay Turner

William Hays

Attest:

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