

South Bend & Mishawaka need Transpo

The proposed redistribution of the local income tax (LIT) will impact Transpo.

Public Hearing Scheduled for September 10



Public Transportation is Essential

Transpo provides safe, affordable, reliable transportation to residents in South Bend and Mishawaka. Public transportation empowers community members to get around town regardless of their age, ability, or financial status; providing vital connections to employment, education, healthcare and other community resources.

This additional funding loss, when combined with the loss of property tax revenue and other funding challenges, will impact Transpo's ability to meet the needs of the community.

ACT NOW.
PUBLIC HEARING AT 6PM ON
SEPTEMBER 10
4th Floor of the County-City Building.

WRITE
COUNTY & CITY COUNCILS
CALL
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ATTEND
A COUNTY OR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

What does \$158,000 in lost revenue look like?

Elimination of bus routes to John Young Middle School & Mishawaka High School

Potential **fare increase**

Other potential **service reductions or eliminations**, including Access paratransit

FAQS

How will the redistribution of the LIT Expenditure Rate impact Transpo?

It will directly impact Transpo's operating budget by decreasing the support we receive from an important funding source. Transpo will lose 24% of our LIT revenue--a decrease of \$157,979. This unanticipated cut will begin in 2020 and continue every year thereafter.

How much money does Transpo currently receive from LIT?

In 2020, Transpo is projected to receive \$657,720 from LIT. The proposed plan will cut funding to \$499,741 in 2020.

What does Transpo use LIT funds for?

LIT funds are part of Transpo's operating budget.

Why is this change being proposed?

The St. Joseph County Public Safety Communications Consortium (PSAP) adopted a resolution to modify the LIT Expenditure Rate to create a stand-alone income tax rate for the PSAP. For 5 years, the 911 Call Center has been funded by the combined resources of the County, City of South Bend, and City of Mishawaka. The funding agreement between these entities is ending. The new plan will not raise taxes but instead use funds previously allocated to other government units to fund the \$8 million needed for the Call Center. This proposition hurts a number of other local services, including our local libraries.

Write. Call. Attend. Share your story.

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NOT SURE WHAT TO SAY? FOLLOW THIS SIMPLE SCRIPT:

Hello, this is [name] and I live at [address]. I would like to speak with [Council Member's name].

I am calling/writing about the proposed redistribution of the Local Income Tax Expenditure Rate. A plan being reviewed by the Council will result in a \$158,000 cut to Transpo's annual budget. I would like the Council to ensure that Transpo does not lose this funding.

[Describe any personal impact that Transpo has had on your life and your community.]

Thank you.