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Mr. Chairman,

I move to introduce this ordinance at the upcoming voting session:

***An Ordinance of the Luzerne County Council Authorizing a budget transfer from line item 125.20.4176.400.11(CARES Act) to Local Transit Matches 100.96.4810.590.32 and the matching funds to the County Reserve Fund 100.99.9490.445.10***

WHEREAS, Section 2.13A3 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter provides that County Council shall have the power to amend any ordinance previously adopted,

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 allocated \$112,890,152 to Luzerne County, half of which (\$56,445,076) was received on May 19, 2021 by the county treasurer,

WHEREAS, The Interim Final Rule States that furnishing a local match for public transportation is an appropriate use for the expenditure of such funds,

AND WHEREAS, The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) confirmed that it is an acceptable use during the annual conference,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that: the Luzerne County Council wishes to amend the following dollar amounts for the 2021 budget:

\$700,000  
from CARES Act 125.20.4176.400.11  
to LCTA100.96.4810.590.32

\$700,000  
from LCTA100.96.4810.590.32  
to County Reserve Fund 100.99.9490.445.10

\$168,811  
from CARES Act 125.20.4176.400.11  
to Hazleton Transit 100.96.4810.590.32

\$189,032\*

from Hazleton Transit 100.96.4810.590.32  
to County Reserve Fund 100.99.9490.445.10

\*Council passed Resolution 2021-93 on July 13, 2021 by a 9-1 vote to cut the HPT local match by \$20,221.

This ordinance will take effect on\_\_\_\_\_.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Harry Haas

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