

V-Line Public Transit Route Study

City of Valparaiso

RLS & Associates, Inc. is conducting this route study joined by subcontractor Nelson\Nygaard. The V-Line transit system is operated as a deviated fixed route service in Valparaiso, Indiana. The City is part of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Council (NIRPC) and receives Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funding, in addition to local funds. The system is open to the general public and serves a number of college students. Experiencing significant growth in ridership each year since 2007, the V Line was struggling to stretch its resources to provide more and better service, without compromising service quality. Project tasks include (1) Interviews with staff, local officials, and other community stakeholders; (2) Public meetings; (3) Onboard passenger surveys; (4) Evaluation of latent transit demand; (5) Detailed route evaluations, realignment, and mapping; (6) Major service feature recommendations based on the findings of previous tasks; and (6) A cost analysis with a 5, 10, and 15 year financial plan.