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Ms. Lyndsay Quist
Deputy Commissioner Capital Program Management
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
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Dear Ms. Quist:

We have completed our review of the INDOT's MPO Amendment 24 to the FY 2024-2028 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dated July 12, 2024. This amendment is for the inclusion of the following documents by reference:

- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP_A24-MPO-24-draft.pdf

INDOT and NIRPC have re-demonstrated fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, and provided opportunity for public comment and involvement, where applicable, regarding the documents identified above. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for the STIP.

FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) take formal action, through the development of the Federal Planning Finding (FPF), to evaluate and ensure that the STIP and MPO TIPs are developed according to statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, as well as 23 CFR part 450, 500, and 49 CFR part 613. FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220 (b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the STIP, or amended STIP. Based on the recently conducted FPF (dated August 31, 2023), FHWA and FTA find that the amended Indiana FY2024-2028 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and is approving the amended STIP (as recorded in MPO Amendment 24) subject to the corrective actions outlined in the FPF. FHWA and FTA will continue to partner with the INDOT to ensure the previously developed action plan is implemented to address the corrective actions. If progress is not made in addressing the corrective actions, future amendments to the FY2024-2028 STIP, or adoption of the FY2026-2030 STIP, may not be approved by USDOT.

FHWA only recognizes years 2024-2027 in the STIP. Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2024-2027 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Erica Tait at 317-226-7481 or e-mail at erica.tait@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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