

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2017, 9:00 A.M.
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN**

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- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Michael Griffin, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes of the March 16, 2016 Executive Board Meeting Pages 1-3
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- V. Legislative Committee – Blair Milo
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 - a. **Action** on Resolution 17-08, Congestion Management Process for
2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Companion Update Amendment #4 Pages 9-15
 - b. **Action** on Resolution 17-09, FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement
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- VIII. INDOT, Rick Powers, La Porte District Deputy Commissioner
- IX. Other Business
- X. Public Comment
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Adjournment

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NIRPC Executive Board Meeting
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN
March 16, 2017
Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Michael Griffin called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Executive Board members present included Geof Benson, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Michael Griffin, Tom McDermott, Justin Kiel, Blair Milo, Diane Noll, Greg Stinson and James Ton.

Other Commissioners present included Kevin Breitzke, Robert Carnahan, Christine Cid, Will Farrellbegg, Dave Shafer and George Topoll.

Guests present included Rick Powers, Justin Mount, Mike Yacullo, Jeff Huet, Zully Alvarata, Matt Deitchley, Bill McCall, Christopher Murphy, Don Oliphant, Tom Silich, Jim Nowacki, Tim Zorn and Andrew Steele. Mary Enright participated via conference phone.

Staff present included Ty Warner, Angie Hayes, Jody Melton, Allen Hammond, Kathy Luther, Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber, James Winters, Stephen Sostaric, Gary Evers and Mary Thorne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting of the Full Commission and the February 16, 2017 Executive Board meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Greg Stinson.

Report of the Chair

Michael Griffin said that the committee assignments have been finalized. Except for TPC, the makeup of the committees will stay the same. Assignments of new Commissioners have been made and the committee structure was distributed to Commissioners present. Contact Michael Griffin with questions.

Report of the Executive Director

- Ty Warner reported that conversations with NIRPC's legislators took place in Washington DC at the NARC conference last month. Bipartisan effort came out of that with two bills to rescind the MPO "Consolidation" rule made final at the end of last year. (This rule requires functionally merging NIRPC with CMAP in Chicago and SEWRPC in Southeastern Wisconsin after the next Census.) Senate Bill 496 was introduced by Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth and co-signed by Indiana Senator Todd Young and as well as other Senators and passed swiftly in the Senate. The companion House Bill 1346 was introduced by Illinois Congressman Bill Lipinski and co-sponsored by Indiana Congresswoman Jackie Walorski with 21 co-sponsors. [Congressman Pete Visclosky has since also signed on as a co-sponsor.]
- President Trump's proposed budget was released this morning. Cuts include a 13% decrease (\$2.4 billion) for the Department of Transportation, elimination of interstate service for Amtrak, limited funding for New Starts (significant to NICTD and the South Shore), and elimination of the TIGER grant program. The Department of the Interior National Heritage Areas would be eliminated, the Environmental Protection Agency would see a 31% decrease and the Economic Development Administration would be eliminated completely.
- The Times is creating a "Government Corner" to give municipal representatives an easy opportunity showcase what is happening in their communities. A link to the simple web form for contributing information will be sent to the Commissioners.
- Artwork from Portage High School students is on display in the lobby.

Finance & Personnel Committee

Karen Freeman-Wilson reported that the Finance & Personnel Committee met this morning and she presented recommendations for adoption. Some of the recommendations are from the last meeting.

- A procurement recommendation for the Deep River-Burns Waterway Watershed Initiative Cost Share Program and two propane-fueled replacement vehicles for LaPorte Transporte were adopted on a motion by Jim Ton and a second by Geof Benson.
- An agreement between NIRPC and the Kankakee River Basin Commission for provision of general services was adopted on a motion by Greg Stinson and a second by Diane Noll.
- Resolution 17-06, the Title VI Program of the US Department of Transportation under Provision of FTA Circular 4702.1b was adopted on a motion by Jim Ton and a second by Greg Stinson.
- Procurement #17-04.01, the purchase of Northwest Indiana Lake Michigan Watershed native trees to mitigate the canopy loss area from the emerald ash borer damage in connection with the Northwest Indiana Regional Urban Forestry EAB Recovery Program. This procurement was adopted on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Greg Stinson. Kathy Luther said the application is on NIRPC's Environmental web page. A workshop will be held on March 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lake County Soil & Watershed Conservancy District in Crown Point. Contact Joe Exl for more information.
- An amendment to the 2017 budget to add new funds which are the balance of the original grant and contract for the City of Hobart to pursue possible transit operating options and funding was adopted on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Justin Kiel.
- Amendment 3 for changes in the basic agreement between NIRPC and SRF Consulting Group, Inc. for the City of Hobart Transit Feasibility Study procured under RFP 15-15 was adopted on a motion by Greg Stinson and a second by Geof Benson.

Karen Freeman-Wilson said she will send the president's proposed budget to Mary Thorne to be forwarded to the Commission.

Environmental Management Policy Committee

Geof Benson said the February minutes were in the packet and the Committee will meet on April 6 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC to hear a presentation by the Environmental Protection Agency on how to get lead out of your drinking water.

Technical Planning Committee

Kevin Breitzke reported that the Technical Planning Committee met on March 14 and heard a presentation by Tina Rongers of Karner Blue regarding the expanded access to knowledge and educational opportunities goal from the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan*. The Committee also heard a presentation from South Shore Clean Cities about the Volkswagen settlement funds and how region entities can take advantage of Indiana's \$39 million share. NIRPC staff is working with Merrillville and Hobart officials on a plan to create safe pathways for pedestrians and bicyclists at the I-65 and US 30 interchange area. The public comment period is underway for the next amendment to the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion* and next four-year TIP.

On a motion by Jim Ton and a second by Geof Benson, the Executive Board approved Resolution 17-07, the update to the National Highway System. Gary Evers explained Amendment 34 to the FY 2016-2019 TIP. The amendment was submitted for a 7-day comment period and reviewed by the Interagency Consultation Group. On a motion by Blair Milo and a second by Geof Benson, the Executive Board approved Resolution 7-04, Amendment #34 to the FY 2016-2019 TIP.

The next meeting of the Technical Planning Committee is scheduled for April 11 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.

Legislative Committee – Blair Milo said the NARC Conference in February was productive as were the meetings with our delegation from the region. The Committee continues to track activities at the

federal and state level, including long-term road funding and transportation development districts (TDD's). House Bill 1002 passed and the senate also has a bill of support. The house also passed HB 1144 which includes language about DD's associated with the double tracking project by NICTD. The committee will also be looking at the president's proposed budget.

Indiana Department of Transportation

Rick Powers reported that the wire theft has stopped on INDOT's systems, but continues on local roads and on the Indiana Toll Road. INDOT investigated the rumble strip issue and scheduled some repainting. A new wave design will be implemented to provide greater visibility.

Other Business – None

Public Comment

Jim Nowacki, resident of Gary, spoke on INDOT, the federal infrastructure system and the need for sidewalks around I-65 and US 30.

Announcements

- Kathy Luther said there will be a Volkswagen diesel emissions settlement funds workshop at NIRPC at 1 p.m. on March 29. Applications are on the website.
- Bob Carnahan announced the Cedar Lake Chamber will host a business showcase on March 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Adjournment

Hearing no other business, Michael Griffin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at the phone or email below should you wish to receive a copy of it. DVD recordings will be available once they are received by NIRPC from the videographer.

For requests for alternate formats, please contact Mary Thorne at NIRPC at (219) 763-6060 extension 131 or at mthorne@nirpc.org. Individuals with hearing impairments may contact us through the Indiana Relay 711 service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333.

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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

NIRPC- Lake Michigan Room

March 2, 2017

Members/Guests: Geof Benson, Deb Backhus, Jennifer Gadzala, Kevin Breitzke, Ellen Kapitan, Will Farrellbegg, Michael Kuss, Tim Kingsland, Reggie Korthals, Richard Morrisroe, Natalie Johnson, Kay Nelson, Leslie Dorworth, Brenda Scott-Henry, Eric Foster, George Topoll, Cathy Martin, Michelle Caldwell, Rick Massoels, James Conn, Leah Thwing, John Davidson, Jennifer Birchfield, Carl Lisek, Hala Kuss, Katilyn McClain, George Malis

NIRPC Staff: Kathy Luther, Meredith Stilwell

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Benson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

Approval of February 2, 2017 EMPC Minutes

On motion by Reggie Korthals and second by Will Farrellbegg, the February 2, 2017 EMPC meeting minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Presentations:

a. Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) Overview – Bruno Pigott, Commissioner-IDEM

The Commissioner Pigott presented Governor Holcomb's administration, expounding on the Governor's staff, intended areas of key focus and expectations for IDEM to provide good quality service to the citizens of Indiana and will measure, track and evaluate IDEM's performance with that expectation in mind. IDEM is also expected to revise metrics to ensure measurable outcomes.

Commissioner Pigott communicated some of his ideas regarding agency initiatives. Permits will be expected to be completed on-time and will be tracked. Inspection reports will be issued to facilities in a reasonable time. Application permits submitted on paper will be converted to electronic submission. Ensure timely and appropriate payments from the Excess Liability Trust Fund. Compliance assistance efforts will be increased. Coordinate the many water funding sources across the state to leverage them to be more effective for water cleanup. Encourage regionalization of water infrastructure. Assuming of 404 permitting to streamline the process.

New senior staff at IDEM include General Counsel, Nancy King; Chief of Staff, Brian Rockensuess; Assistant Commissioner, Office of Land Quality, Peggy Dorsey; and Director of Communication, Ryan Clem.

Senate Bills 416, 421, and 521 and House bill 1495 were reviewed by Commissioner Pigott.

NIRPC Business:

NIRPC Planner, Eman Ibrahim announced that NIRPC hired Ratio Architects and BFS Engineering to conduct a safety and planning study, through funding from INDOT, for US 30 around the I-65 area. The area has been growing with no planning for many years. Almost 26% of the crashes in the area are pedestrian and bicycle. Only 5% of the area is residential which is mismatched between jobs and housing. Recommendations have been made for the area.

Eman asked the group to take a few minutes after the meeting to review and vote on design recommendations and denote origination and destination points on display boards.

Announcements:

- Michigan City will be hosting a Conference on the Environment the 1st week of June.
- The House and Senate bills are in their third reading.
- Announcements and events will be forwarded to the Committee.

Public Comment: *None*

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage

March 14, 2017

MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, Geof Benson, George Topoll, Bill Emerson, Jr., David Wright, Tyler Kent, Mark O'Dell, Tom MacLennan, Beth Shrader, Margot Sabato and Joe Rurode. Joyce Newland participated by conference phone. Others present included Tina Rongers, Will Farrellbegg, Ray Riddell, Lauri Keagle, Tom Schmitt, Jeff Huet, Chris Moore, Claudia Taylor, Robin Tillman, Stephen Stofko, K-Todd Behling, Deb Backhus, Don Oliphant, Jake Dammarell, Ismail Attallah and Randy Strasser, Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Gary Evers, Kathy Luther, Scott Weber, Sarah Geinosky, James Winters, Amanda Pollard and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby.

The minutes of the February 14, 2016 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Mark O'Dell.

Presentation: Tina Rongers, Karner Blue, presented an overview of the second goal of the 2040 Plan for a vibrant region – well-educated people goals for the intersection of transportation and education in Northwest Indiana using several statistics as provided for in the 2016 One Region Indicators Report.

Implementation Planning

- Laurie Keagle, South Shore Clean Cities, presented on planning for Volkswagen Clean Diesel settlement funds. SSCC will meet here at NIRPC on March 29 at 1 p.m. to discuss how entities can take advantage of Indiana's \$39 million share through funding opportunities for clean transportation. A Green Drives event will be held in Naperville, Illinois on May 18. For more information, visit their website at www.sccc.org.
- Sarah Geinosky and Scott Weber presented the recommended road and highway changes to the National Highway System in Lake Porter and LaPorte Counties. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Beth Shrader, the Technical Planning Committee voted to recommend the changes to the National Highway System to the Executive Board for adoption.
- Stephen Sostaric announced that survey boards were available in the lobby for design options for the I-65/US30 Safety Study and invited meeting participants and guests to contribute their input on these boards.

Programming

- Mitch Barloga announced that NIRPC will hold a 30-day public comment period for the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment #4 to the 2040 CRP Update Companion and Air

Quality Conformity Analysis. Additions in Amendment #4 include NICTD's 25 mile double tracking project from Gary to Michigan City and the 9 mile Westlake Corridor Project between Hammond and Dyer. Modifications are the moving of the completion date of the Illiana from 2020 to 2040 and the removal of INDOT's I-65 Added Travel Lanes between SR 2 and SR 10. Gary Evers added that this is the largest TIP he has ever seen, driven by the NICTD projects and the improvements at St. Joseph County Airport for a total of \$1.6 billion over four years, of which \$1.2 billion is public transit. Five public open houses will be held through March. Comments can be submitted to NIRPC through April 13. Approval will be sought from the NIRPC Board at its May meeting. See the NIRPC website for more information.

- Gary Evers reported that the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee for Lake and Porter Counties met on February 28. Of the \$4 million projected for the March letting, only \$3 million was needed to satisfy requests. The next meeting is March 28 and the next LaPorte County TROC meeting is April 5 or 6. HB 1002 is in the senate right now. The bill proposes swapping out all of the highway federal funds for state funds and we would no longer be transferring funds to FTA and INDOT would issue a contract directly with transit operators, with implementation in a year or two.
- Gary Evers explained FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #34, changes to existing projects in Valparaiso, Michigan City and LaPorte County and deleting a Valparaiso project. The amendment was reviewed by the Interagency Consultation Group and no public comments were received. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Mark O'Dell, the Committee voted to recommend Amendment #34 to the Commission for adoption.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Geof Benson said the Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on April 6 at 9 a.m. The Committee may try to get electronic consensus to draft a resolution for support for NOAA and the Lake Michigan Coastal Program. The Trump Administration is talking about slashing or cutting the Great Lakes Initiative, which would cut a lot of funding in the Great Lakes states.
- Mitch Barloga reported that the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee heard a presentation last month on plans for a bike share program from Valparaiso Parks. The launch is on April 19. The next meeting is March 23 at 1:30 at NIRPC.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will meet this morning to continue to constrain the project selection for the transit TIP.
- Stephen Sostaric said that the Rail Vision/Freight Committee meets tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC.
- Scott Weber reported that the Surface Transportation Committee will meet on April 4 at 9 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room.

There were no reports from our planning partners or USDOT.

Emerging Trends: Mitch Barloga showed a planning video from Winston-Salem.

Announcements:

Kevin Breitzke announced the upcoming meetings and noted the office is closed on April 14 in observance of the Good Friday holiday. The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be on April 11,

2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office. Hearing no other business, he adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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RESOLUTION 17-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS FOR THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMPANION AMENDMENT #4

April 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission," is designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA) according to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) by being a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) with a Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) of over 200,000 population in Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties.

WHEREAS, the Commission, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-

economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; satisfies Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 450.322 requiring a TMA to apply a Congestion Management Process for any project(s) adding capacity to the transportation network.

WHEREAS, the Congestion Management Process for all of the roadway capacity-adding projects appearing in the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4 has already been found by the NIRPC former Transportation Policy Committee on November 19, 2013 and March 18, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Commission's Technical Planning Committee approved the Congestion Management Process for the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4 on April 11, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby approves the Congestion Management Process for the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twentieth day of April, 2017.

Michael W. Griffin

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Diane Noll

Secretary

Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion: Congestion Management Process



Prepared by the Northwestern Indiana
Regional Planning Commission

Applicability of the Process:

23 CFR 450.320 requires that all Transportation Management Areas (TMAs), defined as Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) administering the federal transportation planning process for metropolitan planning areas with population greater than 200,000 people, conduct a Congestion Management Process (CMP). NIRPC falls into the definition of a TMA and thus is required to conduct a CMP. NIRPC’s CMP requires that all roadway capacity-adding projects included in or amended into its Long Range Plan products pass its CMP. In Amendment #4, no projects add capacity to the roadway. However, given that the Congestion Management Processes in the past for the I-65 Added Travel Lanes project, now proposed in Amendment #4 as removing the segment between SR-2 and SR-10 still implies the yet unbuilt segment between US-30 and SR-2 will be built, it is necessary to examine whether or not a CMP is warranted here for this segment. The I-65 ATL project was included in Congestion Management Processes that passed NIRPC’s former Transportation Policy Committee for segments between US-30 and US-231 and between US-231 and SR-2 on November 19, 2013 and March 18, 2014 respectively. Also, these 2 prior CMPs analyzed the Illiana Corridor as part of the build networks. However, Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion does not eliminate the Illiana Corridor, but rather pushes back its completed year from 2020 to 2040, so the prior 2 CMPs for the I-65 Added Travel Lanes project are still valid for the CMP for Amendment #4. Therefore, instead of a new CMP for Amendment #4, the findings of the previous CMPs for the I-65 Added Travel Lanes Project are summarized afresh. Also, a case study of a similar project is presented in Middlesex County, New Jersey where vehicle probe speed data is available both before and after a major Interstate Lane Widening project on I-95.

Summary of Congestion Management Process of I-65 Added Travel Lanes between US-30 and US-231, Approved by NIRPC’s former TPC on November 19, 2013:

The CMP conducted in 2013 for the segment of I-65 Added Travel Lanes between US-30 and US-231 passed NIRPC’s former Transportation Policy Committee on November 19, 2013. As shown in Table 1 below, the CMP showed a slight increase in Daily Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT) across the entire NIRPC travel demand model area of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, but also a slight decrease in Daily Vehicle Hours of Travel (VHT) across the NIRPC travel demand model area. Moreover, Average speed was slightly higher in the build scenario.

Table 1: Daily Vehicle Miles of Travel (VMT), Daily Vehicle Hours of Travel (VHT) and Average Speed in 2040 No-build and 2040 I-65 ATL between US-30 and US-231

	<i>2040 Daily VMT</i>	<i>2040 Daily VHT</i>	<i>Average speed (VMT/VHT)</i>
2040 No-build	31,247,154	1,371,495	22.78 mph
2040 I-65 ATL	31,249,392	1,371,224	22.79 mph
Difference	+2,238	-271	

Also, the CMP conducted and approved in 2013 for the I-65 ATL project between US-30 and US-231 showed a net decrease of 11 crashes expected to result from this project using INDOT crash rates from the Interstate and Non-Interstate system (an increase in 4 crashes on I-65 and a decrease of 15 crashes off I-65) as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Projected Change in Crashes on the Interstate System, Non-Interstate System, and Total Change Expected to Result from the I-65 ATL Project between US-30 and US-231

	<i>Interstate MVMT</i>	<i>Non-Interstate MVMT</i>	<i>Total Change</i>
2040 Base	3,830	7,576	
2040 I-65 ATL	3,835	7,571	
<u>Difference</u>	<u>+5</u>	<u>-5</u>	
Crashes	+4	-15	-11

Finally, the CMP conducted and approved in 2013 for the I-65 ATL project between US-30 and US-231 examined both demand management and transportation systems strategies as potential alternatives to the I-65 ATL project. According to the CMP report, the demand management strategies, which included flex-time and telecommuting, would result in a reduction in Daily VMT of about 15, well less than the 271 Daily VMT reduction achieved by the I-65 ATL project. The transportation systems management strategies, which included intersection improvements and access management parallel to the corridor, could achieve a reduction up to 60 Daily VMT, again much less than the 271 Daily VMT reduction achieved by the I-65 ATL. Therefore, the I-65 ATL project from US-30 to US-231 passed the CMP.

Summary of Congestion Management Process of I-65 Added Travel Lanes between US-231 and SR-2, Approved by NIRPC’s former TPC on March 18, 2014:

The CMP for the I-65 ATL between US-231 and SR-2 passed the NIRPC former Transportation Policy Committee on March 18, 2014. The CMP for this segment again looked at both demand management (telecommuting, carpooling, and flextime) and transportation system strategies (ITS and growth management) but still found that the I-65 ATL project between US-231 and SR-2 resulted in Volume-to-Capacity (V/C) and Level of Service (LOS) improvements that far outweighed the improvements in V/C and LOS from demand management and transportation system strategies without the capacity-adding project.

Table 3: Volume/Capacity Ratios for Baseline, I-65 Added Travel Lanes, and Demand Management and Transportation System Strategies

	Baseline		Demand Mgmt		Demand + Supply Mgmt		Demand + Supply Mgmt + I-65 ATL		Demand Mgmt vs Baseline		Demand + Supply Mgmt vs Baseline		Demand + Supply Mgmt + I-65 ATL vs Baseline	
Route	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS	V/C	LOS
I-65	0.72	D	0.69	C	0.57	C	0.39	B	-0.03	↗	-0.15	↗	-0.23	↑
AM Peak	0.60	C	0.58	C	0.48	C	0.32	B	-0.02	—	-0.12	—	-0.28	↗
PM Peak	0.69	C	0.66	C	0.55	C	0.37	B	-0.03	—	-0.14	—	-0.32	↗
Off Peak	0.76	D	0.73	D	0.60	C	0.42	C	-0.03	—	-0.16	↗	-0.36	↗

V = Volume of Automobiles, C = Capacity of Roadway, LOS = Level of Service (ranking from A to F on road performance)

Therefore, since only the capacity-adding option of building the I-65 ATL project between US-231 and SR-2 could sufficiently improve V/C and LOS, the CMP for the I-65 ATL project for that segment passed on March 18, 2014.

Conclusion and Summary from both CMP Approval Findings for I-65 Added Travel Lanes between US-30 and US-231 and between US-231 and SR-2:

In conclusion, the CMP for the I-65 ATL project for both the US-30 to US-231 and US-231 to SR-2 segments passed the NIRPC former Transportation Policy Committee on November 19, 2013 and March 18, 2014 respectively. These 2 segments collectively constitute the extent of the I-65 ATL project from US-30 to SR-2, which is consistent with the extent of the segment proposed in Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion. Therefore, the CMP was already applied for the entirety of this segment, and having no other capacity-adding road projects in the amendment, it is not necessary to approve a new CMP.

Case Study: NIRPC examined a case study of an added travel lanes project similar in type to the proposed I-65 added travel lanes project: a 9-mile added travel lanes project on I-95 in Middlesex County, New Jersey opened to traffic in November 2014. Like the proposed I-65 added travel lanes project, this project added one travel lane in each direction. Also similar to the I-65 project, this project is roughly 50 miles outside of a major city. NIRPC also chose this case study because it has available probe data on travel time both before and after the project opened to traffic. The National Performance Measure Research Data Set (NPMRDS) provides travel time data at 5-minute intervals for all probe-equipped vehicles (i.e. vehicles with cellphones and in-vehicle GPS devices) between July 2013 and December 2015. NIRPC analyzed all available data for this stretch of I-95 between July 2013 and October 2014 as a before added travel lanes scenario, and data between November 2014 and December 2015 as an after added travel lanes scenario. Four key measurements of change between the before added travel lanes and after added travel lanes scenarios are presented in Table 1.

Table 8: Measurements of Change on I-95 in Middlesex County, New Jersey Before and After ATL

Measurement	Before Added Travel Lanes	After Added Travel Lanes	Before to After Change	Before to After Percent Change
Total Travel Time (hours)	115,132	108,525	-6,607	-5.7%
Delayed Hours	18,079	4,842	-13,237	-73.2%
Mean Speed (mph)	56.8	64.8	8.0	14.1%
Median Speed (mph)	65.4	67.0	1.6	2.5%

Source: National Performance Measure Research Data Set (NPMRDS)¹

¹ Based on NPMRDS Data available for a 9-mile segment of I-95 in Middlesex County, NJ. July 2013 to October 2014 for Before Added Travel Lanes scenario, November 2014 to December 2015 for After Added Travel Lanes scenario. Measurements are from NPMRDS available data and are only a sample size and not

Based on the case study, adding travel lanes to a major Interstate Highway in order to increase capacity by 33 percent (I-65 Added Travel Lanes would be 50 percent) appears to significantly improve congestion across several measures. First, travel time improved by 5.7 percent after the project was opened to traffic. More significantly, delay hours, defined as hours spent below the posted speed limit, decreased dramatically by 73.2 percent. Thirdly, vehicle speeds improved substantially, evidenced by mean vehicle speeds increasing by 14.1 percent and median vehicle speeds increasing by 2.5 percent.

Since the I-65 added travel lanes project is a very similar type of project, NIRPC expects a similar improvement in congestion by adding travel lanes. The effect may even be more substantial given that expanding from four to six travel lanes is a 50 percent expansion in capacity, whereas the I-95 New Jersey project expanded only 33 percent from six to eight lanes.

expanded based on AADT or actual highway usage. Total Travel Time and Delayed Hours were sample weighted to compare After Added Travel Lanes and Before Added Travel Lanes scenarios.

RESOLUTION 17-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 35

April 20, 2017

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana’s citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twentieth day of April, 2017.

Michael W. Griffin
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Diane Noll
Secretary

2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana
Amendment #35 April 2017

Local Projects/Project Phases

1592275	Hobart	Deep River Stormwater Outfall and BMP.	Increase Award	TAP Chicago UA	PE	2017	\$	134,335	\$	107,468	\$	26,867
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CN in 2019. Cost to Complete: \$382,000.

1382659	Hammond	Marquette Greenway Interstate Connector from Hammond Lake Front Park to State Line.	Restore Phase (Increase Award)	TAP Chicago UA	PE	2017	\$	25,000	\$	20,000	\$	5,000
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CN in 2018. Cost to complete: \$550,000.

0301165	Michigan City	Singing Sands Trail Phase I: Rail Crossing Protection at AMTRAK	Increase Federal Award	Sec 130	CN	2018	\$	200,000	\$	200,000	\$	-
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Added per INDOT request.

1600543	NIRPC	NIRPC UPWP Planning Funds/Contract for 2018: Air Quality Public Education	Add Phase	CMAQ Chicago UA	PL	2018	\$	450,000	\$	360,000	\$	90,000
		NIRPC UPWP Planning Funds/Contract for 2018: Alt Fuel Purchase (3P Agmt) for Dunes Learning Center	Add Phase	CMAQ Chicago UA	PL	2018	\$	50,000	\$	40,000	\$	10,000
		NIRPC UPWP Planning Funds/Contract for 2018: Origin-Destination Study #2	Add Phase	STBG I Chicago UA	PL	2018	\$	156,250	\$	125,000	\$	31,250
		NIRPC UPWP Planning Funds/Contract for 2018: TIP Software Acquisition	Add Phase	STBG I Chicago UA	PL	2018	\$	45,000	\$	36,000	\$	9,000

Projects included in 2018-2021 TIP.

New INDOT Projects/Project Phases

1700406	INDOT	I-80/94 Lane Re-marking & Signage changes in vicinity of Intersection with I-65 (travel lane closure)	Add Phase	NHPP Interstate	CN	2018	\$	816,142	\$	734,528	\$	81,614
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