

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

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Michael Griffin, Chair
- II. Approval of Minutes of the June 15, 2017 Executive Board Meeting Pages 1-3
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- IV. Report of the Chair – Michael Griffin
- V. Report of the Executive Director – Ty Warner  
Staff Awards
- VI. Presentation: I-65 & US 30 Safety Plan Presentation – Ratio Architects and  
Butler, Fairman & Seufert
- VII. Finance & Personnel Committee – Karen Freeman-Wilson Pages 4-8
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  - b) **Action** on Resolution 17-16, US 30/ I-65 Safety Study Pages 15-16
  - c) **Action** on Resolution 17-17, FY 2018-2021 Transportation  
Improvement Program Amendment #1 Pages 17-20
- X. Legislative Committee – Blair Milo
- XI. INDOT, Rick Powers, La Porte District Deputy Commissioner
- XI. FHWA/ FTA Certification Review - Joyce Newland and Susan Weber
- XII. Other Business
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment

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NIRPC Executive Board Meeting  
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN  
June 15, 2017  
Minutes

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Geof Benson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Geof Benson noted there was not as yet a quorum.

Executive Board members present included Geof Benson, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Justin Kiel, Blair Milo, Greg Stinson and James Ton.

Other Commissioners present included Kevin Breitzke, Will Farrellbegg, Tom Schmitt, Mary Tanis and George Topoll.

Guests present included Lyndsay Quist, Justin Mount, Matt Deitchley, David Wright, Bill McCall, Jim Nowacki, Jill Murr, K-Todd Behling, Zully Alvarado, Jessie Rausch, Randy Strasser, Kay Nelson, Tim Zorn and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone.

Staff present included Ty Warner, Kathy Luther, Angie Hayes, Allen Hammond, Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber, Gary Evers, Eman Ibrahim, Meredith Stilwell, James Winters, Gabrielle Biciunas and Mary Thorne.

**Report of the Vice Chairman**

Geof Benson reported on the National Association of Regional Council's conference last week. Ty Warner reported that Geof was elected President-Elect, which will mean this is the second time NIRPC will have a commissioner serve as NARC President (Dave Shafer previously served on this capacity). Blair Milo is also on the NARC Board of Directors. Ty Warner was re-elected to the Executive Directors Council, where James Turnwald of MACOG (South Bend) is an at-large EDC member and Sally Fahey from the Tippecanoe County area MPO was just elected as another EDC at-large member. Overall, Indiana is extremely well-represented at the national level at NARC.

Ty Warner also relayed some highlights from the NARC Annual Meeting discussions, including the Federal Reserve presenting on economic dynamism and community reinvestment. There was also significant discussion on the future of autonomous vehicles, and Ty Warner noted this conversation has started moving beyond the "gee whiz" futuristic aspect of this technology to a more serious examination of its projected impacts on the future of transit, housing, land use, etc.

**Report of the Executive Director**

Ty Warner introduced Rachel Veronesi, NIRPC's new part-time environmental educator. Kathy Luther has been promoted to Chief of Staff of NIRPC, and Meredith Stilwell has been named Office Manager (in addition to her duties as Website Coordinator). With the shift in overall office administration duties to Meredith, Angie Hayes' title has been changed to Chief Financial Officer. James Winters has been named Transit Planner, replacing Belinda Petroskey who previously served in this role.

Warner invited the Commission to the Regional Partnership Open House that afternoon to celebrate the remodeling and completed occupancy of the building that houses NIRPC, the Northwest Indiana Forum, Purdue University Northwest, and the South Shore Leadership Center. South Shore Clean Cities will also be participating in celebrating the electric vehicle charging station and will have electric vehicles on-hand.

The triennial review has been completed with one minor correction for a couple of transit operators but overall was a successful review. The quadrennial certification review with USDOT will take place in July and the MPO Conference in the fall. A vehicle disposition sale is taking place on June 21.

Ty Warner also relayed the presentation from the Figg Group on the Cline Avenue Bridge project given at the Lakeshore Chamber luncheon. The Group expects the bridge to be completed by 2019.

### **Minutes**

Geof Benson noted that there was now a quorum of the Executive Board. On a motion by Jim Ton and a second by Greg Stinson, the minutes of the May 18 Executive Board meeting were approved.

### **Environmental Management Policy Committee**

Geof Benson said the committee heard a presentation by IDEM on the Grand Calumet River/Indiana Harbor Ship Canal Remedial Action Plan. The next meeting will be on August 3 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.

### **Technical Planning Committee**

Kevin Breitzke reported that the Technical Planning Committee met on Tuesday. Staff presented on the Planned Growth Goal of the *2040 Comprehensive Plan*. The Committee also heard a presentation from Ratio Architects and Butler, Fairman & Seufert on the draft I-65 and US 30 Safety Plan. The public comment period on the draft plan runs until the end of June.

There is one action for consideration. Resolution 17-15, Amendment #1 to the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program was explained by Eman Ibrahim. On a motion by Greg Stinson and a second by Jim Ton, the Executive Board voted to adopt Resolution 17-15, Amendment #1 to the FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program.

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

### **Legislative Committee**

Blair Milo reported that she read the President's budget amid concerns regarding the substantial programs being eliminated or reduced in the President's budget submission. It is anticipated that there will still be a significant amount of change to the submission by the legislature. The federal government is about \$20 trillion in debt, double what it was eight years ago. None of the mandatory discretionary spending is being impacted by the changes proposed in the President's budget. Without addressing mandatory spending, by 2030 it will occupy about 96% of the federal budget, which will end in even greater problems than we are seeing now. The Legislative Committee will soon meet to review some bi-partisan proposals to carry forward our message via resolution to our delegation of possible solutions. The Committee would welcome suggestions by the Commission. Jim Ton asked for a summary of talking points for the Commission to focus on as a result of the Committee's deliberations.

### **Indiana Department of Transportation**

Reporting for Rick Powers, Lyndsay Quist said the I-65 widening project has begun with shifting traffic patterns. The Community Crossings grant applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. EST on July 14.

### **Other Business**

Kevin Breitzke said the comment period for the US 30 safety study is very important as the improvements will benefit the entire region.

### **Public Comment**

Jim Nowacki, Gary, asked that everyone pay attention to past flooding and sidewalk issues as work begins on SR 53 from downtown Gary south.

## **Announcements**

- The Outdoor Adaptive Escapade, a Co-Neighborhood Spotlight Community project, will be held on July 15 at 10 a.m. at Marquette Park. A flyer is available.
- Air Quality Action Days are today and tomorrow. Carpool if possible.
- The Lighting Bug Music Festival will be held on July 2 at Sunset Hill Farm.
- The Cedar Lake Summerfest is from June 30th thru July 4th, 2017
- Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. announced its build program with plans for transportation projects to provide new rail, surface road, and air transport capacity for the Midwest region and disclosed its shareholders.
- The Beverly Shores Necktie Run is this Saturday.
- The Shiny Hiney Lightning Bug 5k/10k/2k is Sunday July 2 in Valparaiso.

## **Adjournment**

On a motion by Jim Ton and a second by Greg Stinson, Geof Benson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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# FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda  
Thursday  
July 20, 2017  
8:30 a.m.  
NIRPC Office  
Portage, Indiana

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2017** *(Page 1-3)*
3. **Review of Financial Status** *(Page )*
4. **Approval of Claims Register** *(Page )*
5. **Attorney Contract Scope of Work Discussion** *(Page )*
6. **NIRPC Meeting Room Rental Policy** *(Page )*
7. **AccuFund Contract Extension** *(Page )*
8. **2017 Budget Amendment** *(Page )*
9. **Other Business**
10. **Adjournment**

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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

May 18, 2017  
NIRPC Dune Room  
Portage, Indiana

**Members Present**

Karen Freeman-Wilson **Chair**  
Christine Cid  
Robert Carnahan  
Richard Hardaway  
Diane Noll  
Dave Shafer

**Staff and Others Present**

Ty Warner  
Angie Hayes  
Kelly Wenger  
Dave Hollenbeck  
Mike Russell

**Members Absent**

Anthony Copeland  
Ron Meer  
Greg Stinson

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Dave Shafer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dave Shafer presented the minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting. Upon a motion by Christine Cid, seconded by Diane Noll, the Committee approved the minutes.

**Review of Financial Status**

Angie Hayes presented the financial report. The Indiana State Board of Accounts audit of NIRPC is currently underway. At this time there are no cash issues to report. The Budget to Actual reports were presented to the Committee. The total expenditures of the General Fund for the period ending April 30, 2017 are at 22.89%.

**Approval of Claims Register**

Kelly Wenger presented the claims register to the Committee for approval. Upon a motion by Christine Cid, seconded by Richard Hardaway, the Committee approved the claims register.

### **Employee Handbook Revisions**

Ty Warner presented and discussed proposed changes to the Employee Handbook with the Committee. Upon a motion by Bob Carnahan, seconded by Richard Hardaway, the Committee approved the changes as presented to the Employee Handbook.

### **Attorney Contract Process Discussion**

Dave Hollenbeck informed the Committee that his current agreement with NIRPC expires at the end of this calendar year. His recommendation to the Committee to proceed with the request for proposal process with the intention of awarding a contract at the October meeting.

### **Vehicle Disposition Sale**

Angie Hayes presented seven federally funded vehicles to the Committee to be disposed of in accordance with Federal Transit Administration regulation on June 21, 2017. Upon a motion by Bob Carnahan, seconded by Richard Hardaway, the Committee approved the vehicles for disposition.

### **2017 Budget Amendments**

Angie Hayes presented budget amendments two and three to the Committee. Amendment two adds an additional \$14,000 revenue to be spent under Environmental Contracts. Amendment three adds an additional \$2,000 revenue to be spend under Communications for Partner Agencies. Upon a motion by Christine Cid, seconded by Richard Hardaway, the Committee approved the amendments for recommendation to the Executive Board.

### **Deep River Dam Study Contract**

Angie Hayes presented the agreement for an engineering feasibility study of the Deep River Dam. The agreement is to be awarded to Flatland Resources, LLC. Upon a motion by Bob Carnahan, seconded by Christine Cid, the Committee approved the agreement for recommendation to the Executive Board for approval.

### **Procurement Recommendations**

Angie Hayes presented two procurement recommendations to the Committee. Recommendation 17-07 is for a utility vehicle for the City of East Chicago for which 80% of the cost will be paid for with Federal Transit Administration funds not to exceed \$28,000. The remaining local share will be provided by the City of East Chicago. Recommendation 17-10 is for security cameras and lighting for the City of Valparaiso of which 80% of the cost will be paid for with Federal Transit Administration funds not to exceed \$100,000. The remaining local share will be provided by the City of Valparaiso. Upon a motion by Christine Cid, seconded by Richard Hardaway, the Committee

approved the procurement recommendations for recommendation to the Executive Board for approval.

**Other Business**

None reported.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.



**PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
**Transfers Between Categories**

**Amendment 4: Transferring between categories**

**\$ 22,500 TO: Contractual: E-TIP**

**Purpose: To transfer funds from Salaries to Contractual to purchase and to implement new software for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

DETAILED BUDGET LINE	Original	Addition	Amended
Salaries	1,487,243	(22,500)	1,464,743
Contractual: E-TIP	-	22,500	22,500

## Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room  
6100 Southport Road, Portage

June 13, 2017

### MINUTES

Vice Chair George Topoll called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Geof Benson, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Tom MacLennan, Beth Shrader, Margot Sabato, Lyndsay Quist, Susan Weber and Stephen Stofko. Others present included Ray Riddell, (SLCCS), Will Farrellbegg, Eric Wolverton, Deena Schriks, Jerry Siska, Jake Dammarell, Zach Hurst, Jeff Huet, Joe Crnkovich, Jack Eskin, Don Parker, Tyler Kent, Denarie Kane, Mark Gordish, Chris Moore, Don Oliphant, Claudia Taylor, Teri Dixon, Karie Koehneke and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone. Staff present included Kathy Luther, Gary Evers, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Sarah Geinosky, Gabrielle Biciunas and Mary Thorne.

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

The minutes of the May 9, 2016 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Mark O'Dell.

**Presentation:** Eman Ibrahim presented on Goal 4, Planned Growth, of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan through strategies for urban renewal, mixed use and remediation.

### **Implementation Planning**

- Consultants Ratio Architects and Butler, Fairman & Seufert presented on the draft I-65 & U.S. 30 Safety Plan detailing ways to make the corridor more accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists includes projects ranging from new trails, to pedestrian road crossings, to greenspace and native plantings.
- Eman Ibrahim said the draft plan is available on the NIRPC website. A 30 day public comment period on the plan runs from June 1 until June 30.
- Eman Ibrahim described Resolution 17-15, Amendment #1 to the FY 018 Unified Planning Work Program to update the Household Travel Survey, a transit needs analysis and performance based planning areas. The new budget totals \$3,214,762. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Beth Shrader, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Amendment #1 to the FY 018 Unified Planning Work Program.
- James Winters said the Greenways + Blueways Plan Update received some public comments and a presentation of the plan will be made next month with approval at a future date.

### **Programming**

Gary Evers presented the State Fiscal Year 2017 closeout report. The Michigan City Urbanized Area has an unallocated balance of \$46,666.36, which INDOT has allowed us to carry over. The Lake & Porter

County Urbanized Area. Has an unallocated balance of \$159,309, which INDOT has allowed us to carry over.

**Topical Committee Reports:**

- Geof Benson said the Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on August 3 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.
- James Winters said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on June 22.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will convene following this meeting to discuss the project selection process update.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee met to discuss the Community Crossings Program. The deadline is July 14 at 5 p.m. Eastern. The next meeting is August 1.

**Planning Partners:**

- Teri Dixon said the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is continuing with public outreach for the On to 2050 Plan.
- Federal Highway Administration – Joyce Newland said the certification review is scheduled for July 18-20. There will be a public meeting on July 19 and a report will be given to the Full Commission at its July 20 meeting. Scott Weber will represent Indiana MPOs at a conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.

There were no requests for public comment.

**Emerging Trends:** James Winters showed a brief video on Self-Healing Concrete.

**Announcements:**

- Sarah Geinosky said the draft Marquette Action Plan on lakefront access is being finalized and will be available for comment by the end of the month.
- Kathy Luther said Purdue is catering and the Forum is providing beverages at the Open House on Thursday and asked that RSVP's be made.
- George Topoll announced the NIRPC meetings and events.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is July 11 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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# Public Comment Report

## US 30 Corridor Safety Study

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) held a 30-day public comment period on its US 30 Corridor Safety Study. The comment period began on June 1, 2017 and ended on June 30, 2017. The study examines the current state of the corridor, including its current design and crash history. It provides possible safety as well as urban design solutions. These solutions were shaped by public input at pop-up workshops as well as an online survey.

Comments were accepted in the following ways:

- Email: [comments@nirpc.org](mailto:comments@nirpc.org)
- Phone: 219-763-6060, ext. 160
- United States Postal Service: NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368

Seven comments were received during the comment period. None were considered significant nor required changes to the study document.

NIRPC thanks those who participated in the process.

Comment	Manner Considered by Staff	Significant?	Need to Modify?
<b>Comments Received via Email</b>			
<p>Yes there should be access for pedestrians to walk or bicycle around this area and connect to the already made region trails. Multi-use sidewalks and crosswalks. Connecting hotel visitors to mall and dining, also connections to Mississippi Street south of 30, new developing apartments and subdivision homes.</p> <p>Also 73rd wider road with bike lanes west and east, to 51st north into Hobart. Connecting Redar Park, Independence Park, Hidden Lake, and Deep River.</p> <p>73rd switches to Joliet Road into Schereville to the west, to Broad Street north to connect to Griffith. And continue on Joliet Road west, trail go south to Lincolnwood Rd. south to 77th widen the road, going west to Hart St. in Dyer. Hart north to Columbia and Veterans Park. Or keep going west over the border to Sauk Trail Rd. and west to Frankfort and 20 miles multi-use trails.</p>	<p>We agree that there should be larger network connections to increase safe access for cyclists and pedestrians, however most of the connections listed are outside of the study area. There are other proposals in the works to address of some your connections. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	No	No
<p>Hawthorne Boulevard in the South Bay region of Southern California is similar to Rt. 30; both have a lot of traffic with many shopping areas along both sides of the road for quite a long stretch. I lived in that area during the late 1970s, and driving down Hawthorne was as painful as driving Rt. 30 today.</p> <p>Last year I had the opportunity to drive Hawthorne Blvd again, and I was blown away by how fast I could drive the six-mile stretch I needed to travel. And this was with the increased population and commerce that developed over the past 40 years!</p> <p>Please look into whatever Caltrans did because they got it right. Start with this brief article:  <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/Publications/Inside7/story.php?id=360">http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/Publications/Inside7/story.php?id=360</a></p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>We have reviewed the suggested article and agree that signal timing is less than ideal. We have suggested INDOT review signal timing, but the proposed system used by Caltrans is too cost prohibitive for this particular project. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	No	No

<p>My concern is the intersection of US 30 &amp; Taney Place (by McDonald's). I have lived on Taney Place for 40 years. Trying to turn left onto Rt 30 is ridiculous. The light is green for about 20 seconds. Only 4 cars can safely turn onto 30. Every day, every light, at least 2-3 cars make the turn on yellow/red. McDonald's is extremely busy and now with summer, it will be even busier.</p> <p>Could you please have someone look into this problem? Would really help if the light on Taney was extended for 10-20 seconds longer.</p>	<p>This particular intersection is outside of the study area. However, these concerns will be forwarded to the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Town of Merrillville. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>So glad to see the recommend improvements for pedestrians on Rt. 30. So many times I see people walking under I-65 and walking on that piece of median next to the on-ramp from 30 onto 65. I literally fear for their lives. You are absolutely correct in saying that people live in the areas, they go to schools, churches and are unable to do it in other than a motorized mode of transportation. It's been a long time coming and can't wait!</p>	<p>Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>I am so pleased that a plan has been made to address the chaotic nature of this US 30 corridor. This is desperately needed and can be used as an example to other areas of the country with similar issues: How does one plan cities that have developed de facto with the automobile as the primary mode of transportation?</p>	<p>This study aims to address the issues that have arisen from car-centric planning and propose solutions for making the corridor better for <i>all</i> users, both motorized and non-motorized. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

<b>Comments Received via Telephone</b>			
<p>The street closest there is Mississippi that runs north and south and crosses US 30. You need to put up a camera up there and start ticketing these people who run the red lights like crazy. Thank you.</p>	<p>The goal of this study is to create safer connections for cyclists and pedestrians through the study area. Red light cameras have not been shown to be as effective as other safety proposals. Cameras would be a lower priority recommendation. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Instead of doing trailheads and rain gardens and stuff, Route 30 I know for sure going west from 65 all the way as far as you can go in Schererville needs to be repaved, and I think that is the first thing that needs to be done before any beautification because Route 30 is horrible. It's probably as bad going east, but I know going west it's very very terrible.</p>	<p>Repaving of US-30 is part of the recommendations. Thank you for your participation in this process.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>

## RESOLUTION 17-16

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE US 30 AND I-65 SAFETY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

July 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;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has adopted, amended or updated various regional transportation plans for Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties over the years in light of new information and changing conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the work contained in this project responds to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwest Indiana and is in keeping with Federal requirements found in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 and accompanying guidelines and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* contains goals for safe and secure transportation and to increase mobility, accessibility, and transportation options for people and freight;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC's objectives include the enhancement of connectivity between housing, jobs, services, and educational facilities, as well as the reduction of congestion and improvement of the internal connectivity of the transportation network;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC aspires to improve the safety of non-motorized transportation and improve system accessibility for people with special transportation needs including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income populations;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC identified the need for a safety plan for the major shopping and employment area in the northwest Indiana region and conducted the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan to increase safety and local connectivity, and reduce congestion within the plan area;

**WHEREAS**, the study area is highly urbanized with daily vehicle traffic count over 55,000, and developments in the area are not assembled into a sustainable whole but rather are separated into single-use districts and oriented to the personal automobile rather than to the pedestrian scale, with no physical pedestrian/bicycle protection or separation from fast-moving cars;



**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan is intended to reduce pedestrian and auto conflicts by connecting walkways, creating safe pedestrian street crossings, and consolidating driveways if needed;

**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan includes new road connections to reduce congestion within the plan area;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations within the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan encompass construction projects, project scheduling and funding opportunities for future implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan will serve the regional transportation needs and it will be integrated into the Long Range Transportation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan.

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

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Michael W. Griffin  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Diane Noll  
Secretary

## RESOLUTION 17-17

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE  
FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND  
LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA  
AMENDMENT NO. 1  
July 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 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 July, 2017.

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Michael W. Griffin  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Diane Noll  
Secretary

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana**  
**Amendment #01 July 2017**

**Local Projects/Project Phases**

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1601162	Kouts	Pavement Markings (Town-wide)	Increase Award	HSIP Chicago UA	PE	2018	\$ 13,966	\$ 12,569	\$ 1,397
CN in 2020. Cost to Complete: \$40,000.									
1500320	Griffith	Town-wide Regulatory & Warning Sign Replacement	Increase Award	HSIP	CE	2018	\$ 42,240	\$ 38,016	\$ 4,224
				Chicago UA	CN	2018	\$ 260,635	\$ 234,572	\$ 26,064
		Town-wide Street Name Sign Replacement	Increase Award	STBG I	CE	2018	\$ 6,800	\$ 5,440	\$ 1,360
				Chicago UA	CN	2018	\$ 45,326	\$ 36,261	\$ 9,065
1401027	LaPorte County	Replace Otis Rd Bridge over Little Calumet River. Demo IN047	Decrease Federal Award	Demo IN047	CN	2018	\$ 1,079,849	\$ 863,879	\$ 215,970
1383479	LaPorte County	Replace LaPorte County Bridge #018 (CR 875 W over tributary to Trail Creek)	Add Phase  Increase Federal Award	Demo IN047	RW	2018	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 8,000
				State BR	CN	2018	\$ 1,180,904	\$ 944,723	\$ 236,181
				Demo IN047	CN	2018	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000
Cost to complete: \$1.4 million									
1382604	LaPorte County	From US 421 W to Existing Lincoln Trail AND Sidewalks within Town of Westville	Add Phase	Demo IN047	RW	2018	\$ 92,100	\$ 73,680	\$ 18,420
Length: 1.15 miles. Cost to complete: \$500,000									
1601868	LaPorte County	Wayfinding Signage Purchase/Installation at Kingsbury Industrial Park	Add Phase	STBG II Mich City UZA	CN	2018	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1592273	Lowell	Purchase up to 20 Bicycle Racks (includes Delivery Costs)	Add Phase	CMAQ Chicago UA	CN	2018	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,600	\$ 400

### New INDOT Projects/Project Phases

1601759	INDOT	SR 2 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at Clark/Holtz Rd.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 47,300	\$ 37,840	\$ 9,460
					CE	2018	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,000

At intersection of SR 2 with Clark/Holtz Rd, located adjacent to Lowell High School in Lowell, Lake County.

1601760	INDOT	US 41 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at Gostlin St.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 43,400	\$ 34,720	\$ 8,680
					CE	2018	\$ 17,000	\$ 13,600	\$ 3,400

At intersection of US 41 with Gostlin St, located about 0.29 miles East of the Toll Road in Hammond, Lake County.

1601761	INDOT	US 20 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at Fail Rd.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 32,000	\$ 25,600	\$ 6,400
					CE	2018	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,560	\$ 640

At intersection of US 20 with Fail Rd, located about 0.6 miles West of the Toll Road in unincorporated LaPorte County.

1601762	INDOT	US 20 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at SR 39.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 34,000	\$ 27,200	\$ 6,800
					CE	2018	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,720	\$ 680

At intersection of US 20 with SR 39, located about 3.6 miles East of I-94 in unincorporated LaPorte County.

1601763	INDOT	SR 2 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at US 30.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 37,000	\$ 29,600	\$ 7,400
					CE	2018	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,960	\$ 740

At intersection of SR 2 with US 30, located about 2.2 miles West of SR 49 in Valparaiso, Porter County.

1601764	INDOT	SR 49 Signs, Lighting, Signals And Markings at Division Rd.	Add New Phase	NHPP Non- Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 48,000	\$ 38,400	\$ 9,600
					CE	2018	\$ 17,000	\$ 13,600	\$ 3,400

At intersection of SR 49 with Division Rd, located about 1.34 miles South of US 30 in unincorporated Porter County.