

Appendix A: Official Actions and Compliance.

NIRPC Board Resolutions:

- 1) Adopting the Conformity Determination;
- 2) Adopting the updated Comprehensive Regional Plan; and
- 3) Adopting the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Planning Self-Certification.

RESOLUTION 17-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MAKING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMPANION AMENDMENT #4 AND FISCAL YEAR 2018 to 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO OZONE

May 18, 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 implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone; and

WHEREAS, Lake and Porter Counties have been designated as a non-attainment area with respect to the "8-hour" standard for ozone; and

WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 requires that a Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality by causing the Summer day emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrous Oxides from highway mobile sources to be at or below the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in the State Implementation Plan for the ozone non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission," being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative, and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; to annually endorse the plans and programs; to facilitate federal transportation funding for the Indiana Department of Transportation, regional communities and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above mentioned activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, as well as other federal, state and local legislation mandating cooperative, comprehensive and continuing regional transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4 and Fiscal Year 2018 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program are the products of a multi-modal, continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and


WHEREAS, the implementation of the projects in the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4 and the Fiscal Year 2018 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program will result in Summer day highway mobile source emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides in 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2035, 2040 and 2045 that will be below the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the State Implementation Plan for the ozone non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis between March 21, 2017 and April 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Technical Planning Committee gave its favorable recommendation of Resolution 17-11 to the Commission for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Commission officially makes the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #4 and Fiscal Year 2018 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program with respect to ozone

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this eighteenth day of May, 2017.



Michael W. Griffin
Chairperson

ATTEST:


Diane Noll
Secretary

RESOLUTION 17-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION ADOPTING AMMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE 2040
COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMPANION FOR
NORTHWESTERN INDIANA**

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Council of Governments, representing all local governments in the region has established a comprehensive planning process including the three domains of environmental, economic development and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; to annually endorse the plans and programs; to facilitate federal transportation funding for the Indiana Department of Transportation, regional communities and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above mentioned activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating 3-C transportation activities; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion is the product of a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has analyzed the benefits and burdens of the implementation of the expansion project listed in the attachment, and has found that there are no unfair burdens, nor unfair lack of benefits for low income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the project was subjected to NIRPC's Congestion Management Process analysis and were found to be consistent; and

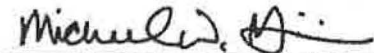
WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the proposed amendment, and the comment from which and the responses to them have been made available; and

WHEREAS, the NIRPC Technical Policy Committee acted on May 9, 2017 to recommend inclusion of two new transportation expansion projects, and adjustments to two others as an amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission found it necessary to amend the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion to include the project listed in the attachment.

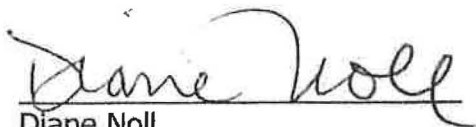
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Commission hereby adopts this Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion.

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



Michael W. Griffin
Chairman

ATTEST:



Diane Noll
Secretary

RESOLUTION 17-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE FY 2018-2021
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND
LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA**

May 18, 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 stakeholder interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (PL 112-141) and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (PL 114-357) Acts, as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating 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 and Companion*, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program implements the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and Companion*, as amended; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

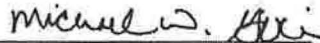
WHEREAS, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, 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 Transportation Planning Regulations, published by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and U.S. Federal Transit Administration (published at 23 CFR 450 Subpart B), require MPO's to certify that their planning process is being carried out in accordance with said regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; and
2. That the Executive Director is hereby authorized to submit the required planning self-certification.

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



Michael W. Griffin
Chairperson

ATTEST:



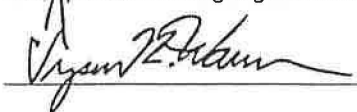
Diane Noll
Secretary

Metropolitan Planning Process Certification

In accordance with 23 CFR 450.336, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Indiana portions of the Chicago, IL/IN and Michigan City/LaPorte, IN/MI Urbanized Areas, hereby certify that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues in the metropolitan planning area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

1. 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart C;
2. Section 174 and 176 [c] and [d] of the Clean Air Act, as amended [42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506[c] and [d], and 40 CFR Part 93;
3. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and CFR Part 21;
4. 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
5. Section 1101(b) of the FAST ACT (P.L. 114-357) and 49 CFR Part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in U.S. DOT-funded projects;
6. 23 CFR Part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
7. The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.) and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38;
8. The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
9. Section 324 of Title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
10. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR Part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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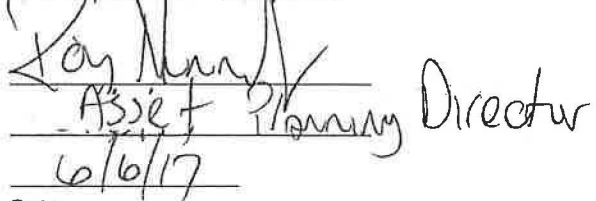


Tyson Warner, Executive Director

June 4, 2017

Date

Indiana Department of Transportation
State Department of Transportation


Asset Planning Director

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