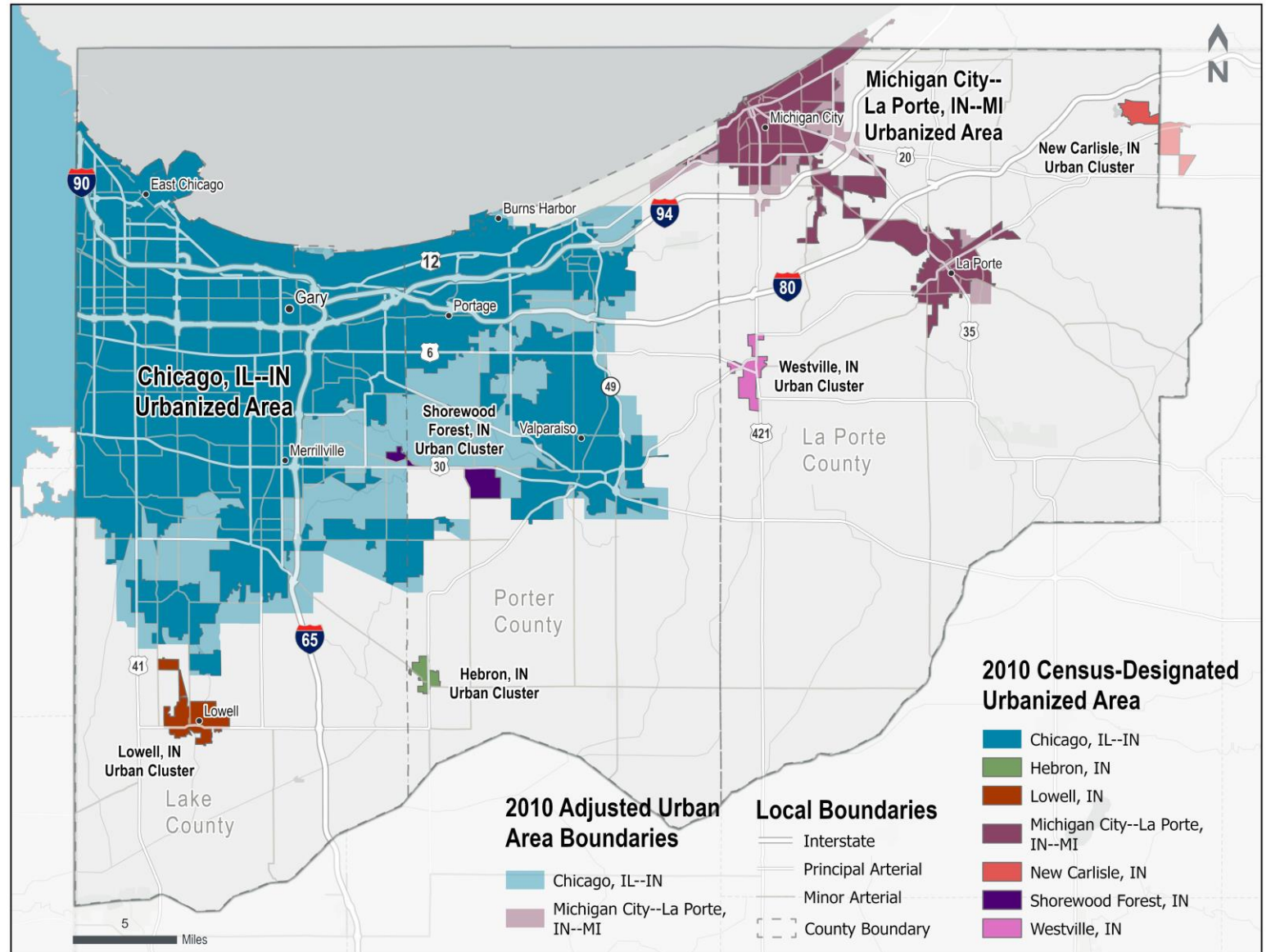


Valparaiso-Shorewood Urban Area Funding

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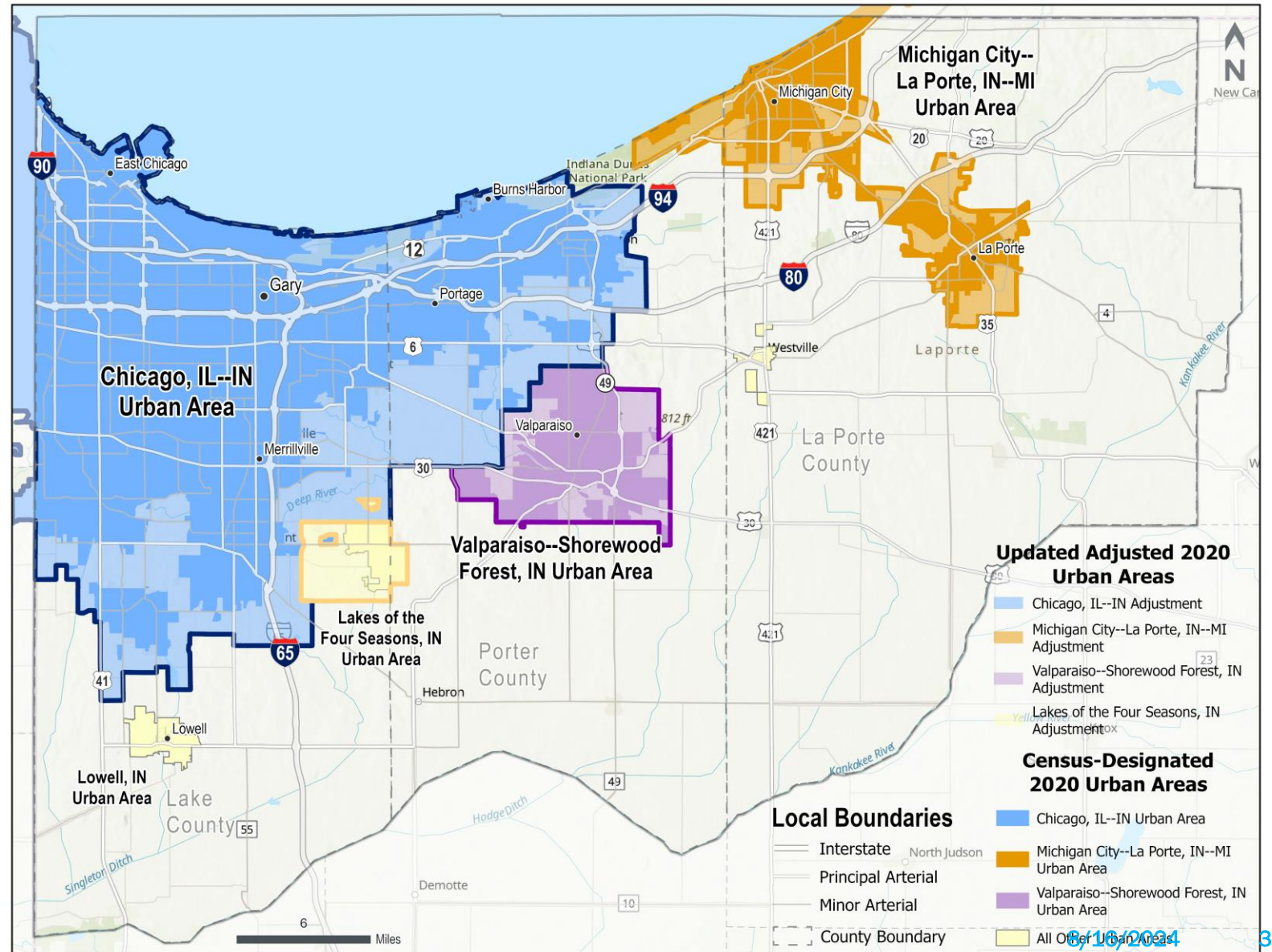
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Funding Implications

The Federal Highway Administration uses urban area designations to determine where Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required, and the populations of the urban areas are used to determine the amount of federal transportation funding each MPO and region receive.

- **Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program:**
 - **Group 1** = Large Urban (>200,000 population)
 - **Group 2** = Small Urban (50,000 - 200,000 population)
 - **Group 3** = Municipalities (5,000 - 49,999 population)
 - **Group 4** = Rural (<5,000 Population)
 - MPOs select projects for Group 1 and 2 funding, although NIRPC still works closely with INDOT on Group 3, and to a lesser extent, on Group 4 funded projects.
 - The State distributes STBG funding using formulas based on the population of the unadjusted urban areas.

MPOs select projects for funding within their Metropolitan Planning Areas

- **Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA):**
 - The NIRPC Region defined in Ind. Code § 36-7-7.6: Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties
 - At a minimum must incorporate applicable urban area(s) and adjacent areas expected to become urbanized within 20 years.
 - Funds may be awarded to projects anywhere within the MPA.

Funding Implications

FY 2024 Funding

- Chicago IL-IN Group 1

Annual Allocation	STBG	CMAQ	HSIP	TA	Section 164 HSIP	Carbon Reduction	Protect	Total
Annual Allocation	\$15,005,559.00	\$2,665,812.00	\$2,036,749.00	\$2,089,317.00	\$714,405.00	\$1,822,970.00	\$673,673.00	\$25,008,485.00

- Valparaiso-Shorewood Group 2

Annual Allocation	STBG	CMAQ	HSIP	TA	Section 164 HSIP	Carbon Reduction	Protect	Total
Annual Allocation	\$1,541,176.00	\$0.00	\$274,198.00	\$193,628.00	\$65,383.00	\$168,945.00	\$61,633.00	\$2,304,963.00

- Michigan City-La Porte Group 2

Annual Allocation	STBG	CMAQ	HSIP	TA	Section 164 HSIP	Carbon Reduction	Protect	Total
Annual Allocation	\$1,221,906.00	\$651,069.00	\$335,765.00	\$233,642.00	\$80,016.00	\$203,858.00	\$74,773.00	\$2,801,029.00

Historically, NIRPC has programmed Group 1 Chicago funds and Group 2 Michigan City-La Porte funds separately.

Recommendation

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Allow the highway funding from the Chicago UZA and the Valpo UZA to be programmed interchangeably for projects in either of the UZAs.

GROUND

- Existing Projects in TIP
- Administrative Flexibility

YEAR	TIP ID	TIP	LEAD	TITLE	PROJECT TYPE	TOTAL COST	Fed	FED FUNDS
2025	2101141	24-16	Valparaiso	Multi use trail from transit parking lot to downtown	Bicycle Enhancement	\$5,078,345	\$3,656,296	Federal Special < BR> TAP Chicago UZA < BR> TAP Valparaiso UZA
2025	1902686	24-00	Valparaiso	Roundabout; Valparaiso- Campbell & Lincoln Ave,	Intersection or Intersection Groups	\$6,262,497	\$3,454,238	CMAQ Chicago UZA
2028	2300657	24-00	Valparaiso	Creative District Trail	Bicycle Enhancement	\$6,992,832	\$3,583,358	STBG Chicago UZA
2028	2101133	24-00	Valparaiso	Roundabout at SR 130 & CR 400N	Intersection or Intersection Groups	\$3,327,621	\$2,026,782	CMAQ Chicago UZA < BR> STBG Chicago UZA
2028	2300659	24-00	Valparaiso	Horse Prairie/Campbell TOD Improvements	Pavement Reconstruction/Rehabilitation	\$8,616,930	\$4,808,066	STBG Chicago UZA
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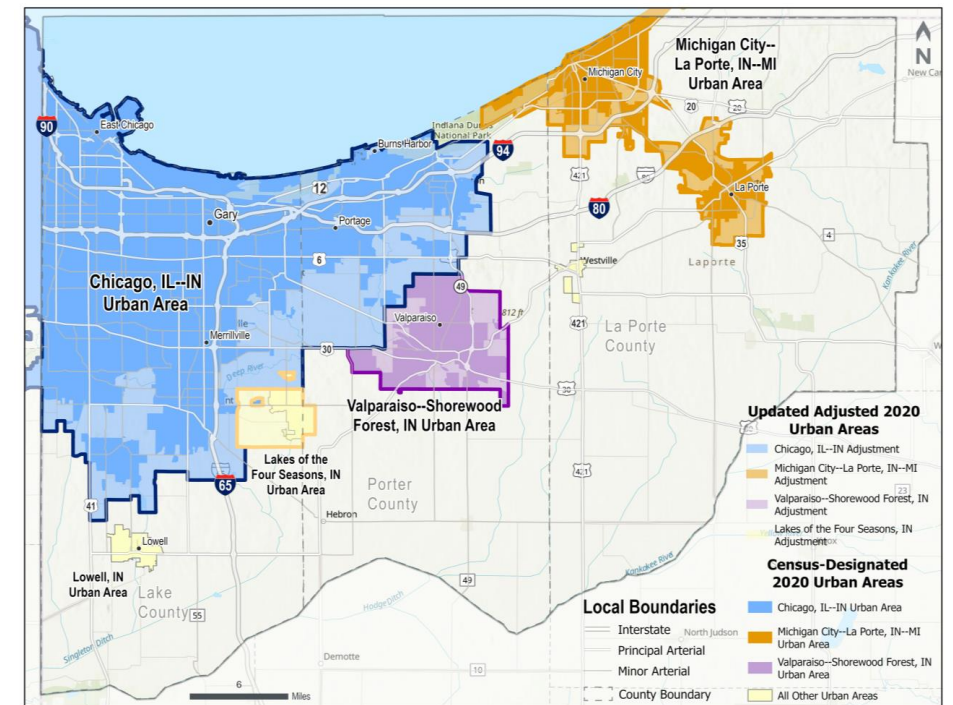
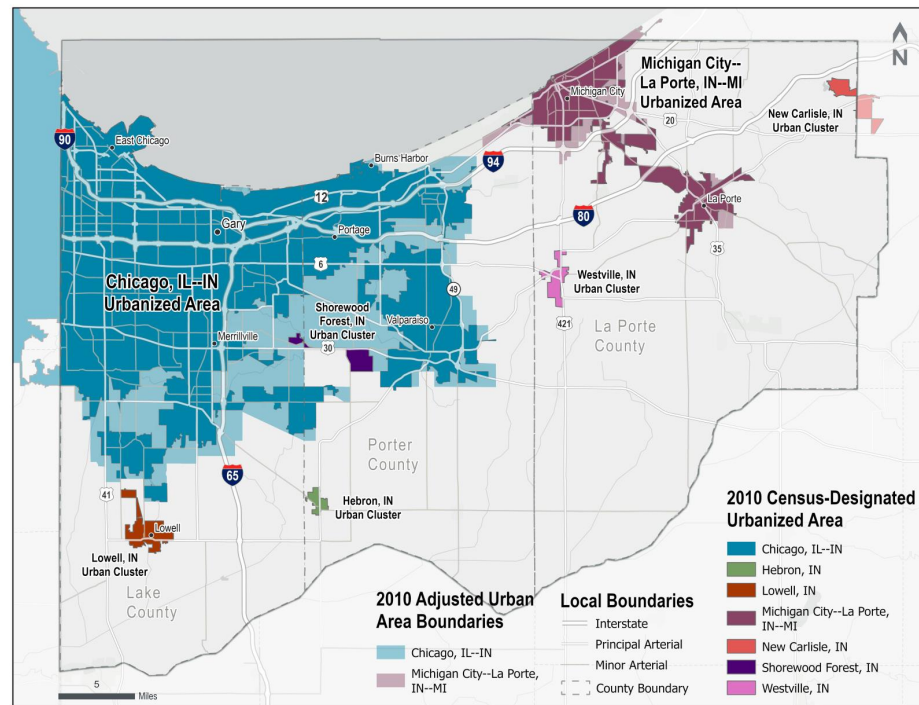
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GROUNDS

- Geographic Proximity and Overlap
- Possibility of Two UZAs Recombining



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