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March 10, 2011

Ms. Audra Blasdel
Director of LPA/MPO and Grants Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 755
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program:
TIP Amendments #28 and #28**

Attention: Jerry Halperin

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Enclosed are NIRPC Board Resolutions #11-02 and #11-03 (both adopted February 17, 2011). These actions make changes to our current Transportation Improvement Program. A list of affected projects is attached to each resolution.

Both amendments consist solely of highway projects.

An electronic copy of the updated TIP list will be forwarded to you and LaPorte District staff. It will also be posted on our website next week. If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Gary Evers
Transportation Projects Manager

Enclosure

cc: FTA: Reggie Arkell; FHWA: Joyce Newland; INDOT: Larry Buckel, Marcia Blansett, Lisa Shrader, Jeanette Wilson



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RESOLUTION 11-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2013 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT NO. 28**

February 17, 2011

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 regional requirements under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, as amended, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the 1970 Clean Air Act, as amended, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 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 *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended; and

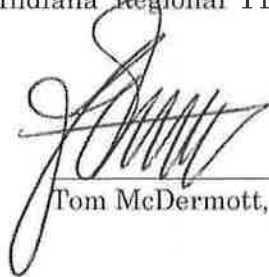
WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 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. Department of Transportation Chicago Metropolitan Office, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group.

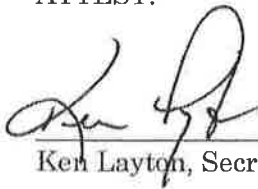
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this seventeenth day of February 2011.



Tom McDermott, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary

**Northwest Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment #28**

For TPC and Board Review

Exempt INDOT Highway Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases								
Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
INDOT	Illiana Expressway NEPA Study DES 1006456 Phase PE Funds: 100% State	2011 2012 2013	\$ 8,750,000	\$ -	\$ 8,750,000	Exempt	Table 2, #35	n/a



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RESOLUTION 11-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2013 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT NO. 29**

February 17, 2011

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 regional requirements under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, as amended, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the 1970 Clean Air Act, as amended, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 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 *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended; and

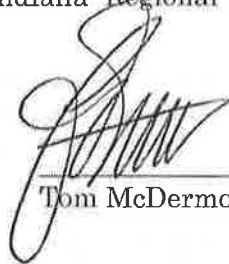
WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2009-2013 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. Department of Transportation Chicago Metropolitan Office, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group.

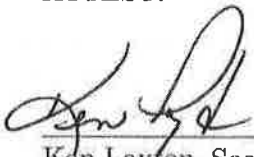
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this seventeenth day of February 2011.



Tom McDermott, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary

**Northwest Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment #29**

For ICG, TPC, and Board Review

Exempt Local Highway Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases								
Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
Portage	Northside Business Park Bicycle/Pedestrian Project (along Ameriplex Rd from SR 249 then S to Southport Rd along both Waypoint and Willowcreek Roads) DES 1006017 Phase CN Funds: FHWA TCSP (FFY 2002)	2013	\$ 1,212,500	\$ 961,568	\$ 250,932	Exempt	Table 2, #10	n/a
Hobart	Bicycle Racks (12) and Lockers (5) DES to be Assigned. Phase: PE Funds: Lake-Porter CMAQ	2011	\$ 22,685	\$ 22,685	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #42	n/a
NICTD	Bicycle Lockers (7) DES to be Assigned. Phase: PE Funds: Lake-Porter CMAQ	2011	\$ 29,372	\$ 29,372	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #42	n/a

Exempt Local Highway Projects

TIP Action: Division of Existing Project into Two Phases								
Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
Gary (Existing)	Ridge Road Reconstruction: SR 53 (Broadway) to Mississippi St) DES 0600750 Phase CN Funds: FHWA STP Group I	2011	\$ 9,309,759	\$ 6,759,492	\$ 2,550,267	Exempt	Table 2, #10 & #41. Table 3, #2	n/a
Gary (Proposed)	Ridge Rd Reconstruction Phase I: SR 53 to 200' W of Connecticut St; Intersection Imp. at SR 53; Major Storm Drainage Improvements. Phase 1 of 2 DES 0600750 Phase CN Funds: FHWA STP Group I	2011	\$ 8,050,000	\$ 6,440,000	\$ 1,610,000	Exempt	Table 2, #10, #18, #41. Table 3, #2	n/a
	Ridge Road Reconstruction: Connecticut St to Mississippi St. Phase 2 of 2 DES To be Assigned Phase CN Funds: FHWA STP Group I	2013	\$ 6,325,000	\$ 319,492	\$ 6,005,508	Exempt	Table 2, #10, #18, #41. Table 3, #2	n/a

Exempt INDOT Highway Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
INDOT	US 12 Road Reconstruction, from 3.60 mi W of I-65 to 0.84 mi E of I-65 (City of Gary) DES 0014060 Phase RW Funds: State STP	2011	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	Exempt	Table 2, #10	n/a
	US 12 Road Reconstruction, from 3.60 mi W of I-65 to 0.84 mi E of I-65 (City of Gary) DES 0014060 Phase CN Funds: State STP	2012	\$ 11,240,360	\$ 8,992,288	\$ 2,248,072			
INDOT	US 12 Traffic Signal Modification within City of Gary. 4th Ave at Virginia St, 4th Ave at Broadway, 4th Ave at Adams St, 4th Ave at Jackson St, 4th Ave at Buchanan St, 4th Ave at Grant St, 4th Ave at Taft St, and 4th Ave at Bridge St. 5th Ave at Bridge St, 5th Ave at Taft St, 5th Ave at Grant St, 5th Ave at Buchanan St, 5th Ave at Tyler St, 5th Ave at Harrison St, 5th Ave at Jackson St, 5th Ave at Madison St, 5th Ave at Adams St, 5th Ave at Broadway, 5th Ave at Massachusetts St, 5th Ave at Virginia St, Dunes Hwy at Tennessee St, Dunes Hwy at Ohio St, Dunes Hwy at I-65 DES 0800353 Phase CN Funds State STP	2012	\$ 3,014,000	\$ 2,411,200	\$ 602,800	Exempt	Table 3, #2	n/a
INDOT	Replace Bridge on Hupp Rd (CR 600S) over Travis Ditch, 0.70 mi E of US 35 (LaPorte County) DES 0800313 Phase PE Funds: Coop Recreation Access Road	2011	\$ 72,000	\$ -	\$ 72,000	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
	Replace Bridge on Hupp Rd (CR 600S) over Travis Ditch, 0.70 mi E of US 35 (LaPorte County) DES 0800313 Phase CN Funds: Coop Recreation Access Road	2012	\$ 492,500	\$ -	\$ 492,500			
INDOT	US 421 Bridge Replacement over Norris Ditch, 0.70 mi S of I-94 (LaPorte County) DES 0600433 Phase PE Funds: State STP	2011	\$ 45,000	\$ 36,000	\$ 9,000	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
INDOT	US 231 Small Structure Replacement over E Branch of Stoney Run, 3.7 mi N of SR 2 (Lake County) DES 0301073 Phase RW Funds: State STP	2012	\$ 80,000	\$ 64,000	\$ 16,000	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a



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April 7, 2011

Mr. Jerry Halperin
MPO Coordinator
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #30 (Emergency)
DES 0902005: I-80/94 Interchange at I-65 Flood Control/Drainage Correction:
Construct Drainage Facilities and Connect Roadway Drainage with Little
Calumet River Flood Control Structure (CN)**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the above-captioned project. This project involves, among other things, the construction of walls along existing drainage ditches in the vicinity of this interchange. These improvements will prevent flooding that has closed the Borman Expressway at this location on several recent occasions and will function as part of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission's Levee Construction/Flood Control project. The project's design will meet USGS standards

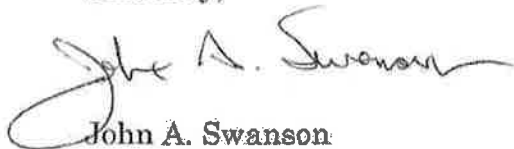
Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of this project to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public safety.

The project does not involve the construction of new roadways or the reconstruction of existing roadways. The project does not add travel lanes and appears to be an exempt project type covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

Mr. Jerry Halperin
April 7, 2011
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Swanson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

John A. Swanson
Executive Director

C: FHWA: Joyce Newland; INDOT: Mike McPhillips, Lisa Shrader, Jeanette Wilson, John Pangallo;
INTERNAL: Bill Brown, Gary Evers, Steve Strains OTHER: ICG Members (via e-mail)



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May 13, 2011

Ms. Audra Blasdel
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Indiana Department of Transportation
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Indianapolis, IN 46204

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program:
TIP Amendment #31**

Attention: Jerry Halperin

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Attached is NIRPC Board Resolution #11-05 (adopted April 28, 2011). This action makes changes to our current Transportation Improvement Program. A list of affected projects is attached to the resolution.

The amendment includes both highway and transit projects.

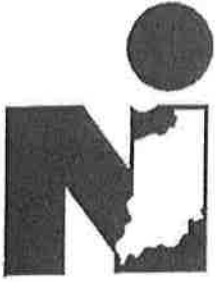
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RESOLUTION 11-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2013 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENT NO. 31**

April 28, 2011

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

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WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 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 twenty-eighth day of April 2011.



Tom McDermott, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary

Northwest Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #31

For ICG, TPC, and Board Review

Exempt Local Highway and Transit Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
Regional Bus Authority (RBA)	Bicycle Racks (22) DES to be Assigned. Phase: PE Funds: Lake-Porter CMAQ	2011	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #33	n/a
Valparaiso	Infrastructure near Memorial Elementary School in Valparaiso, including Sidewalks, Ramps, Flashers, Bike Racks. Also includes Minor Non-Infrastructure Items. DES: 1006371 Phase: CN Funds: Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS)	2011	\$ 210,375	\$ 210,375	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #8, #33	n/a
Valparaiso	12 Bus Passenger Shelters DES: To be Assigned. Phase: CN Funds: FTA Section 5307	2011	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 120,000	Exempt	Table 2, #27	n/a
NICTD	South Shore Commuter Railroad Realignment Study (Michigan City) DES: To be Assigned. Funds: FFY 2010 National Infrastructure Investments (TIGER II)	2011	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	Exempt	Table 2, #34a	n/a
Crown Point	109th St Reconstruction (Resurface) from Wright St to Iowa St (Crown Point) DES 1005345 Phase CN Funds: SAFETEA-LU High Priority	2011	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #10	n/a
Crown Point	109th St Reconstruction (Resurface) from Indiana Ave to Broadway (SR 53) DES 1172428 Phase PE Funds: SAFETEA-LU High Priority	2011	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #4, #10, #16, #39	n/a
	109th St Reconstruction (Resurface) from Indiana Ave to Broadway (SR 53) DES 1172428 Phase RW Funds: SAFETEA-LU High Priority	2012	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -			
	109th St Reconstruction (Resurface) from Indiana Ave to Broadway (SR 53) DES 1172428 Phase CN Funds: SAFETEA-LU High Priority	2013	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -			

Exempt INDOT Highway Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases								
Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
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INDOT	US 6 Replace bridge over CSX RR and Tracy Rd, 1.96 mi E of W jct with US 35 DES 0200377 Phase RW Funds: State Bridge	2012	\$ 77,000	\$ 61,600	\$ 15,400	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
INDOT	Travel Time Signs in Northwest Indiana on I-80/94, I-65, and I-94 (ITS) DES 0710428 Phase PE Funds: Interstate Maintenance (IM)	2012	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000	Exempt	Table 2, #41	n/a