

RESOLUTION 14-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION
ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
RANKINGS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2021**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system to attain and maintain socially, economically and environmentally sound living conditions towards an improved quality of life; 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; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding was established under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century law (MAP-21), adopted in 2012; and

WHEREAS, projects competing for TAP funding must meet a number of criteria, and may provide facilities for accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists, preserve historic structures, or enhance a street's landscaping and beautification. Projects may also involve Safe Routes to School projects, preservation of abandoned railway corridors, mitigation of highway runoff and groundwater resources and protection of wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, project applications shall be submitted or resubmitted on an annual basis according to NIRPC; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted the *2010 Ped and Pedal* Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan in January, 2011, and project applications shall be ranked in a prioritized manner on an annual basis by the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee based upon that current Plan and established scoring criteria; and