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RESOLUTION 13-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT #3 TO THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN FOR NORTHWESTERN INDIANA

December 12, 2013

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 to 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 Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating 3-C transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Regional Plan is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process that was developed in an open and participatory manner, including extensive participation involving numerous people, with specific efforts made to engage low-income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan provides a framework for how the three-county region can develop in the next generation, and is a tool to guide our actions and to direct our resources to achieve our vision of a vibrant, revitalized, accessible, and united region; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has analyzed the benefits and burdens of the implementation of THE transportation expansion projects listed in the attachment in the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and has found that there are no unfair burdens, nor unfair lack of benefits for low-income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the projects were 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, the comments from which and the responses to them have been made available; and

WHEREAS, the NIRPC Transportation Policy Committee acted on December 3, 2013 to recommend inclusion of the transportation expansion projects listed in the attachment as an amendment to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has found it necessary to amend the Plan to include the projects listed in the attachment.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts this Amendment #3 to the Comprehensive Regional Plan.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twelfth day of December 2013.



David Uran,
Chairman

ATTEST:


James G. Ton,
Secretary

2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan

Amendment #3

Amendment #3 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP) will add the following two projects to the list of Capacity Expansion Projects published on Page II-28 of the Plan:

1. **I-65 Added Travel Lanes, from US 30 to US 231** (adds one additional travel lane in each direction for a total of six).
Open-to Traffic Date: Before December 31, 2019
Project Sponsor: Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
2. **Illiana Expressway, from I-65 West to Indiana/Illinois State Line.**
New Limited-Access, Four-Lane Toll Road (two travel lanes in each direction).
Open-to-Traffic Date: Before December 31, 2019
Project Sponsor: Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)