

Public Comment Report

Amendment #21 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

April 18, 2019

Amendment #21 of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was released for a 30-day public comment period which began on February 28 and ended March 27, 2019. No comments were recorded. However, during a review of the amendment with FHWA, it was discovered that several projects were inadvertently left off the amendment. A revised 9-day public comment period was held March 29 to April 7, 2019. Both times the amendment were made available at www.nirpc.org. No public comments were submitted during either of these periods.

NIRPC did receive several technical comment from the FHWA which is part of the Interagency Consultation Group. These comments were largely due to the new report 'style' generated from our RTIP or new web based TIP. Federal Highway had asked for the following information to be included:

- A better location listed, namely city or nearby community and a route or street name.
- A statement about whether the project Exempt or Non-Exempt from Air Quality Conformity.
- A statement about whether the project add capacity to the roadway.
- Overall a better description of the work that is being done with the project.

All of these suggestions were included in the description portion of each project prior to the second release. NIRPC plans on working with our vendor to include these items in future reports or include these items in the descriptions.