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Technical Planning Committee

Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Zoom Info

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Meeting ID: 818 6931 6801

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Agenda

1. Call to Order by Chairman

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Minutes of the November 9, 2021, meeting (pp. 1 - 2)
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be limited to 3 minutes. Commenters must indicate their wish to comment on the sign in sheet.

3. Planning

- 3.1. Resolution 22-02: Old Plank Road Memorandum of Understanding
Approval of MOU between NIRPC & Village of Sauk Village, IL (pp. 3 - 7).
ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION to Executive Board/Full Commission for Approval
- 3.2. Resolution 22-05: 2021-2022 UPWP Amendment #5, FY 2022 Update (pp. 8 - 11).
ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION to Executive Board/Full Commission for Approval
- 3.3. Marquette Greenway RAISE & READI Awards Presentation
INFORMATIONAL

4. Programming

- 4.1. Public Comment Report for Amendment #22-3.5 to FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). (p. 12)
- 4.2. Resolution 22-03: FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #22-03 (pp. 13 - 14).
ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION to Executive Board/Full Commission for Approval
- 4.3. Resolution 22-04: FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #22-03.5 (pp. 15 - 16).
ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION to Executive Board/Full Commission for Approval

5. Topical Committee Reports

Various committees are invited to report on their meetings.

- 5.1. Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee (3PC)
- 5.2. Land Use Committee (LUC)
- 5.3. Surface Transportation Committee (STC)
- 5.4. Transportation Resources & Oversight Committee (TROC)

6. Reports from Planning Partners

- 6.1. Southshore Clean Cities
- 6.2. Other Planning Partners

7. Other Business

- 7.1. Staff Announcements
- 7.2. Upcoming NIRPC Meetings:
 - Finance and Personnel Committee – January 20, 2022 @ 8:00 a.m.
 - NIRPC Full Commission Meeting – January 20, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.
 - Transportation Resources Oversight Committee (TROC) Lake and Porter Meeting – January 25, 2022 @ 9:00 am
 - TROC La Porte Meeting – January 25, 2022 @1:00 pm

8. Next Meeting

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the NIRPC offices.

Technical Planning Committee

NIRPC – Virtual Meeting

November 9, 2021

Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's extended Executive Order 21-29. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item was provided for public comment, this was supported as well. A roll call was taken to motion and approve the agenda items.

Kevin Brietzke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call.

In attendance were Kevin Brietzke, Anthony Kenning (DLZ), Beth West (La Porte), Chris Murphy (Structurepoint), David Wright (GPTC), Eric Wolverton (Structurepoint), George Topoll (Union Township), Kake Dammarell BFS), Jessica Miller (INDOT), Jodi Coblentz (DLZ), Kelly Wenger (NICTD), Laurie Keagle (SSCC), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Robin Barzoni-Tillman (Michigan City Transit), Jeff Huet (Scherville, Thomas Schmitt (Scherville), and Steve King (Merrillville).

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, Meredith Stilwell, Candice Eklund, Kevin Polette, Denarie Kane, Eman Ibrahim, Matthew Paskash, Peter Kimball, Scott Weber, Thomas Dow, and Flor Baum.

The meeting minutes of September 14, 2021 were approved on motion by Mark O'Dell and second by George Topoll. A roll call was taken, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

There were no public comments.

Planning

Scott Weber presented on Resolution 21-19: Adopting Safety Performance Measure Targets (PMT) for 2022. Res 21-19 is in support of the PMT that INDOT has been adopted statewide. Res 21-19 will make a technical amendment to the *NWI 2050 Plan* and FY 2022-2026 TIP. The changes to the NWI 2050 Plan and the FY 2022-2026 TIP were presented and supplied in page 5 of the meeting packet (click [here](#)). With the revision of Performance Measure for the Number of fatalities on page 28 of the FY 2022-2026 TIP, on motion by George Topoll and second by Marck O'Dell, the Technical Planning Committee approved to recommend Resolution 21-19 to The Commission.

Thomas Dow presented on Regional Transportation Plan Update. Under federal law, NIRPC is required to develop a *Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)* every four years because of our non-attainment status with Air Quality. Then next plan update is due May 16, 2023. A tentative schedule for producing the plan was discussed and provided in the meeting packet. Three major steps have been identified: Finding Meaning by evaluating the existing and historic conditions, Creating Purpose by considering future scenarios & setting the preferred vision, and Purpose Driven Planning by shaping the future of The Region. The MTP must include all modes of surface transportation, as well as considering the impacts of transportation. NIRPC has already selected a consulting firm to help update the Regional Travel Demand model. The contract will be presented to the Executive Commission for approval. A written report at the end of each phase will be provided to the TPC upon completion.

Mitch Barloga spoke on the Next Level Trails (NLT) Funding. The current NLT cycle is active and in its third round. It is offering \$25M to regionally significant projects, and \$10M for locally significant projects. Eligible match entails monetary contributions, land value, and in-kind donations of materials and labor. NIRPC encourages interested communities to submit their application before the December 1 deadline. For more information, please contact Mitch at mbarloga@nirpc.org.

Mitch also spoke on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) overview. The IIJA passed the Senate in August; it passed the house last week. It will allow \$1.2T in spending over the next five years. Highlights of the IIJA include the following: Significant investments in addressing at-grade rail crossings; Creates new Bridge Investment Program; Modernizes public transit; New investments in Vision Zero projects; New climate initiatives; Funding to improve the electric grid; Boosting environmental funding for wildlife crossings & brownfield restoration. NIRPC will obtain guidance about the new programs and division of funds by state and MPO's over the next year.

Topical Committee Reports

The Environmental Management Policy Committee met in October and will be on hiatus until January. Ped Pedal and Paddle Committee met in November and will be on hiatus until January. The Surface Transportation Committee met in November to discuss Res 21-19, and their next meeting will be in February. The Land Use Committee met in November to discuss putting together the TOD that supports the ongoing regional efforts of the RDA and NICTD. An E-commerce presentation was also given at the November meeting. All meetings are recorded and can be viewed on NIRPC's YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyyqyHDk-qkUERzdDwU73_Q.

Reports from Planning Partners

Laurie Keagle (SSCC) reported on events and programs. Please click [here](#) for complete details of the SSCC report. Visit www.southshorecleancities.org or contact Lauri at lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org.

Other Business

Mitch presented a video on Emerging Trends. The videos depicted the large technological improvements that are coming to The Region.

Adjournment

The next TPC meeting will be held on January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.



RESOLUTION # 22-02

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
AND THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR THE 2020 INVEST IN COOK PROGRAM**

January 20, 2022

WHEREAS, the Village of Sauk Village (“SAUK VILLAGE”) and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (“NIRPC”) to aim to create active, safe, and healthy communities by enhancing connectivity through the improvement to the transportation system for all users; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Highways of Cook County, Illinois (the “COUNTY”) has approved and awarded SAUK VILLAGE an Invest in Cook grant in the amount of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) toward the cost of the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC has agreed to reimburse Sauk Village up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) toward the cost of conducting the PROJECT from 2020 federal planning liaison (PL) funds and the PROJECT has been included and approved as part of the 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment #3; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding has already been executed between the Town of Schererville, and the Villages of Sauk Village, Lynwood, Ford Heights and Chicago Heights towards collaboration on the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the PROJECT has been included within NIRPC’s 2021-2022 UPWP for the three-county Northwestern Indiana Region and is in conjunction with the programs of the Federal Highway Administration for work of this nature.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1: The Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Exhibit A is hereby approved and the Executive Director is authorized and directed to execute said Memorandum of Understanding in substantially the form attached hereto and any and all documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 2: This resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twentieth day of January 2022.

Justin Kiel
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Richard Hardaway
Secretary

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE, ILLINOIS
AND THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE OLD PLANK ROAD TRAIL EXTENSION FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is to establish the terms by which the Village of Sauk Village (“SAUK VILLAGE”), and the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (“NIRPC”), hereafter collectively referred to as the “PARTIES,” will collaborate on partial reimbursement for the 2020 Invest in Cook project to conduct a feasibility study for a potential extension of the Old Plank Road Trail (the “PROJECT”).

WHEREAS, currently, the Old Plank Road Trail’s (OPRT) eastern terminus is in CHICAGO HEIGHTS, but an extension through SAUK VILLAGE, FORD HEIGHTS, LYNWOOD, and DYER could connect the OPRT to the Penny Greenway in SCHERERVILLE, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the OPRT would bridge a critical gap in the regional trail system, connect residents and visitors to key destinations, and help to realize a larger vision aimed at revitalizing the Chicago Southland and supporting active, safe, and healthy communities across the Calumet region; and

WHEREAS, Invest in Cook is an annual \$8.5 million program that funds planning and feasibility studies, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners that are consistent with the priorities of Cook County’s (the “COUNTY”) long range transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has agreed to award SAUK VILLAGE up to Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) toward the cost of conducting the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission has agreed to contribute up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) toward the cost of conducting the PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY and SAUK VILLAGE have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement that establishes their respective responsibilities for the PROJECT.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises, terms, and conditions set forth herein, and in the spirit of intergovernmental cooperation, the PARTIES agree as follows:

1. Incorporation of preambles. The preambles set forth above are incorporated herein and made a part thereof.
2. Establishment of the Old Plank Road Trail extension. In accordance with the intent of the PARTIES to extend the OPRT and support for the Invest in Cook application, the PARTIES hereby agree to participate in the PROJECT, which will include selecting a consultant to conduct existing conditions analysis, gather stakeholder input, and create a final study that identifies trail alignment and access points, among other project objectives.
3. Lead agency. The PARTIES hereby recognize SAUK VILLAGE as the lead agency for the PROJECT. In its capacity as the lead agency, SAUK VILLAGE shall be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the PROJECT with the consultant, the COUNTY, and other agencies, and for monitoring the services performed by the consultant.
4. Funding. NIRPC agrees to reimburse SAUK VILLAGE for the actual costs to complete the PROJECT, up to a total maximum contribution of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000). No local match is required of SAUK VILLAGE or NIRPC.
5. Consultant selection. The PARTIES commit to a Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) of professional planning and/or engineering consultant(s). The QBS process will be administered by

SAUK VILLAGE and the selection of consultant(s) must be agreed to jointly by all PARTIES that adopt this MOU and in the spirit of selecting the best qualified professionals to meet the needs of the PROJECT.

6. Feasibility/Planning study. The PARTIES agree that this MOU covers only services included in a feasibility/planning study. It does not cover Phase I Preliminary Engineering or other future phases of work.
7. Payment Procedures.

NIRPC shall make periodic payments to SAUK VILLAGE for services rendered in the conjunction with the MOU in the following manner:

 - (A) SAUK VILLAGE shall submit invoices to NIRPC. Invoices should be supported by documentation of included expenses.
 - (B) Invoices shall be accompanied by a narrative progress report describing activities which have been performed and for which reimbursement is being claimed.
 - (C) Following its approved of the invoice and related materials submitted by SAUK VILLAGE, NIRPC shall make payment. Payment will normally be made within thirty days after said approval.
 - (D) All invoices shall be submitted to:
Accounts Payable
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368
8. Notices. All notices given under this MOU shall be in writing and shall be either (a) served personally during regular business hours; (b) serviced by facsimile transmission during regular business hours; or (c) served by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, properly addressed with postage prepaid and deposited in the United States mail. Notices served personally or by facsimile transmission shall be effective upon receipt, and notices served by mail shall be effective upon receipt as verified by the United States Postal Service. Notices shall be served at the following addresses:

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| Village of Sauk Village | NIRPC |
| Attn: Mayor Derrick Burgess | Attn: Mitch Barloga |
| 21801 Torrence Avenue | 6100 Southport Road |
| Sauk Village, Illinois 60411 | Portage, Indiana 46438 |
9. Execution. The PARTIES shall each approve this MOU pursuant to a duly passed ordinance or resolution and shall execute a separate signature page and send the original page to SAUK VILLAGE. After all the original signature pages have been received, SAUK VILLAGE shall provide NIRPC with a fully executed copy of the MOU.
10. Incorporation. The provisions set forth herein represent the entire agreement between the PARTIES and supersede any previous oral or written agreements, as it is the intent of the PARTIES to provide for integration within the terms of this MOU. No provision may be modified in any respect unless each modification is in writing and signed by all PARTIES.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES, through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein. The effective date of this MOU is the date of the signature last affixed to this page.

VILLAGE OF SAUK VILLAGE

By: _____
Mayor Derrick Burgess

Date: _____

Attest: _____

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

By: _____
Ty Warner, Executive Director

Date: _____

Attest: _____



RESOLUTION 22-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT AMENDMENT #5 2021-2022 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM 2022 UPDATE FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA

January 20, 2022

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission,” being designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter, and LaPorte County area, has established a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process to develop the FY 2021 – 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); and

WHEREAS, the preparation of a UPWP is a necessary and required part of the metropolitan area transportation planning process as specified in 23 CFR 450.308; and by its State statutory authority, the Commission is charged with regional planning responsibility for the environment, economic development, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the work tasks and budgets described within the Commission’s UPWP are in conjunction with the programs and planning emphasis areas of the Federal Highway and Transit Administrations, and significant planning projects in the region by other agencies; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation fund expenses contracted to NIRPC must be adopted into the current UPWP in order to be reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, the Commission must prepare an update to its most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan, called NWI Plan 2050 by May 16, 2023, and assistance from consultants will be needed to complete this work on time so \$400,000 will be reallocated from existing work items to support this; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Planning Committee has recommended that the Commission approve the content of UPWP 2021-2022 Amendment #5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby adopts the FY 2021 – 2022 UPWP Amendment #5 and the Commission is authorized to enter into such agreements and contracts as may be required with the funding and administrative agencies for the execution of this UPWP.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 20th day of January 2022.

Justin Kiel
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Richard Hardaway
Secretary

400 | Long Range Planning

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| Funding Source | FY 2020 Amended Funds | FY 2021 | FY 2022 |
| Federal PL/5307 | \$ 61,600 | \$ 724,936 | \$ 342,879 |
| Non-Federal | \$ 15,400 | \$ 191,234 | \$ 85,720 |
| TOTAL | \$ 77,000 | \$ 956,169 | \$ 428,598 |
| Tasks: | | Tasks or expenses added with 2021 Funds | |
| CRP implementation Development | | | |
| Transit Oriented Development (TOD) | | | |
| Sensible Tools Handbook Update | | | |
| Public Health and Transportation | | | |
| Regional land use planning | | MTP Development with Consultant Assistance | |
| Surface transportation planning | | Living Streets Design Guidelines | |
| Environmental linkages planning | | Vulnerability Assessment Consultant | |

400.1 | Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Development

Task Status:

Ongoing and permanent

Task Lead: Thomas Dow

Task Contributors: Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, Eman Ibrahim, Peter Kimball, Kevin Polette, Scott Weber and other NIRPC Staff as needed

Task Objective:

To update the federally required Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) by May 31, 2023.

Prior Task Accomplishments

NWI 2050, adopted May 2019

Task Description:

Elements:

A multi-step process reflecting on the successes and work to be completed from NWI 2050, the updated plan will continue to articulate regional vision and needs, identify influences on our future, anticipate impacts of different possible futures. Additionally, the plan will also continue to refine the performance-based planning system created in NWI 2050, redefine defensible and clear evaluation criteria, and revise strategies and investments to improve our region, and identify partners to help us move towards the future. Planning updates to NWI 2050 will include robust public input, especially from Title VI and Environmental justice communities, and a continued commitment to data collection and analysis.

Task deliverables:

Planning updates to NWI 2050.

Public Engagement Goal:

Collaborate

Corresponding NWI 2050 Initiative:

Plan for Transformative Investments

Corresponding NWI 2050 Strategies:

The nature of this task impacts all plan strategies addressed by all other tasks in this document.

Corresponding NWI 2050 Performance Measures:

The nature of this task impacts all performance measures addressed by all other tasks in this document.

Consultants will be hired to assist NIRPC staff with specific tasks.



Public Comment Report

**Amendments #22-03 & 22-03.5 to the 2020-2024 & 2022-2026
Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)**

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Technical Planning Committee

January 11, 2022

Amendments #22-03 & #22-03.5 of the FY 2020-2024 & 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs were released for a 21-day public comment period which began on December 13, 2021 and ended on January 3, 2022. The amendments were made available for viewing at www.nirpc.org and press releases with links were posted on several social media sites. No comments from the public were received during the comment period on the proposed amendments.

NIRPC only received one technical question from the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG). The question was whether four large legacy projects were included in NIRPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan (our Long Range Plan) – they were. The Air Quality Complete date given by the ICG is December 17th, 2021. All projects are found to be exempt from the Air Quality Conformity and non-regionally significant.



RESOLUTION 22-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 22-3.5 January 20, 2022

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 requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs are 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 *NWI 2050 Plan*; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *NWI 2050 Plan*, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs are 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. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force’s Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2019 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs 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 twentieth day of January, 2022.

Justin Kiel
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Richard Hardaway
Secretary



RESOLUTION 22-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 22-3.5 January 20, 2022

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WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs are 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 *NWI 2050 Plan*; and

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Justin Kiel
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Richard Hardaway
Secretary