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RESOLUTION 11-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE
2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 5**

December 8, 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 2012-2015 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 *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; and

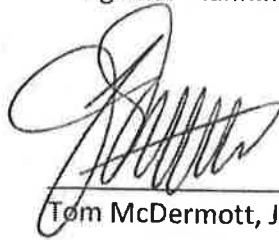
WHEREAS, the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2012-2015 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. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG).

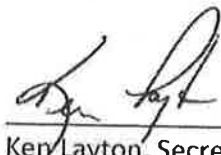
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this eighth day of December 2011.



Tom McDermott, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary

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For Public Comment, TPC, & ICG Review

Local Construction Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	State Fiscal Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1172362	Hammond	Reconstruction of Gostlin St (from State Line to Sheffield), Sheffield Ave (Gostlin to Chicago Ave), and Chicago Ave (Sheffield to Calumet Ave) with Added Travel Lanes. 3R-4R Reconstruction of Chicago Ave (White Oak Ave to Calumet Ave). Includes at-grade rail crossing. Funds: Demo ID IN 137, IN 194, FHWA NCIIP, State & Local Funds.	PE	2012	\$ 900,000	\$ 720,000	\$ 180,000	Regionally Significant, Non-Exempt	Conformity Determination Project ID 240	n/a
			RW	2013	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 300,000			
			CN	2014	\$ 12,966,479	\$ 10,373,183	\$ 2,593,296			
Pending	Schererville	Reconstruct and realign Kennedy Ave from just north of Junction St to US 30. Includes new intersection at US 30 and at-grade rail crossing. Added Travel Lanes. Funds: STP Group I	PE	2012	\$ 548,664	\$ -	\$ 548,664	Regionally Significant, Non-Exempt	Conformity Determination Project ID #96A	n/a
			RW	2013	\$ 2,006,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 1,956,000			
			CN	2014	\$ 5,258,027	\$ 100,000	\$ 5,158,027			

NIRPC's Regional Significance policy and standards are published at <http://www.nirpc.org/home/ProjectSelection/RegionalSignificanceGuidance.pdf>.

Information regarding the Air Quality Conformity Document references for Exempt projects may be found on NIRPC's TIP web page at <http://www.nirpc.org/transportation/TIP.htm>. Then follow the link under "Project List and Related Information." See pages 4 and 5.