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RESOLUTION 12-09

**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. 12**

April 19, 2012

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 nineteenth day of April 2012.


Geoff Benson, Chairperson

ATTEST:


Blair Milo, Secretary

Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2012-2015

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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	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297092	LaPorte County	Bridge Inspection	PE	2013	\$ 225,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 45,000	Exempt	Table 1, #34a	n/a
0301165	Michigan City	Singing Sands Lighthouse Trail, LaPorte County, FHWA TE	RW	2012	\$ 140,000	\$ 112,000	\$ 28,000	Exempt	Table 1, #33	n/a

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 may be found on NIRPC's TIP web page at <http://www.nirpc.org/transportation/TIP.htm>. Follow the link under "Project List and Related Information."