

## RESOLUTION 16-26

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 27

July 21, 2016

**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 2016-2019 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), as amended*; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016-2019 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 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program 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 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 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 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2016-2019 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 twenty-first day of July, 2016.

  
James G. Ton  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Geoff R. Benson  
Secretary

**2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana**  
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**New Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects Authorized by Resolution 15-18**

DES	Sponsor	Project	Federal		Funds		Federal	Non-Federal
			Action Requested	Funds	Phase	Year		
1601145	Hammond	Construct Marquette Greenway Trail (MQGW-HA2016) from State St at Rabin Plaza to Toll Road overpass at Kosciusko St)	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 400,000 \$ -	\$ 400,000
CN in 2021. Cost to Complete: \$2,350,000. Length: 2.11 miles.								
1601146	East Chicago	Construct Marquette Greenway Trail (MQGW-EC2016) from Toll Road overpass at Kosciusko St to US 20/SR 152)	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 309,800 \$ 247,840	\$ 61,960
CN in 2020. Cost to Complete: \$1,374,800. Length: 0.7 miles.								
1601147	Burns Harbor	Construct Marquette Greenway Trail (MQGW-BH2016) from SR 149 to Babcock Rd (CR 200W).	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2018	\$ 302,582 \$ 242,066	\$ 60,516
CN in 2021. Cost to Complete: \$1,565,000. Length: 1.4 miles. Construction will take place on National Lakeshore property.								
1601148	New Chicago	Purchase Alternative Fuel: E-85	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 18,893 \$ 15,114	\$ 3,779
1601149	Cedar Lake	Purchase Alternative Fuel: E-85	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 90,000 \$ 72,000	\$ 18,000
1601150	LaPorte (City)	Purchase Alternative Fuel: Propane	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 59,808 \$ 47,846	\$ 11,962
1601151	Crown Point	Purchase Alternative Fuel: E-85	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 120,000 \$ 96,000	\$ 24,000

Non-construction project.

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Funds			
				Funds	Phase	Year	Total	Federal	Non-Federal
1601152	Portage	Public-Private Partnership: Install One CNG Fuel Station at Family Express.	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2017	\$ 1,088,125	\$ 870,500	\$ 217,625
1601170	NIRPC	School Bus Heater Installation (50 Buses)	Add New Phase	CMAQ	PE	2018	\$ 127,356	\$ 101,885	\$ 25,471

# **Public Comment Report**

**Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Nos. 26, 27, & 28**

**Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission**

**July 21, 2016**

Amendments 26, 27, and 28 to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program were released for a 7-day public comment period which began on July 5, 2016 and ended July 11, 2016. The amendments were made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org) and emailed to stakeholders.

No comments were received during the comment period on any of the proposed amendments.