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RESOLUTION 13-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE
2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,
PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 25**

March 21, 2013

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, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012), 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 transit projects as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-first day of March, 2013.



David Uran, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Jim Ton, Secretary

