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Ms. Jeanette Wilson  
Office of LPA and Grants Administration  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: **NW Indiana FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program:  
Amendment #17 (Emergency): DES 1400677**  
**Patch & Rehab on Various State Routes in Lake, LaPorte, and Porter Counties, Indiana**  
Length: 30 miles (estimated). Federal Funds: State STP  
Total Cost: \$1,250,000; Federal Share: \$1,000,000 Federal; State Funds: \$250,000

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the above-captioned project. Last winter's freeze-thaw cycle has accelerated the deterioration of pavement throughout the region and has resulted in roadway conditions that, in many places, could potentially cause damage to motor vehicles using the affected roadways.

Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of this project to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public well-being or safety.

This project does not involve the construction of new roadways or the addition of travel lanes and appears to be an exempt project type covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tyson Warner  
Executive Director

C: **FHWA:** Joyce Newland; **INDOT:** Lisa Shrader, Julie Ritzler; Jeanette Wilson **INTERNAL:** Gary Evers, Steve Strains; **OTHER:** ICG Members (via e-mail)