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Mr. Jerry Halperin, MPO Coordinator
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: **NW Indiana FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #23 (Emergency). DES 1298671: US 30 Rail Crossing Reconstruction (in
LaPorte County, near Hanna) \$150,000 Total \$120,000 Federal.**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the above-captioned project. This is an INDOT project that involves reconstruction of an extremely deteriorated rail crossing owned by the Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad (CKIN). The railroad lacks the financial resources to make the rail-bed improvements needed to make the crossing safe for the motoring public. INDOT has agreed to make the needed improvements with its own federal and state funds.

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

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