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## RESOLUTION 11-12

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

**June 23, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the preparation of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a necessary and required part of the metropolitan area transportation planning process as specified in 23 CFR 450.314; and

**WHEREAS**, the work tasks described within the FY 2011-2012 UPWP constitute the agency's work program for the Northwest Indiana region in conjunction with the programs of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and planning projects by other agencies, keeping this three-county metropolitan planning area compliant with federal planning requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, this program has been prepared for planning (PL), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds through the Federal Highway Administration, Section 5303 technical study funds through the Federal Transit Administration, Sections 5307 and 5323 and planning funds through the Federal Transit Administration, private foundation, and NIRPC's locally derived funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the work elements contained in the program respond to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwest Indiana and are in keeping with federal requirements found in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users and their regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, all regional transportation and other significant planning projects in the three-county region should be included in the UPWP; and

**WHEREAS**, the FHWA-IN is requiring all MPOs to update the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to include the 2012 planning emphasis areas (PEAs); and

**WHEREAS**, the planning emphasis areas for 2012 are: the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan Compliance, the Status of Quarterly Project Tracking Report, and the Planning and Environmental Linkages- FHWA Every Day Counts Innovative Initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, the ADA Transition Plan activities will include two workshops that will be hosted by FHWA to help MPO's members to outline strategies to implement Transition Plan development. The goal of these workshops is to have an interim Transition Plan adopted by the local government's policy boards by the end of Calendar Year 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, this will enable FHWA to address concerns with local governments over funding transportation projects without them having any transition plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Quarterly Project Tracking Report activities require NIRPC to document the method for tracking projects quarterly including managing changes with INDOT or others to ensure project schedules are kept consistent and up to date, and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning & Environmental Linkages activities require NIRPC to program a work element in the UPWP to include this initiative. This work element will help NIRPC to consider environmental issues early in the transportation planning process and use information and analysis conducted in planning in the NEPA process; and

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC prepared and updated the related work elements to amend the UPWP for FY 2012 without any changes to the budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts an amendment to the fiscal Year 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to update the 2012 portion of the program.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on the twenty third day of June, 2011.



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Tom McDermott, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Ken Layton, Secretary