

## **RESOLUTION 16-39**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMMENDMENT NO. 3 TO THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMPANION FOR NORTHWESTERN INDIANA**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Council of Governments, representing all local governments in the region has established a comprehensive planning process including the three domains of environmental, economic development and transportation planning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; to annually endorse the plans and programs; to facilitate federal transportation funding for the Indiana Department of Transportation, regional communities and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission performs the above mentioned activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act of 2015 (FAST Act), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating 3-C transportation activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion is the product of a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has analyzed the benefits and burdens of the implementation of the expansion project listed in the attachment, and has found that there are no unfair burdens, nor unfair lack of benefits for low income and minority populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the project was subjected to NIRPC's Congestion Management Process analysis and were found to be consistent; and

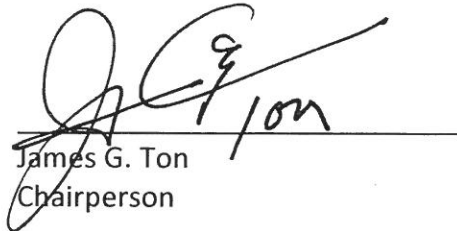
**WHEREAS**, the Commission has solicited public comment on the proposed amendment, and the comment from which and the responses to them have been made available; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIRPC Technical Policy Committee acted on October 11, 2016 to recommend inclusion of the transportation expansion project as an amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission found it necessary to amend the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion to include the project listed in the attachment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Commission hereby adopts this Amendment #3 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this eighth day of December, 2016.

  
James G. Ton  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Geof R. Benson  
Secretary

## 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #3

Amendment #3 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion will add a project to the Capacity Expansion Projects published on P II-62 of the Plan. The revised Capacity Expansion Projects table will include in the Open to Traffic by 2020 list:

- **SR-249 Additional Access Bridge to Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor** (adds a second bridge (one lane in each direction for a total of 2 lanes in each direction including the existing bridge) on SR-249 connecting to the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor.

*Open-to-traffic date:* Before January 1, 2020

*Beginning Point:* SR-249 at Existing Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor Bridge

*End Point:* Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor

*Project Sponsor:* Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)