

RESOLUTION 17-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMMENDMENT NO. 4 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

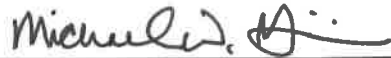
WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the proposed amendment, and the comment from which and the responses to them have been made available; and

WHEREAS, the NIRPC Technical Policy Committee acted on May 9, 2017 to recommend inclusion of two new transportation expansion projects, and adjustments to two others 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 #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this eighteenth day of May, 2017.



Michael W. Griffin
Chairman

ATTEST:



Diane Noll
Secretary

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Amendment #4

Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion will add one new project onto the list of financially-constrained capacity expansion projects. The project is as follows:

- **Double tracking and related improvements on the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District's line from Gary to Michigan City.** Project is 25.1 miles in length, with 16.4 miles of new track.

Open-to-traffic date: Before January 1, 2025

Project Sponsor: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD)

Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion will move one project from the "Illustrative List of Projects" list into the list of financially-constrained capacity expansion projects. The project is as follows:

- **West Lake Extension** of the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District from Hammond south to Dyer. Project is nine miles in length with termini at the current mainline in Hammond to Main Street in Munster/Dyer.

Open-to-traffic date: Before January 1, 2025

Project Sponsor: Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD)

Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion will revise the scopes of two project that are currently in the list of financially constrained capacity expansion projects. The revised scopes are as follows:

- **Illiana Expressway** completion date moved from 2020 to 2040 to align with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, which has already moved the Illinois piece of the project to 2040 in their documents.

Open-to-traffic date: Before January 1, 2040

Project Sponsors: Indiana & Illinois Departments of Transportation (INDOT & IDOT)

- **I-65 Added Travel Lanes from US 30 to State Road 10** (adds one travel lane in each direction for a total of six). Changes southern terminus from State Road 10 to State Road 2.

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

Project Sponsor: Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)