

## RESOLUTION 18-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE  
FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,  
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA  
AMENDMENT NO. 13  
July 19, 2018**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*, as amended; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and


**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and


**WHEREAS**, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this nineteenth day of July, 2018.

  
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Geoff R. Benson  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Karen Freeman-Wilson  
Secretary

## 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

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### Local Projects/Project Phases

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1601211	Lake County	Truck Stop Electrification. CMAQ Equipment. 3P Agreement	Eliminate Project	CMAQ Chicago UZA	PE	2018	\$ (433,732)	\$ 329,386	\$ (104,346)
Lake county does not want continue with this P3 project									
1592338	LaPorte County	Economic Corridor Study	Add project	STBG II Michigan City UZA	PL	2018	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000
The county requests funds for this study.									
1601157	Crown Point	109th Ave Access Control, Delaware Pkwy to SR 53, includes median construction	Add Phase	HSIP Chicago UZA	PE	2018	\$ 40,506	\$ 36,455	\$ 4,051
The city wishes to add this phase to FY 18									
1173430	Portage	Central Ave; From County Line Rd to Willowcreek Road	Add Phase	DEMO	PE	2019	\$ 56,085	\$ 56,085	\$ -
The City wishes to add this phase to FY 19.									

# Public Comment Report

## Amendments #13 and #14 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission July 2, 2018

Amendments #13 and #14 of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program were released for a 30-day public comment period which began on June 1, 2018 and ended July 1, 2018. The amendments were made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). One comment was received.

The comment and staff response follow.

Comment Received	Manner Considered by Staff	Significant?	Need to Modify?
If it is planned to leave big potholes in residential roads like Forest Dr. Then classes should be held to teach us how to fix our own streets.	A reply email was sent out asking for further clarification. No response was returned.	No	No

The projects that were part of Amendments #13 were already part of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Per the NIRPC Public Participation Plan (PPP) an amendment must undergo a 7-day (for minor amendments) or a 30-day (for major amendments) comment period. NIRPC decided to put this project on a 30-day comment period to match Amendment #14 (for INDOT projects being added to the TIP). This comment period lasted from June 1 to July 1, 2018. No public meeting is required for these amendments.

These amendments were created with the input of both the Lake - Porter and the LaPorte Transportation Resources Oversight Committee (TROC). The membership of these committees consists of representatives of the local public agencies (LPAs) that are located within the Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties urbanized areas. As outlined in the NIRPC committee structure, this is the first step in the approval of an amendment. Following the TROC meeting, the amendment and any comments received are presented to the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) for a vote on whether or not to recommend adoption of the amendment to the NIRPC Commission. The NIRPC Commission is provided with the amendment and any comments received are provided to the Commission as part of the agenda packet. The Executive Board (or Commission, if it is a full commission meeting) then votes on whether or not to adopt the amendment.

NIRPC always appreciates constructive suggestions in how it can continue to improve its outreach activities. Thank you for taking the time to comment. Hopefully the above information helps to shed light on the process of creating and approving TIP amendments. This comment and any others received will be provided in a public comment report to the TPC as well as the NIRPC Commission prior to any action by those bodies. This comment report will also be made publicly available on our website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org).