

RESOLUTION 19-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION AMENDING THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN
UPDATE COMPANION TO INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY NON-
EXEMPT REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS IN LAPORTE COUNTY
AMENDMENT NO. 7**

February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, 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 (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 implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone; and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County has been designated as a maintenance area with respect to the 1997 "8-hour" standard for ozone; and

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule in 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 requires all Transportation Conformity non-exempt and regionally significant projects to be included in a Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion is the Commission's Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #7 between January 11, 2019 and February 9, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion by adding the Transportation Conformity non-exempt and regionally significant projects in LaPorte County as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-first day of February, 2019.



Diane Noll
Chairperson

ATTEST:



George Topoll
Secretary

2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #7

Amendment #7 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion adds regionally significant, non-exempt projects that are subject to Transportation Conformity requirements in LaPorte County to Table II - 17 on page II - 62. The additions to the table resulting from Amendment #7 are shown below.

Additions to Table II - 17 on page II - 62:

Projects Complete by 2020	Beginning Point	End Point	Sponsor
US-20 Added Travel Lanes, Construct Turn Lanes	US-421	US-35/SR-212	INDOT
US-20 Interchange Modification at US-35/SR-212	Meer Rd	US-35/SR-212 Interchange	INDOT
US-20 New Interchange at SR-2	1,590 feet from US-20/SR-2 Interchange	1,590 feet from US-20/SR-2 Interchange	INDOT