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In Reply Refer To:  
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Ms. Lyndsay Quist  
Deputy Commissioner Capital Program Management  
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Quist:

We have completed our review of the INDOT's MPO Amendment 3 to the FY 2024-2028 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dated October 16, 2023 and revised on December 1, 2023 due to FHWA's comments. This amendment is for the inclusion of the following documents by reference:

- **Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG)**  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-MACOG-01-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-MACOG-02-draft.pdf>
- **Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC)**  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-01-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-02-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-03-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-05-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-06-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-07-draft.pdf>

INDOT, MACOG and NIRCC have re-demonstrated fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, and provided opportunity for public comment and involvement, where applicable, regarding the documents identified above. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for the STIP.

FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) take formal action, through the development of the Federal Planning Finding (FPF), to evaluate and ensure that the STIP and MPO TIPs are developed according to statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, as well as 23 CFR part 450, 500, and 49 CFR part 613. FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220 (b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the STIP, or amended STIP. Based on the recently conducted FPF (dated August 31, 2023), FHWA and FTA find that the amended Indiana FY2024-2028 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and is approving the amended STIP (as recorded in MPO Amendment 3) subject to the corrective

actions outlined in the FPF. FHWA and FTA will continue to partner with the INDOT to ensure the previously developed action plan is implemented to address the corrective actions. If progress is not made in addressing the corrective actions, future amendments to the FY2024-2028 STIP, or adoption of the FY2026-2030 STIP, may not be approved by USDOT.

FHWA only recognizes years 2024-2027 in the STIP. Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2024-2027 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Erica Tait at 317-226-7481 or e-mail at [erica.tait@dot.gov](mailto:erica.tait@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

For: Jermaine R. Hannon  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Michael McNeil, INDOT  
April Leckie, INDOT  
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**Eric Holcomb, Governor**  
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December 1, 2023

Mr. Jermaine R. Hannon, Division Administrator  
FHWA Indiana Division  
575 North Pennsylvania St., Room 254  
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Dear Mr. Hannon:

The Indiana Department of Transportation requests the projects listed in STIP Amendment 24-MPO-03 to be incorporated into the 2024-2028 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2024-2027 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

The required Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documents have been included in this request and duly noted in the Amendment. We have determined that the proposed amendments are: 1) consistent with the transportation plan; 2) the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects; and 3) conform to state and national air quality standards.

## MACOG

<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-MACOG-01-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-MACOG-02-draft.pdf>

The total dollar amount of this amendment is \$6,218,529 (for fiscal years 2024-2027), has been verified with FHWA.

## NIRCC

<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-01-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-02-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-03-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-05-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-06-draft.pdf>  
<https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP-2024-MPO-24-03-NIRCC-07-draft.pdf>

The total dollar amount of this amendment is \$14,326,458 (for fiscal years 2024-2027), has been verified with FHWA.

The grand total of the amendment is \$20,544,987.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Should you have any questions pertaining to this amendment, please contact Michael McNeil, STIP Specialist at (317) 232-0223 or at [mmcneil@indot.in.gov](mailto:mmcneil@indot.in.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael McNeil". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the main signature, the word "for" is written in a smaller, simpler font.

April Leckie, Planning Manager  
Intermediate Range Planning Division