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March 19, 2008

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Joe Gustin
Deputy Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Gustin:

We have completed our review of Amendment FY-08-24 to the FY 2008-2011 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP), transmitted by INDOT's letter dated via e-mail on March 19, 2008 (see enclosure), and it is approved for inclusion into the INSTIP.

If you have any questions, please call David Franklin, Planning and Environmental Specialist, at (317) 226-7489 or email at david.franklin@fhwa.dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Tally, Jr., P.E.
Division Administrator

Enclosure

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March 19, 2008

Mr. Robert F. Talley, Jr., P.E.
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Subject: Emergency Amendment Request (08-24)

Dear Mr. Talley:

The Indiana DOT submits for consideration our request to approve the I-65, 109th Street Interchange at Crown Point Interchange project for amendment to the current STIP. The amendment is only for preliminary engineering and right-of-way activities, as construction activities have already been included in the current STIP.

We believe the project to meet the financial constraint, air quality conformity and public involvement criteria for STIP amendment. This project would be financial "neutral" and not impact the overall constraint of the STIP, due to it being funded with federal High Priority funds. In addition, the project is already listed in the NIRPC TIP for construction, and is therefore seen as air quality "neutral," and has undergone public involvement. Once the STIP amendment is approved, we will update the fiscal constraint spreadsheet shortly.

Should there be any questions, please contact me at 317-232-5646

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen C. Smith".

Stephen C. Smith

SCS/JAH/jh
cc: file

March 19, 2008

Mr. Robert E. Tally, Jr., Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Attention: Mr. David Franklin
575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Room 254
Indianapolis, IN 46204

SUBJECT: 2008-2011 AMENDMENT #08-24 (Emergency)

Dear Mr. Tally:

INDOT is requesting the following projects be amended in the FY 2008-FY 2011 INSTIP.
If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith, Acting Manager
Urban and Corridor Planning

TOTAL 2,616,000

DES	Route Type	Route Number	Location	County	Work Type	Work Category	Phase	Phase Year	Amount	Funding	Remarks
0500468	I	65	New Interchange at 109th St, Lake County	Lake	New Interchange	New Interchange	PE	2008	\$ 1,416,000	IM	Add to STIP
0500468							RW	2008	\$ 1,200,000	IM	Add to STIP



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RESOLUTION 08-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING
FISCAL YEAR 2008-2011 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
AMENDMENTS NO. 5 and NO. 7
February 28, 2008**

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 regional requirements under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, as amended, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the 1970 Clean Air Act, as amended, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991; the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2011 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 *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended; and

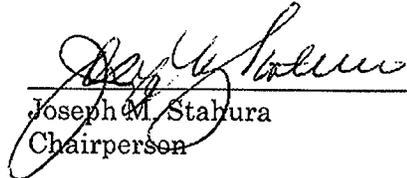
WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *Connections 2030* Regional Transportation Plan, as amended, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2008-2011 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. Department of Transportation Chicago Metropolitan Office, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by these amendments were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group.

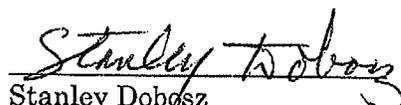
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the Fiscal Year 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program by making the changes for the project sponsors and applicants as shown on the attachments to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-eighth day of February 2008.



Joseph M. Stahura
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Stanley Dobosz
Secretary



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March 14, 2008

Mr. Jerry Halperin
Urban & Corridor Planning
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue, Room N926
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2218

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendments #5 and #7**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Enclosed is Resolution 08-04, adopted by the Commission on February 28, 2008. This action makes changes to our Transportation Improvement Program. The list of affected projects is attached to the resolution.

Please note that this resolution encompasses two amendments. Amendment #5 contains Preliminary Engineering and Right-of Way phases for one non-exempt, capacity expansion project (DES 0500468: New Interchange at I-65 and 109th St). The action to add these missing phases (to the already included construction activity) has been cleared for inclusion by FHWA. All projects listed in Amendment #7 are air quality neutral (i.e., exempt) from the conformity regulation.

The transit-related projects, while included herein, are being transmitted under separate cover to the INDOT Office of Transit for approval by FTA. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Steve Strains
Director of Planning

Enclosure

Via e-mail: FTA/FHWA Chicago Metro Office: Vanessa Adams, Chris DiPalma

Attachment #1 to Resolution 08-04
Northwest Indiana FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment #5 (Revised January 22, 2008)

For Board Approval

Non-Exempt, Regionally Significant INDOT Projects

TIP Action: Add Phases & Adjust Funding Year to an Existing Non-Exempt Project

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		Regionally Significant?
						Status	Table	
INDOT	I-65: New Interchange at 109th St (Lake County) DES 0500468 PE TIP Action: Add PE activity to TIP.	2008	\$ 1,416,000	\$ 1,132,800	\$ 283,200	Non-Exempt	2010 Network, Project #95 Page 7	Yes
INDOT	I-65: New Interchange at 109th St (Lake County) DES 0500468 RW TIP Action: Add RW activity to TIP.	2008	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 960,000	\$ 240,000	Non-Exempt	2010 Network, Project #95 Page 7	Yes
<p>PE and RW activities for this new interchange project were inadvertently omitted from the list of projects submitted by INDOT for inclusion in the 2008-2011 TIP. Only the construction project was programmed. INDOT asks that the PE & RW phases now be included in the TIP. The entire project was, however, modeled and included in the conformity determination. With the change below it is being added to the 2010 network.</p>								
INDOT	I-65: New Interchange at 109th St (Lake County) DES 0500468 CN Project advanced to 2009 from 2010	2009	\$ 17,712,234	\$ 14,169,787	\$ 3,542,447	Non-Exempt	2010 Network, Project #95 Page 7	Yes

As noted above, the project was modeled and included in the conformity determination and listed there as project #95 (page 9) and shown as part of the 2020 network. INDOT has requested that the construction phase for this project be advanced to FFY 2009 (letting in Oct 2008). The City of Crown Point has advised that the open to traffic date will occur after January 1, 2010--which is unchanged from the original programming and consistent with the conformity determination. This change does not move the project into the 2010 network in the conformity determination. Funding is unchanged.

**Attachment #2 to Resolution 08-04
Northwest Indiana FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment #7**

For Board Approval

Local Highway Projects

TIP Action: Modify Existing Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
City of Hammond	169th St Reconstruction Phase III: (Southeastern Ave to Lindberg) FHWA STP Group I DES 0201176 CN	2008	\$ 7,927,225	\$ 6,341,780	\$ 1,585,445	Exempt	Table 2, #10 & 41. Table 3, #2	n/a
	TIP Change: Increase Cost & Federal Funds		\$ 701,000	\$ 560,800	\$ 140,200			
	Revised Total		\$ 8,628,225	\$ 6,902,580	\$ 1,725,645			
Porter County	Reconstruct Porter County Bridge #1010: Jolliet Rd over CSX RR at County Line (FHWA Bridge Funds) DES 0200777 CN	2008	\$ 575,800	\$ 460,640	\$ 115,160	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
	TIP Change: Increase Cost/Federal Funds*		\$ 187,500	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500			
	Revised Total		\$ 763,300	\$ 610,640	\$ 152,660			
Porter County	Reconstruct Porter County Bridge #1014: Calumet Ave over CSX RR (FHWA Bridge & STP Group I) DES 0500093 CN	2008	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 960,000	\$ 240,000	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
	TIP Change: Reduce Cost/Federal Funds*		\$ (187,500)	\$ (150,000)	\$ (37,500)			
	Revised Total		\$ 1,012,500	\$ 810,000	\$ 202,500			
City of Hammond	Signalization at multiple locations in Hammond DES 9980120	2009	\$ 1,351,250	\$ 1,081,000	\$ 270,250	Exempt	Table 3, #2	n/a
	FHWA STP Group I Phase: CN							
	TIP Action: Delete Project & Replace with Two Separate Projects							
City of Hammond	Columbia Ave Signalization Project DES 9980130 Phase: CN	2009	\$ 776,000	\$ 621,000	\$ 155,000	Exempt	Table 3, #2	n/a
	Hohman Ave Signalization Project DES 9980120 Phase: CN		\$ 575,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 115,000			
	Oak Savannah/Lake George Trail (FHWA STP Group I) DES 0400754 CN		\$ 1,138,500	\$ 910,800	\$ 227,700			
City of Hobart	TIP Change: Increase Cost/Federal Funds*	2008	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	Exempt	Table 2, #18	n/a
	Revised Total		\$ 1,388,500	\$ 1,110,800	\$ 277,700			
City of East Chicago	Railroad Avenue Overpass (FHWA TCS/NC/DPD/330) DES 0200188 CN	2008	\$ 7,323,665	\$ 5,838,165	\$ 1,485,500	Exempt	Table 2, #3	n/a
	TIP Change: Increase Cost/Federal Funds*		\$ 939,228	\$ 751,382	\$ 187,846			
	Revised Total		\$ 8,262,893	\$ 6,589,547	\$ 1,673,346			

* From Unallocated FHWA STP Group I Fund Balance (Chicago UA)

INDOT Highway Projects

TIP Action: Modify Existing Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
INDOT	US 35: Replace Bridge over Kankakee River just N of Starke/LaPorte County Line (CN Phase already in TIP) DES 9800130 TIP Action: Add PE Phase	2008	\$ 63,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 13,000	Exempt	Table 2, #19	n/a
		2008	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000			
INDOT	US 30: Signalization--HES/HSIP Project for Traffic Signal Upgrade on US 30 from Polo Club Drive to K-Mart Drive. (CN already programmed under DES 0501098, 0501099, and 0501102.) DES 0800036 TIP Action: Add PE Phase	2008	\$ 20,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 2,000	Exempt	Table 2, #2	n/a
INDOT	US 30: Signalization--HES/HSIP Project for Traffic Signal interconnect project on US 30 from Rhode Island St to Taney Place. (CN also programmed for 2008.) DES 0501102 TIP Action: Add PE Phase	2008	\$ 19,789	\$ 17,810	\$ 2,000	Exempt	Table 2, #2; Section 93.128	n/a

FTA Section 5309 Rail Modernization Program

TIP Action: Modify Existing FFY 2008 Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
						Status	Table	
NICTD	Signal/Catenary Improvements	Existing	8,750,000	7,000,000	1,750,000	Exempt	Table 2, #26	n/a
		Change	(6,250,000)	(5,000,000)	(1,250,000)			
		Proposed	2,500,000	2,000,000	500,000			
NICTD	Repair Electrical Substations	Existing	175,000	140,000	35,000	Exempt	Table 2, #26	n/a
		Change	(91,956)	(73,565)	(18,391)			
		Proposed	83,044	66,435	16,609			
NICTD	Kensington Improvements	Existing	1,250,000	1,000,000	250,000	Exempt	Table 2, #29	n/a
		Change	6,250,000	5,000,000	1,250,000			
		Proposed	7,500,000	6,000,000	1,500,000			