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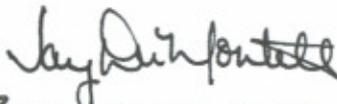
Mr. Joe Gustin
Deputy Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 Senate Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Gustin:

We have completed our review of your request to amend an emergency bridge project into the current the FY 2008-2011 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP), transmitted informally to us by INDOT on May 27th, 2008 (see enclosure). This amendment was delayed due to the lack of consultation required for projects located in air quality non-attainment areas, but we have received notice of concurrence from USEPA that the project may proceed. It is therefore approved for inclusion into the INSTIP. Please incorporate this project into your tracking forms as Amendment 08-31.

If you have any questions, please call Jay DuMontelle, Planning/Project Delivery Team Leader, at (317) 226-7491 or email at Jay.DuMontelle@FHWA.DOT.GOV.

Sincerely yours,


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

Enclosure

CC: April Schwering, INDOT
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Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2008 4:49 PM
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Subject: RE: FW: TIP Amendment: SR 912 Bridge Pier #7 Repair (Emergency) DES 0800361

Bill,

I concur that this project appears to be exempt in nature and should proceed accordingly.

-Chris DiPalma

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Re: FW: TIP Amendment: SR 912 Bridge Pier #7 Repair (Emergency) DES 0800361

Bill,

I agree that this is an exempt project and can proceed.

Pat

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FW: TIP Amendment: SR 912 Bridge
Pier #7 Repair (Emergency) DES
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The Indiana Department of Transportation needs to immediately address the emergency bridge repair project on SR-912. The new conformity SIP Interagency Consultation Procedures include a provision for limited consultation for exempt projects (Section III-e):

e. Limited Consultation Required:

TP/TIP amendments/updates that only involve exempt projects will be handled in an expedited fashion. NIRPC will forward the project list to the ICG and request that any comments be submitted back to NIRPC within 1-week if there are questions regarding the exempt status of any projects. No response from the ICG will be construed as agency concurrence in the finding that the projects are exempt. ICG members who are not available during the 1 week timeframe should appoint a backup to review these proposed amendments or with an out of office message will be given additional time. The AQCA documentation and/or resolution adopting the amendment will specifically state that the list of exempt projects was circulated to the ICG and there is ICG concurrence that the associated projects are exempt.

The ICG procedures do not specifically provide for emergency situations, where a catastrophic failure has been determined to be imminent and immediate action is required. Please send your comments as soon as possible if you disagree with the exempt nature of this project and believe that further interagency consultation is necessary.

Bill Brown

From: Bill Brown [mailto:wbrown@nirpc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 10:16 AM
To: Andy Minyo; Brian Callahan; Chris DiPalma; Dorreen Carey; Gale Ferris; Gordon Smith; Janice Osadcuk; Larry Heil; Michael Leslie; Mike McPhillips; Mike Rogers; Pat Morris; Patricia Berry; Reginald Arkell; Rodney Sommerville; Ronald Novak; Ross Patronsky; Shawn Seals; Steve Smith; Vanessa Adams
Subject: FW: TIP Amendment: SR 912 Bridge Pier #7 Repair (Emergency) DES 0800361

From: Gary Evers [mailto:gevers@nirpc.org]
Sent: Friday, May 23, 2008 3:51 PM
To: Jerry Halperin
Cc: Marcia Blansett; Wayne Skinner; Mike McPhillips; Christopher DiPalma (FTA); Bill Brown; Lisa Shrader; Steve Strains; John Swanson
Subject: TIP Amendment: SR 912 Bridge Pier #7 Repair (Emergency) DES 0800361

Jerry.....Attached is our TIP Amendment #10, an emergency amendment intended to advance a needed repair to this bridge. SR 912 is also known as the "Highway Construction Workers Memorial Highway," so named after a portion of this elevated roadway collapsed while under construction back in the 1980's (killing a number of laborers).

I did speak with LaPorte District staff who confirmed the deteriorating condition noted by you in the inspection engineering report.

Our hope is that the repairs may be made at the earliest possible time.
Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.....Gary(See attached file: Amendment 10 Emergency SR 912 Bridge 22May2008.pdf)



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May 22, 2008

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Indiana Department of Transportation
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**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #10 (Emergency)
DES 0800361: SR 912 Emergency Bridge Repair (Pier 7) \$985,000 NHS**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the project identified above. INDOT has recently completed an inspection of the entire bridge superstructure and advises that immediate work is needed to arrest and correct advanced deterioration on one of the bridge piers (#7). This pier is located on a curve south of Dickey Road and east of the bridge over the Indiana Harbor Canal in East Chicago. A delay in the repair of this pier brought about by the standard TIP amendment process would permit both further deterioration of the pier and prolonged public exposure to a potentially catastrophic situation. Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we are approving the addition of this project with no further action by the Commission.

The project involves bridge repair, does not add travel lanes, and is an exempt project type listed in 40 CFR Part 93.126d.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

John A. Swanson
Executive Director

C: Chris DiPalma, Jerry Halperin; Marcia Blansett; Bill Brown