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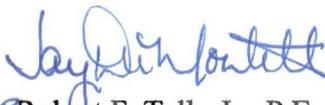
Mr. Joe Gustin, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Planning  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
100 N. Senate Ave., IGCN 808  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Gustin:

We have completed our review of your request to amend an additional contract into the 2008-2011 STIP. The purpose of the amendment was to include two additional bridge piers for a bridge on SR 912, in northwest Indiana. This contract was approved by the Northwest Indiana MPO, and your request transmitted to FHWA electronically on July 3, 2008. The request is hereby approved. Since this a portion of this project was already reviewed and found exempt for air quality conformity with STIP Amendment 08-31, additional documentation was not required.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jay DuMontelle, our program manager for planning, at (317) 226-7491 or [Jay.DuMontelle@FHWA.DOT.GOV](mailto:Jay.DuMontelle@FHWA.DOT.GOV).

Sincerely yours,

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

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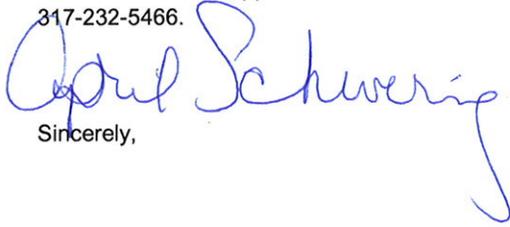
July 3, 2008

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 #08-36 (Emergency)

Dear Mr. Tally:

Please review and approve this amendment as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at 317-232-5466.



Sincerely,

**TOTAL** 348,997

April Schwering, Acting Manager  
Programming Section

DES	Route		Location	County	Work Type	Work Category	Phase	Phase Year	Amount	Funding	Remarks
	Type	Number									
0800849	SR	912	Piers 4 & 5 over over Gary Avenue (temporary beam support)	Lake	Bridge Maintenance And Repair	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)	CN	2009	\$ 348,997	Other	District Construction



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July 2, 2008

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

**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program:  
Amendment #11 (Emergency)  
DES 0800849: SR 912 Emergency Bridge Repair (Piers 4 & 5 over Gary Ave)  
\$348,997 100% State Funds**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

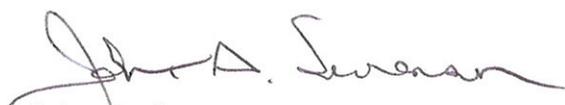
We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the project identified above. INDOT has recently completed an inspection of this bridge and advises that immediate work is needed to install temporary beam support. This bridge is located on the North/South leg of SR 912 just west of the I-90 (Toll Road) exit. This bridge is scheduled for rehabilitation in 2009. The support work is needed immediately.

A delay in the repair of this pier brought about by the standard TIP amendment process would permit further deterioration of the pier and potentially result in a closure of this busy urban expressway. 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