July 27, 2011

In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Jim Stark
Deputy Commissioner
Planning and Project Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Stark:

We have completed our review of Amendment #12-01 to the FY 2012-2015 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as transmitted by INDOT’s letter dated via e-mail July 27, 2011. The amendment is for:

- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission’s FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.

We received the Governor’s approval letter and we have issued the conformity finding for the NIRPC TIP. FHWA approves it for inclusion into the STIP.

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Newland, Planning Program Manager, at (317) 226-5353 or e-mail at joyce.newland@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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

Attachment
cc: transmitted by e-mail
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT
July 27, 2011
Federal Highway Administration
Attention: Ms. Joyce Newland
575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Room 254
Indianapolis, IN 46204

SUBJECT: 2012-2015 Amendment 12-01

Dear Mr. Tally:
INDOT is requesting the 2012-2015 NIRPC TIP be amended into the FY 2012-FY 2015 STIP. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

April Schwerin, Director
Intermediate Range Planning

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July 21, 2011

Mr. John A. Swanson
Executive Director
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
6100 Southport Road
Portage, IN 46368

Dear Mr. Swanson:

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has completed its review of the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program for Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. State and locally initiated transportation projects were reviewed for accuracy and compliance under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, and Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005 (SAFETEA-LU).

It is my pleasure to inform you that on behalf of Governor Mitchell E. Daniels Jr., I approve your FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program. This document will serve as support for the local and INDOT projects in your area that fall within the FY 2012-2015 timeline and will be included by reference in the FY 2012-2015 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. However, projects not shown by reference will be amended into the INSTIP upon request.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Audra Blasdel at 317-234-5142.

Sincerely,

Michael B. Cline
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation

MBC/JAH/jh

cc: Bob Zier
Jim Stark
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Deputy Commissioner
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Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Stark:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the documents necessary to make an air quality conformity finding on the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission’s (NIRPC’s) 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP) and the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and recommend that we find the 2040 CRP and the FY 2012-2015 TIP for the Northwestern Indiana metropolitan planning area conform to the applicable air quality conformity requirements. Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the conformity analyses were completed.

Therefore, FHWA and FTA find the NIRPC’s 2040 CRP and FY 2012-2015 TIP conform as required by the conformity rule. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newland, Planning & Environmental Specialist, at 317-226-5353 or at joyce.newland@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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

cc: transmitted by e-mail
John Swanson, NIRPC