April 14, 2009

Ms. Marisol R. Simon  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)  
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320  
Chicago, IL 60606

Mr. Robert F. Tally, Jr.  
Division Administrator  
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)  
575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: FY2008 - FY2001 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP) Transit Amendment #28

Dear Administrators;

Please find attached Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendments which need to be approved and included into the FY 2008 Indiana Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2009–2013 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2008-2011 INSTIP. The amendment resolution number is listed below:

- Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) (Resolution No. 22-09)

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 as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Buckel  
Manager  
Office of Transit

CC: Sandra Seanor, MACOG  
Steve Polito, FTA  
Andy Minyo, FTA  
Mary Doherty, INDOT  
Pam Williamson, INDOT
April 8, 2009

Larry Buckel
INDOT – Public Transit
100 N. Senate Ave. – Room N808
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216

Dear Larry:

Amend the FY2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program to include the following:

EXEMPT PROJECTS
ARRA Emergency TIP Administration Modifications & Amendments (Stimulus)
Transit
NICTD Initiated
A. NICTD Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
   Resolution 22-09 Add Project SFY: 2009
   Location: NICTD from S. Bend to New Carlisle
   Signal System Replacement
   Total: $1,542,464 Federal: $1,542,464 (ARRA)

TRANSPO Initiated
B. TRANSPO Initiated Administrative Modification Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
   Resolution 22-09 Reduce Federal Funds by $21,306,380
   Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
   Construction of TRANSPO’s New Operations/Maintenance/Administration Facility SFY: 2009
   Total: $3,693,620 Federal: $3,693,620 (ARRA)

C. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
   Resolution 22-09 Delete Project
   Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
   Purchase four ADA paratransit vehicles SFY: 2009
   Total: $280,000 Federal: $280,000 (ARRA)

D. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
   Resolution 25-09 Delete Project
   Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
   Comprehensive Route Analysis SFY: 2009
   Total: $200,000 Federal: $200,000 (ARRA)

E. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
   Resolution 22-09 Delete Project
   Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
   Purchase thirteen (13) hybrid/alternative vehicles 35’ SFY: 2009
   Total: $7,150,000 Federal: $7,150,000 (ARRA)

Elkhart/Goshen Initiated
F. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated Administrative Modification Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN
   Resolution 22-09 Increase Federal Funds by $270,000 SFY: 2009
   Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area
   Replace up to six trolley buses for Interurban Trolley
   Total: $1,380,000 Federal: $1,380,000 (ARRA)
G. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated  Administrative Modification  Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 22-09  Reduce Federal Funds by $140,000  SFY: 2009  
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area  
Expand up to one trolley bus for Interurban Trolley  
Total: $230,000  Federal: $230,000 (ARRA)

H. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated  Administrative Modification  Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 22-09  Reduce Federal Funds by $30,000  SFY: 2009  
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area  
Telephones/Communications Systems  
Total: $30,000  Federal: $30,000 (ARRA)

I. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated  Amendment  Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 22-09  Add Project  SFY: 2009  
Location: MACOG  
Office Equipment  
Total: $38,560  Federal: $38,560 (ARRA)

J. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated  Amendment  Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 22-09  Delete Project  SFY: 2009  
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area  
Transit Service Planning and Operational Analysis  
Total: $150,000  Federal: $150,000 (ARRA)

K. Elkhart/Goshen Initiated  Amendment  Exempt Project in Elkhart County, IN  
Resolution 22-09  Delete Project  SFY: 2009  
Location: Elkhart-Goshen Urbanized Area  
Operational Assistance for new route for three (3) years  
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The Michiana Area Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana Urbanized Areas, is hereby submitting an amendment to the FY2008-2013 TIP for Intergovernmental Review under the provisions of Executive Order 1271. The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the MACOG Policy Board using its Emergency Amendment Process on March 25th, 2009 and through its regularly scheduled MACOG Policy Board on April 8, 2009.

We are, therefore, offering our assurance that the document has been developed with and reviewed by the appropriate jurisdictions and governmental agencies within the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas. This includes the Indiana Department of Transportation and member jurisdictions and governmental agencies of the MACOG Policy Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact this agency if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Sandra M. Seelos  
Executive Director

SMS:sls  
Enclosure  
Cc: Shawn McMahan, INDOT  
    Joyce Newland, FHWA  
    Pat Morris, EPA  
    Stephen Polito, FTA  
    April Schwering, INDOT  
    Mary Doherty, INDOT  
    Larry Buckel
RESOLUTION NO. 22-09
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND AND
ELKHART/GOSHEN FY2008-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act:
A Legacy of Users (2005) designating joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit
Administration rules and regulations, under Section 134, Title 23 of the US Code (h) and
CFR, Part 450, Sub-part A, of the previous STAA act require the annual preparation of a
Transportation Improvement Program by the designated Metropolitan Planning
Organization(s) as a part of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas of
50,000 or more population; and

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) being the duly designated
Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/ Goshen Urbanized
Areas, in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the
urbanized areas, has prepared a FY2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP),
which consists of improvements recommended in the MACOG Region.

WHEREAS, the MACOG Policy Board from time to time receives and amends/modify its
Transportation Improvement Programs.

WHEREAS, the MACOG consulted with the Interagency consultation Group and the agencies
concerned in the MPO finding that the TIP amendment projects are exempt, per 40 CFR
93.126 & 127, and there is no need to update the conformity analysis or issue a new
conformity finding.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen FY2008-2013 TIP
will be amended to include the following:

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Emergency Amendment Approved March 25th, 2009

RESOLVED THIS 8th day of April 2009.

Michigan Area Council of Governments

Robert Kovach, Treasurer