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Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor
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February 23, 2012

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

RE: FY2012 - FY2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment #12

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2012 – 2015 federal aid project covered by this approval in our 2012 - 2015 STIP. The amendment is for the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) and the resolution number is 61-11 (attached). The projects are for Transpo and include Section 5307 and 5309 funds. The projects are listed below:

MPO	Project Description	DES #	Federal	Section
MACOG	Maintenance/Shop Equipment (DELETE)	1172788	$0	5307
MACOG	Intelligent Bus System	1297146	$80,000	5307
MACOG	Intelligent Bus System (moved from FY 2011)	1297148	$44,000	5307
MACOG	Bus Cameras	1297147	$100,000	5307
MACOG	Purchase 35ft Transit Vehicles	1297149	$3,320,000	5309

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

Larry Buckel
Manager
Office of Transit

CC: Sandi Seanor, MACOG
Karen Hamm, MACOG
Reggie Arkell, FTA

MACOG

December 14, 2011

Mr. Jerry Halperin
MPO Coordinator
INDOT, IGC N955
100 N. Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Halperin:

Please amend the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the FY 2012–2015 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the following:

TRANSIT – Resolution #61-11

A. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Delete Project SFY: 2012
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Maintenance/Shop Equipment
Total: $100,000 Federal: $80,000 Local: $20,000

DES # 1172788
(DELETE)

B. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2012
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Intelligent Bus System
Total: $100,000 Federal: $80,000 Local: $20,000

DES # 1297146

C. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Delete Project SFY: 2011
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Real Estate Demolition
Total: $180,000 Federal: $144,000 Local: $36,000

N/A (2011 Project)
(DELETE)

D. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Intelligent Bus System
Total: $55,000 Federal: $44,000 Local: $11,000

DES # 1297148

E. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011
Location: South Bend Urbanized Area
Bus Cameras
Total: $125,000 Federal: $100,000 Local: $25,000

DES # 1297147

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F. TRANSPO Initiated Amendment Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN
Resolution 61-11 Add Project SFY: 2011

Location: South Bend Urbanized Area

Purchase 35 ft Fixed Route Vehicles

Total: $3,688,889 Federal: $3,320,000 Local: $368,889 (Section 5309 Bus & Bus Facilities Program Funds)

DES # 1297149

The Michiana Area Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen, Indiana Urbanized Areas, is hereby submitting an amendment to the FY2012-2015 TIP and the 2012-2015 STIP for Intergovernmental Review under the provisions of Executive Order 1271. The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the MACOG Policy Board on December 14, 2011.

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. Seanor
Executive Director

SMS:cjk

Enclosure

Cc: Justin Sergent
Larry Buckel
Joyce Newland
Steve Polito
Joyce Taylor

RESOLUTION NO. 61-11
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND AND ELKHART/GOSHEN FY2012-2015 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 FY2012-2015 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/modifies its Transportation Improvement Programs.

WHEREAS, the MACOG consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies concurred 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 FY2012-2015 TIP will be amended to include the following:

Amend the FY2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Plan

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RESOLVED THIS 14th Day of December, 2011.

Michiana Area Council of Governments

Frank Lucchese, Chairman