March 10, 2014

Larry Buckel, Manager
Office of Transit
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Avenue, Room ICG-N 642
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2216

FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #11, dated February 24, 2014
FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #13, dated March 7, 2014

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment requests you submitted via correspondence dated February 14, 24, 28 and March 7, 2014. The requests add, delete, and alter projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Madison County Council of Governments, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, and Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization.

The amended TIPs have been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The non-deleted projects listed in the attached STIP amendment table (Attachment 1) are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIPs and STIP are financially constrained and that the projects are consistent with the relevant MPO and statewide transportation plans. The projects were developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and are exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The project changes are approved for the FY2014-2017 STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment approval, please contact Reginald Arkell at (312) 886-3704. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marisol R. Simón
Regional Administrator

Attachment: FY2014-2017 INDOT STIP Table Amendment #10, #11, #12 and #13

Cc: Josh Desmond, Director, Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
Jerrold Bridges, Executive Director, Madison County Council of Governments
Ty Warner, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Anna Gremling, Executive Director, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
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February 28, 2014

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

RE: FY2014 - FY2017 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 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2014–2017 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2014 - 2017 STIP. The amendment is for the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The resolution number for the NIRPC amendment is 14-07.

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: Reggie Arkell, FTA
    Belinda Petroskey, NIRPC
RESOLUTION 14-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE 2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 8

February 20, 2014

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana’s citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation stakeholder interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (2012), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); and

WHEREAS, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and
WHEREAS, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the transit project(s) as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twentieth day of February, 2014.

[Signature]
Brian Snedecor, Chairperson

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Secretary
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*Administered Amendment No. 08, February 11, 2014, TRANSIT ONLY*

*Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2014-2017*
Larry,

At their February Board meeting, the NIRPC Commissioners adopted the attached amendment to the FY 2014-2017 TIP. The project adds the Bikes on Trains Technical Study for FY 2014. Total project cost is $205,000. Funding source is Section 5307 funds previously programmed for regional planning by the RBA. Local match is being contributed by a partnership among NICTD, Porter and La Porte County Boards of Commissioners, Arcelor Mittal Steel, NIPSCO, the Regional Development Authority, the National Parks Conservation Association, and the Greenways Foundation.

This project will be included in the FY 2015-2016 UPWP now under development. A Request for Proposals for professional services will be developed and ready to issue once all approvals are received.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Belinda