May 6, 2014

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

Re: FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #16, dated April 22, 2014
FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #17, dated April 22, 2014

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment requests you submitted via correspondence dated April 22, 2014. The requests add projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

The amended TIPs have been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The 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 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 additions 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 #16, #17

Cc: Josh Desmond, Director, Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization
    Ty Warner, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
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April 22, 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 #17  

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 14-15.

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 14-15

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. 13

April 17, 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 seventeenth day of April, 2014.

[Signature]
Brian Snedecor, Chairperson

ATTEST:

[Signature]
Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Secretary
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**Local Public Transit Projects**

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

**Amendment No. 13, March 2014. TRANSPORT ONLY**