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October 29, 2014

Larry Buckel, Manager
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Re: FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #28, dated October 22, 2014

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment request you submitted via correspondence dated October 22, 2014. The request adds projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC).

The amended TIP has been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The projects listed in the attached STIP amendment table (Attachment 1) are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIP 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 #28

Cc: Ty Warner, Executive Director, NIRPC

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 FY2014-2017 STIP Amendment #28
 October 29, 2014

Date: 10/29/2014													
Number	DES	MPO	Sponsor Name	Project Description	Fiscal Year	Total	Federal	Local	Federal Funding Source	FTA Grant Number	MPO TIP YEAR	STIP Approval Date	Comments
210	1401026	NIRPC	East Chicago	Operating Assistance	2015	236,368	118,184	118,184	5307		2014		STIP Amend #28
211	1401230	NIRPC	GPTC	Driver Relief/Loop Facility	2015	1,000,000	800,000	200,000	5339		2014		STIP Amend #28
212	1401391	NIRPC	SLCCS	Architectural Services for Trans. Operations Center Improvements	2015	20,000	16,000	4,000	5339		2014		STIP Amend #28
213	1401389	NIRPC	Valparaiso	Bus Washing Machine	2015	30,000	24,000	6,000	5339		2014		STIP Amend #28
214	1401388	NIRPC	Valparaiso	Bus Garage and Transit Offices	2015	180,000	144,000	36,000	5339		2014		STIP Amend #28
215	1401390	NIRPC	Valparaiso	Ticket Kiosks and On-Board Fare Collect	2015	60,000	48,000	12,000	5339		2014		STIP Amend #28



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October 22, 2014

Ms. Marisol R. Simon
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
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RE: FY2014 - FY2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment #28

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 14-27.

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
Tony Greep, FTA
Belinda Petroskey, NIRPC



RESOLUTION 14-27

**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. 23**

October 16, 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

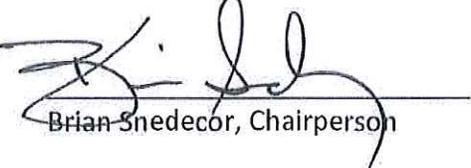
WHEREAS, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; and

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 sixteenth day of October, 2014.



Brian Snedecor, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Secretary

Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2014-2017
Amendment No. 23, Sept. 9, 2014 TRANSIT ONLY

Local Public Transit

ADD New Public Transit Projects

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Fund Type	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity		Regionally Significant
								Document Status	Reference Table	
1401026	East Chicago Public Transit	FY 2014 Operating Assistance	FTA Section 5307	FY 2015	\$ 236,368	\$ 118,184	\$ 118,184	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No
1401230	GPTC	Driver Relief/Loop Facility	FTA Section 5339	FY 2015	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No
1401391	SLCCS	Architectural Services for Trans. Operations Center Improvements	FTA Section 5339	FY 2015	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No
1401389	Valparaiso	Bus Washing Machine	FTA Section 5339	FY 2015	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No
1401388	Valparaiso	Bus Garage and Transit Offices	FTA Section 5339	FY 2015	\$ 180,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 36,000	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No
1401390	Valparaiso	Ticket Kiosks and On-Board Fare Collection	FTA Section 5339	FY 2015	\$ 60,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 12,000	Exempt	Table 2, #21	No