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Mr. Troy Woodruff
Deputy Commissioner
Planning and Project Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

We have completed our review of Emergency Amendment #12-44 to the FY 2012-2015 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as transmitted by INDOT in a letter dated via e-mail January 31, 2013. FHWA approves it for inclusion into the STIP.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Joyce Newland, Planning Program Manager, at (317) 226-5353 or e-mail at joyce.newland@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Bobo
Acting Division Administrator

Attachment
cc: transmitted by e-mail
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT

January 31, 2013
 Federal Highway Administration
 Attention: Ms. Joyce Newland
 575 N. Pennsylvania Street, Room 254
 Indianapolis, IN 46204

SUBJECT: 2012-2015 Emergency Amendment 12-44

Dear Mr. Marquis:
 INDOT is requesting the projects listed be amended into the FY 2012-FY 2015 STIP.
 If you have any questions, please contact me.

TOTAL \$150,000

Sincerely,


 April Schwering, Director
 Intermediate Range Planning

Sponsor	DES	Route	Work Type	Location	County	District	Miles	Federal Category	Asset Program - (State Projects Only)	Phase	Federal	Match	2012	2013	2014	2015	Estimated Cost Left to Complete Project	Remarks
INDOT	1298671	US 30	Railroad Crossing	2.45 Miles West of SR 39	LaPorte	LaPorte		NHS		CN	\$120,000	\$30,000		\$150,000				Added via Emergency Amendment #22 to 2012-2015 NIRPC TIP Jan 30, 2012.

Gary Evers

From: Halperin, Jerry <JHALPERIN@indot.IN.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 9:44 AM
To: Gary Evers
Cc: Shrader, Lisa
Subject: FW: NIRPC-TIP/STIP amendment request for des 1298671 - need expedited as safety concern
Attachments: 1298671.xls
Importance: High

Gary, is there anything you can do to expedite this amendment per Lisa's request. It would be appreciated.

Jerry Halperin
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
MPO Coordinator
Indiana Department of Transportation
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From: Shrader, Lisa
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2013 10:33 AM
To: Halperin, Jerry
Subject: NIRPC-TIP/STIP amendment request for des 1298671 - need expedited as safety concern
Importance: High

Jerry,

Please see if the attached NIRPC-TIP/STIP amendment can be expedited due to the following safety concern in which we need to get the crossing fixed expeditiously:

The condition of the at grade railroad crossing is unsafe due to the drop in elevation from the rail to the ties. The elevation drop makes controlling the vehicle through the crossing more difficult, potentially leading to accidents, and an increased chance of damage to the vehicle. A driver approaching the crossing would have a greater likelihood to slow down suddenly when seeing its poor condition, to the surprise of ensuing drivers; this could increase the number of rear end accidents. The crossing's conditions continue to deteriorate, and danger only increases with poor weather and icy conditions. INDOT proposes that the crossing be repaired immediately due to the threat posed to the safety of the motoring public.

Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Thank you kindly,
Lisa Shrader
Capital Program Management
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January 30, 2013

Mr. Jerry Halperin, MPO Coordinator
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955
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RE: **NW Indiana FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #23 (Emergency). DES 1298671: US 30 Rail Crossing Reconstruction (in
LaPorte County, near Hanna) \$150,000 Total \$120,000 Federal.**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the above-captioned project. This is an INDOT project that involves reconstruction of an extremely deteriorated rail crossing owned by the Chesapeake and Indiana Railroad (CKIN). The railroad lacks the financial resources to make the rail-bed improvements needed to make the crossing safe for the motoring public. INDOT has agreed to make the needed improvements with its own federal and state funds.

Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of this project to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public well-being or safety.

This project does not involve the construction of new roadways or the addition of travel lanes and appears to be an exempt project type covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tyson Warner
Executive Director

C: **FHWA:** Joyce Newland; **INDOT:** Marcia Blansett, Lisa Shrader, Julie Ritzler; **INTERNAL:** Bill Brown, Gary Evers, Steve Strains; **OTHER:** ICG Members (via e-mail)