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April 6, 2023

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Mr. JD Brooks
Deputy Commissioner of Operations
INDOT Operations
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Brooks:

We have completed our review of INDOT's Amendment #22-14 to the FY 2022-2026 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dated March 29, 2023, and revised on April 6, 2023, due to FHWA's comments. INDOT has re-demonstrated fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, where applicable, and provided opportunity for public comment and involvement on Amendment #22-14. FHWA considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for the STIP.

FHWA and FTA take formal action, through the development of the Federal Planning Finding (FPF), to evaluate and ensure that the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and MPO Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) are developed according to statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, as well as 23 CFR part 450, 500, and 49 CFR part 613. FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220 (b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the STIP, or amended STIP. Based on the recently conducted FPF (dated June 17, 2022), FHWA and FTA find that the amended Indiana FY2022-2026 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and is approving the amended STIP (as recorded in Amendment 22-14) subject to the corrective actions outlined in the FPF. FHWA and FTA will continue to partner with INDOT to ensure the previously developed action plan is implemented to address the corrective actions. If progress is not made in addressing the corrective actions, future amendments to the FY2022-2026 STIP, or adoption of the FY2024-2028 STIP, may not be approved by USDOT.

FHWA only recognizes years 2022-2025 in the STIP. Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2022-2025 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval or the associated FPF, please contact Erica Tait at 317-226-7481 or e-mail at erica.tait@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

For: Jermaine R. Hannon
Division Administrator

Enclosure

cc: April Leckie, INDOT
Michael McNeil, INDOT



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Mr. Jermaine R. Hannon, Division Administrator
FHWA Indiana Division
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Dear Mr. Hannon:

The Indiana Department of Transportation requests the projects listed in STIP Amendment 22-14 to be incorporated into the 2022-2026 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2022-2025 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

The required Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) documents have been included in this request and duly noted in the Amendment. 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.

FHWA considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for inclusion into the STIP.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Should you have any questions pertaining to this amendment, please contact Michael McNeil, STIP Specialist at (317) 232-0223 or at mmcneil@indot.in.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael McNeil" with "for" written below it.

April Leckie, Planning Manager
Intermediate Range Planning Division

Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
 State Preservation and Local Initiated Projects FY 2022 - 2026

SPONSOR	CONTR ACT # / LEAD DES	STIP NAME	ROUTE	WORK TYPE	DISTRICT	MILES	FEDERAL CATEGORY	Total Cost of Project*	PROGRAM	PHASE	FEDERAL	MATCH	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Lake County																	
Schererville	41850 / 1801911	A 14	ST 4340	New Bridge Construction	LaPorte	.4	STBG	\$9,780,652.00	Local Funds	RW	\$0.00	\$356,000.00		\$356,000.00			
									Local Bridge Program	RW	\$830,000.00	\$0.00		\$830,000.00			
									Local Funds	CN	\$0.00	\$5,385,000.00			\$5,385,000.00		
									Local Bridge Program	CN	\$3,161,000.00	\$0.00			\$3,161,000.00		
									Local Safety Program - 130	CN	\$0.00	\$0.00			\$0.00		
Performance Measure Impacted: Bridge Condition																	
Location: Kennedy Avenue over Canadian National and Norfolk Southern railways																	
Comments: NIRPC 20-17 AQC Exempt 6/16/2021.																	

Lake County Total	Federal: \$3,991,000.00	Match :\$5,741,000.00	2022:	2023: \$1,186,000.00	2024: \$8,546,000.00	2025:	2026:
Grand Total	Federal: \$3,991,000.00	Match : \$5,741,000.00	2022:	2023: \$1,186,000.00	2024: \$8,546,000.00	2025:	2026:

*Estimated Costs left to Complete Project column is for costs that may extend beyond the four years of a STIP. This column is not fiscally constrained and is for information purposes.

1801911		(Ver 4) 24-00	STATUS Programmed			FEDERAL
Title:	Bridge over Canadian National(LocalTraxx)(Schererville)(Phase 1)				Route:	N/A
Description:	Bridge over Canadian National and Norfolk Southern railways, Kennedy Ave between Division St & Scherland Dr in Schererville. This project is a Local Trax recipient and is part of the overall Kennedy Corridor Extension from Main St to US 30. This project is exempt from the requirement to determine conformity. This project is expected to be substantially completed by November 15, 2024. This project will improve congestion by eliminating an at-grade RR crossing.					
Project Type:	New Bridge, Other	AQ Exempt:	Exempt		District:	LaPorte
County:	Lake	Limits:	From Kennedy Ave to Kennedy Ave of Distance (mile) 0.08			
Narrative:	Moved all RW funds to FY 23. Revised RW & CN funds to Federal Local Bridge Funds.					
FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2022	State Special Projects	\$48,090	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,090
2023	Local Bridge	\$0	\$830,480	\$0	\$0	\$830,480
2023	Local Fund	\$0	\$355,920	\$0	\$0	\$355,920
2024	Local Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$2,341,171	\$820,235	\$3,161,406
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,384,756	\$0	\$5,384,756
2022-2026 TOTAL		\$48,090	\$1,186,400	\$7,725,927	\$820,235	\$9,780,652
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$48,090	\$1,186,400	\$7,725,927	\$820,235	\$9,780,652
Region: Northwestern MPO				Lead Agency: INDOT		