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Dear Mr. Nunnally:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the documents necessary to make an air quality conformity finding for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) planning documents. The NIRPC Metropolitan Planning Area is within the air quality conformity area comprised of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. The need for this new conformity finding stems from an amendment (24-02) to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) FY24-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Lake and Porter Counties are designated as Nonattainment for 2008 Ozone. Portions of Lake and Porter Counties are designated as Nonattainment for 2015 Ozone. Additionally, LaPorte County is designated as Maintenance for 1997 Ozone until July 19, 2027.

Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the amended TIP was completed. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and determined that air quality conformity requirements have been met.

This conformity finding supersedes all previous conformity findings for this MPO. Therefore, FHWA and FTA Region V affirms the following planning documents conform to air quality conformity rule requirements:

NIRPC 2050+ Metropolitan Transportation Plan (original)
NIRPC 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (including Amendment 24-02)

If you have any questions, please contact Erica Tait, FHWA, at 317-226-7481 or erica.tait@dot.gov; or Daniel Forbush, FTA, at 312-353-4343 or daniel.forbush@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

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2301188 (Ver 1) 24-02.2 STATUS **New Project** LOCAL

Title: Willowcreek Road Extension, Phase 2 **Route:** N/A
Description: Willowcreek Road extension, Phase 2, from CR 650 W to 1,200' north of SR 130
Project Type: Bridge - Other **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Porter **Limits:**
Narrative: Willowcreek Road extension, Phase 2, from CR 650 W to 1,200' north of SR 130

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	Local Fund	\$1,477,090	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,477,090
2025	Local Fund	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$13,590,000	\$0	\$13,590,000
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$1,477,090	\$300,000	\$13,590,000	\$0	\$15,367,090
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$1,477,090	\$300,000	\$13,590,000	\$0	\$15,367,090

Region: Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** Porter County

1173760 (Ver 11) 24-02.2 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

Title: Quality of Place / New Road Kennedy Ave (Phase 4) **Route:** N/A
Description: Kennedy Ave at intersection with Junction Ave, going South through to 67th St and then South to US 30. The added lanes will connect Kennedy Ave to US 30 and create a safer roadway for drivers and pedestrians.
Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Lake **Limits:** From Junction Ave to US 30 of Distance (mile) 0.83
Narrative: Carry project into 2024-2028 TIP, move PE funding to FY 25, update all estimates

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2025	Local Fund	\$748,000	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,248,000
2025	STBG Chicago UZA	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$12,200,000	\$0	\$12,200,000
<2024	Prior	\$548,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$548,664
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$1,148,000	\$3,500,000	\$12,200,000	\$0	\$16,848,000
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$1,696,664	\$3,500,000	\$12,200,000	\$0	\$17,396,664

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

Previously Approved Version

1173760 (Ver 10) 22-65

Title: Quality of Place / Added Travel Lanes at Kennedy Ave (Phase 4) **Route:** N/A
Description: Kennedy Ave at intersection with Junction Ave, going South through to 67th St and then South to US 30. The added lanes will connect Kennedy Ave to US 30 and create a safer roadway for drivers and pedestrians.
Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Lake **Limits:** From Junction Ave to US 30 of Distance (mile) 0.83
Narrative: Increased funding for RW

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$3,410,500	\$0	\$0	\$3,410,500
2024	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$89,500	\$0	\$0	\$89,500
<2022	Prior	\$548,664	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$548,664
>2026	Beyond	\$0	\$0	\$6,709,000	\$0	\$6,709,000
2022-2026 TOTAL		\$0	\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,500,000
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$548,664	\$3,500,000	\$6,709,000	\$0	\$10,757,664

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

1382603 (Ver 10) 24-02.2 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

Title: Quality of Place / Added Travel Lanes- Kennedy Ave (Phase 2) **Route:** N/A

Description: Project takes place along Kennedy Ave starting at Junction Ave and ending at Oak St. The purpose of the project is to: correct the existing roadway deficiencies; to improve the operational capacity of Kennedy Avenue within the project area; and, to improve Kennedy Avenues linkage to local east-west arterials.

Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte

County: Lake **Limits:** From Junction Ave to Oak St of Distance (mile) 0.93

Narrative: Increased local funding.

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$22,375	\$0	\$0	\$22,375
2024	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$89,500	\$0	\$0	\$89,500
2025	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$5,619,812	\$0	\$5,619,812
2025	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$8,198,707	\$0	\$8,198,707
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$0	\$111,875	\$13,818,519	\$0	\$13,930,394
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$0	\$111,875	\$13,818,519	\$0	\$13,930,394

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

Previously Approved Version

1382603 (Ver 9) 22-65

Title: Quality of Place / Added Travel Lanes- Kennedy Ave (Phase 2) **Route:** N/A
Description: Project takes place along Kennedy Ave starting at Junction Ave and ending at Oak St. The purpose of the project is to: correct the existing roadway deficiencies; to improve the operational capacity of Kennedy Avenue within the project area; and, to improve Kennedy Avenues linkage to local east-west arterials.
Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Lake **Limits:** From Junction Ave to Oak St of Distance (mile) 0.93
Narrative: increased funding for RW

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$22,375	\$0	\$0	\$22,375
2024	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$89,500	\$0	\$0	\$89,500
2025	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$2,049,677	\$0	\$2,049,677
2025	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$8,198,707	\$0	\$8,198,707
2022-2026 TOTAL		\$0	\$111,875	\$10,248,384	\$0	\$10,360,259
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$0	\$111,875	\$10,248,384	\$0	\$10,360,259

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

1902000 (Ver 7) 24-02.2 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

Title: Roadway Expansion Kennedy Ave (Phase 3) **Route:** N/A
Description: Kennedy Ave Corridor Improvements Phase 3; Oak St to Main St
Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Lake **Limits:** Nearest Crossstreet: Main St
Narrative: Clarification of phases. New TIP, added funding for PE in 2024

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	Local Fund	\$120,800	\$770,823	\$0	\$0	\$891,623
2024	STBG Chicago UZA	\$483,755	\$3,083,292	\$0	\$0	\$3,567,047
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$7,090,979	\$0	\$7,090,979
<2024	Prior	\$239,234	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$239,234
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$604,555	\$3,854,115	\$7,090,979	\$0	\$11,549,649
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$843,789	\$3,854,115	\$7,090,979	\$0	\$11,788,883

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

Previously Approved Version

1902000 (Ver 6) 22-65

Title: Roadway Expansion Kennedy Ave (Phase 3) **Route:** N/A
Description: Kennedy Ave Corridor Improvements Phase 3; Oak St to Main St
Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer **AQ Exempt:** Non-Exempt **District:** LaPorte
County: Lake **Limits:** Nearest Crossstreet: Main St
Narrative: increased funding for RW

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2023	STBG Chicago UZA	\$191,387	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$191,387
2024	Local Fund	\$47,847	\$3,278,600	\$0	\$0	\$3,326,447
2024	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$521,400	\$0	\$0	\$521,400
>2026	Beyond	\$0	\$0	\$7,090,979	\$0	\$7,090,979
2022-2026 TOTAL		\$239,234	\$3,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$4,039,234
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$239,234	\$3,800,000	\$7,090,979	\$0	\$11,130,213

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: Schererville

Northwestern MPO TIP SUMMARY BY LEAD AGENCY

	Prior	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Beyond	Total
Porter County	\$0	\$1,477,090	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,590,000	\$0	\$0	\$15,367,090
Schererville	\$1,336,562	\$4,570,545	\$18,657,906	\$7,459,722	\$10,248,384	\$19,290,979	\$0	\$13,799,979	\$75,364,077
TOTAL	\$1,336,562	\$6,047,635	\$18,957,906	\$7,459,722	\$10,248,384	\$32,880,979	\$0	\$13,799,979	\$90,731,167