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ICG Communication - 09/25/2025 - Region V Transportation Conformity

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Thu, Sep 25, 2025 at 1:37 PM

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ICG members,

MACOG has five (5) project amendments to the SFY 2026-2030 TIP for consideration by the MACOG Policy Board on 10/08/2025. Four (4) projects have been determined as exempt by MACOG, and one (1) is defined as non-exempt.

TIP Administrative Modifications made by MACOG in September are included in the Excel spreadsheets for your information.

Our proposed schedule for these additional amendments is as follows

09/25/2025 - ICG email communication

10/02/2025 - Deadline for ICG questions or comments on the included project amendments

09/25/2025 - 10/08/2025 - Public comment period for proposed amendments

In place of a conference call, I am providing the attached list of amendment requests. Please review and comment regarding the proposed amendments.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the proposed amendments, please let me know by 10/02/2025. Per ICG Conformity Consultation Guidance Document, no response can be interpreted as concurrence.

Thank you.

Carla

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Carla Herwarth

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Wed, Oct 1, 2025 at 12:23 PM

To: Carla Herwarth <cherwarth@macog.com>

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Hi Carla,

FHWA has reviewed and has the following questions:

1. Could you explain why Des# 1900095 needs a turn lane that is 2.13 miles in length?
2. What type of intersection improvement is Des# 2500796?

Best,

Paige Story

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Indiana Division (IN-DIV)

From: Carla Herwarth <cherwarth@macog.com>

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Hi Paige,

1900095 is an Added Travel Lanes project which includes 4 travel lanes and a two-way left turn lane, along with widened shoulders for buggy travel. The project's need is driven by safety, congestion, and geometric and drainage deficiencies. 2500796 will likely be a realignment of the right turn movement, T-ing up the intersection, to reduce rear-end crashes.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon Caitlin,

Thank you for that information! Could you explain why Des# 1900095 has turn lanes that are 2.13 miles in length?

Best,

Paige Story

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Paige,

I can't speak fully to the engineering design considerations for this project. However, turn lanes are needed for safety along this corridor - TWLTL separates turning vehicles from live traffic, reducing the likelihood of rear-end crashes. If you would like me to connect you to INDOT's project manager for this project, please let me know.

Thanks,

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Hey Caitlin,

If that's ok, can you connect us with INDOT on this one? It's just over the not bright line yet generally accepted 1-mile length for projects that are considered exempt. Just want to hear what this one is all about

Thanks,

-Tony

Anthony Maietta

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Hi Tony,

I have cc'd Miguel Tucker, who is the project manager, if there are further questions. Here is a link to more project information as well: <https://www.in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-fort-wayne-district/us-20-added-travel-lanes-in-elkhart-county/>

To provide a little additional context, this project is well underway, and is planned for a December 2025 letting. Construction is already included in our conforming TIP.

If you need other documentation, please let me know.

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Mon, Oct 6, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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Thank you, Caitlin and Tony!

Miguel –

Could you please explain why Des# 1900095 has turn lanes that are 2.13 miles in length?

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Tucker, Miguel <MTucker2@indot.in.gov>

Tue, Oct 7, 2025 at 2:51 PM

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Caitlin,

As noted, the TWLTL runs the nearly the entire length of project with the exception of the exclusive left turn lanes provided at major intersections, which are mostly signalized. The TWLTL is advantageous based on the number of minor intersections/driveways along the corridor and their proximity to one another. The alternative to a TWLTL would be exclusive left turn lanes for each minor intersection/driveway, which could result is less than desired turn lane lengths depending on the spacing between each intersection/driveway and which side of the roadway they are on. Additionally, a TWLTL is commonly used by vehicles exiting a minor intersection/driveway to complete the maneuver in two stages rather than trying to find a simultaneous gap in both directions. Lastly, not designating exclusive left turn lanes for each individual driveway provides flexibility and reduces rework as future driveways are added through private development. The design meets the purpose and need by reducing serious rear-end crashes and improving the traffic flow through the corridor.

Thank you,

Miguel T. Tucker, MBA

Senior Project Manager

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Good morning Caitlin and Miguel,

Thank y'all for the description! FHWA has no further questions or comments and we look forward to seeing this project for Formal ICG review.

Best,

Paige Story

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From: Tucker, Miguel <MTucker2@indot.IN.gov>

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Thanks Miguel,

That makes sense. And looking at the project area I don't think EPA has any comments on this one, or any further questions here.

-Tony

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Thank you.

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Good morning Carla,

Will the added turn lanes for Des # 2000024 be less than a mile in length?

Thank you,

Paige Story

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Greetings,

Based on the information provided, IDEM concurs that these projects appear to be exempt for transportation conformity purposes.

Thanks...Peace...Shawn

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Thank you, Caitlin!

FHWA has no further questions or comments at this time.

Best,

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Thanks Caitlin and Paige,

EPA has reviewed the amendment and does not have comments or questions, and concurs with the projects' exempt status.

-Tony

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Subject: RE: ICG Communication - 10/31/2025 - Region V Transportation Conformity

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November 12, 2025

April Leckie
INDOT Central Office
100 N. Senate Ave. N758-PL
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear April,

Please amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FY 2026-2030 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the following items from MACOG Resolution 31-25 (attached) in the Fort Wayne and LaPorte Districts.

Transportation Resolution 31-25

Locally Initiated

A. St. Joseph County Resolution 31-25 Des#: 1702832 Contract#: R-41176	<u>Amendment</u> Modify Termini (Changing termini from Miami Hwy to Juniper Rd) Pierce Road from US 31 to Juniper Road Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards)	Exempt Project in St. Joseph County
Phase: CN	Total: \$6,076,000	Federal: \$4,860,800 (STBG) Local: \$1,215,200 SFY 2026
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INDOT Initiated

B. INDOT Resolution 31-25 Des#: 2000024 Contract#: B-44526	<u>Amendment</u> Add PE Phase SR 15 3.06 miles North of US 6 (SR 15 at CR 146) Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
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Estimated Cost to Complete = \$8,999,800		

Contract Also Includes: 2200557 – Bridge Deck Overlay, 2200558 – Bridge Replacement over CSX RR, 1.45 miles S of US 6 and over Whitehead Ditch, 2.80 miles N of US 6

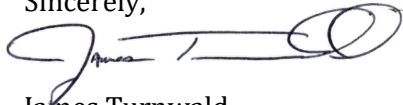
The Michiana Area Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen, Indiana Urbanized Areas, is hereby submitting an amendment to the SFY 2026-2030 TIP, as well as, the SFY 2026-2030 STIP for Intergovernmental Review under the provisions of Executive Order 12372. The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the MACOG Policy Board on November 12, 2025.

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We are, therefore, offering our assurance that the document has been developed with and reviewed by the appropriate jurisdictions and governmental agencies within the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas. This includes the Indiana Department of Transportation and member jurisdictions and governmental agencies of the MACOG Policy Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact this agency if you need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Turnwald", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Turnwald
Executive Director

cc: Jenny Bass, Stephanie Belch, Marcia Blansett, Breanne Freese, Tenel Hawn, Donya LaRue, Michael McNeil, Jay Mitchell, Melody Panos, Ryan Pennington, Julie Ritzler, and Miguel Tucker, INDOT, Paige Story and Erica Tait, FHWA, STIP@indot.in.gov

RESOLUTION 29-25
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND
AND ELKHART/GOSHEN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2030
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58) designating joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration rules and regulations, under Section 134, Title 23 of the US Code, the act requires the annual preparation of a Transportation Improvement Program by the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization(s) as a part of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas of 50,000 or more population; and

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) being the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas, in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the urbanized areas, has prepared a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which consist of improvements recommended in the MACOG Region.

WHEREAS, the FY 2026-2030 TIP is consistent with the 2050 Transportation Plan (TP) and its corresponding conformity determination, which uses the MACOG travel demand model, developed with the most recently available socio-economic and other input data to estimate mobile source emissions for the conformity analysis.

WHEREAS, the MACOG Policy Board from time to time receives and amends/modifies its Transportation Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, upon review of the amendments below, MACOG here within finds that they are consistent with the 2050 TP and its corresponding conformity analysis.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen FY 2026-2030 TIP will be amended to include the following:

Amend the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan

Transportation Resolution 29-25

Locally Initiated

A. Warsaw	Amendment	Exempt Project in Kosciusko County
Resolution 29-25		
Des#: 2401592	Delete Project	
Contract#: T-45973	Various Intersection within the City of Warsaw	
	Traffic Signal Modernization	
Phase: CN	Total: \$162,690	Federal: \$146,421 (HSIP)
		Local: \$16,269
		SFY 2026
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$162,690		

INDOT Initiated

B. INDOT	Amendment	Non-Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 29-25		
Des#: 1900095	Add PE and RW phases	
Contract#: R-42379	US 20 from 2.13 miles W of SR 13 (CR 35) to SR 13	
	Added Travel Lanes	

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1.45 miles S of US 6 and over Whitehead Ditch, 2.80 miles N of US 6

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been adopted on this 12th day of November 2025.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



Phil Jenkins, Policy Board 1st Vice-Chair



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of Transportation

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November 12, 2025

Roy Nunnally, Director
Technical Planning & Programming Division
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 N Senate Ave. N925
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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 Michiana Area Council of Government's (MACOG) planning documents. The South Bend-Elkhart Planning Area is within the MACOG air quality conformity area comprised of St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties. The need for this new conformity finding stems from a recent update to the MACOG FY2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

St. Joseph and Elkhart Counties are designated as Maintenance for the 1997 Ozone Standard until July 19, 2027.

Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the FY2026-2030 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 have determined that air quality conformity requirements have been met.

Therefore, FHWA and FTA affirms the following planning documents conform to air quality conformity rule requirements:

MACOG 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (including Amendment 1)
MACOG FY2026-2030 TIP (Including Amendment R29-25)

This conformity determination letter supersedes all previous conformity determination letters for this MPO. Conformity determination letters issued for amended MTPs (i.e., MTPs that have not been updated in accordance with the requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450.324) do not restart the conformity clock for those documents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paige Story, FHWA, at 317-226-7476 or paige.story@dot.gov; or Cecilia Crenshaw, FTA, at 312-705-1268 or cecilia.crenshaw@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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Christopher J. Hall
Interim Division Administrator
FHWA Indiana Division

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