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ICG Communication - 12/31/2025 - Region V Transportation Conformity

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Wed, Dec 31, 2025 at 2:01 PM

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ICG members,

MACOG has one (1) project amendment to the SFY 2026-2030 TIP for consideration by the MACOG Policy Board on 01/14/2026. The project is determined as exempt by MACOG and is not defined as non-exempt.

TIP Administrative Modifications made by MACOG in December are included in the Excel spreadsheet for your information.

Our proposed schedule for this additional amendment is as follows

12/31/2025 - ICG email communication

01/09/2026 - Deadline for ICG questions or comments on the included project amendment

12/31/2025 - 01/14/2026 - Public comment period for proposed amendment

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

If you have any questions or concerns related to the proposed amendment, please let me know by 01/09/2026. 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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Story, Paige (FHWA) <Paige.Story@dot.gov>

Tue, Jan 6, 2026 at 10:21 AM

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Good morning Carla,

FHWA has reviewed and has no questions or comments.

Best,

Paige Story

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Indiana Division (IN-DIV)

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Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 14:01

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Carla and all,

EPA also has no comments or questions on the amendment.

-Tony

Anthony Maietta

EPA Region 5

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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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January 14, 2026

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 01-26 (attached) in the Fort Wayne District.

Transportation Resolution 01-26

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT	<u>Amendment</u>	Exempt Project in Elkhart County
Resolution 01-26		
Des#: 2500049	Add Project and PE Phase to Contract	
Contract#: R-45065	SR 13, from 3.53 miles S of US 6 West Jct. (Orchard Hill) to 1.00 Miles South of US 6 West Jct. (CR 1400 N) ADA Sidewalk Ramp Construction	
Phase: PE	Total: \$94,300	Federal: \$75,440 (STBG) State: \$18,860 SFY 2026
Phase: CN	Total: \$5,603,476	Federal: \$4,482,781 (STBG) State: \$1,120,695 SFY 2027
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$5,637,064		Miles: 1.01

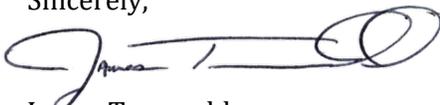
Contract also includes: Lead DES: 2001854 (HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance); 1900073 (Small Structure Replacement); 2100203 (HMA Overlay Minor Structural)

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 January 14, 2026.

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,



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 01-26
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

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RESOLUTION 01-26

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been adopted on this 14th day of January 2026.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



David Wood, Policy Board Chair