

**RESOLUTION 20-26**  
**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**

**Transportation Resolution 20-26**

**INDOT Initiated**

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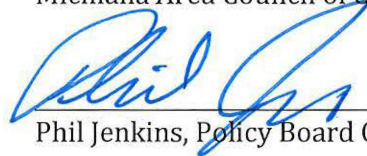
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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, this Resolution has been adopted on this 12th day of August 2026.

Michiana Area Council of Governments

  
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Phil Jenkins, Policy Board Chair



Carla Herwarth &lt;cherwarth@macog.com&gt;

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**ICG Communication - 07/30/2026 - Region V Transportation Conformity**

12 messages

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Thu, Jul 30, 2026 at 1:16 PM

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ICG members,

MACOG has two (2) project amendments to the SFY 2026-2030 TIP for consideration by the MACOG Policy Board on 08/12/2026. The projects are determined as exempt by MACOG and are not defined as non-exempt.

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

Our proposed schedule for these additional amendments is as follows

07/30/2026 - ICG email communication

08/06/2026 - Deadline for ICG questions or comments on the included project amendments

07/30/2026 - 08/12/2026 - 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 08/06/2026. Per ICG Conformity Consultation Guidance Document, no response can be interpreted as concurrence.

Thank you.

MACOG

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**2 attachments** **R08icginfo.pdf**  
201K **8Amend\_7Mod\_MACOG.xlsx**  
253K**Paige Story** <paige.story@dot.gov>

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Good afternoon Carla,

What type of intersection improvement will be occurring for both projects?

Best,



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Good afternoon Carla,

I am following up on the below question.

Best,



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Can you please respond to Paige? I didn't realize you were not copied.  
Thank you :-)

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Hi Paige,

Please see the following:

Des 2100013 - The proposed project involves the installation of a traffic signal and the construction of northbound and southbound left-turn lanes along SR 19 at the CR 28 intersection. The pavement within the project area will be widened in order to facilitate the added turn lanes, and it will be milled and overlaid with hot mix asphalt (HMA).

Des 2300698 - The proposed project is anticipated to widen the roadway to provide right-turn lanes for northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) SR 19 traffic. Impacts to adjacent businesses will be minimized by providing minimum taper and storage lengths. The project will span approximately 80 feet east and west along SR 19 and 245 feet north and 230 feet south along CR 6.

Thanks,

**Caitlin Stevens** (she/her)  
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Good morning Caitlin,

Thank you for sending along that information! FHWA has no additional questions or comments on des #2300698, however, des #2100013 is considered non-exempt as the project is adding a signalized intersection.

Best,



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Hi Paige,

I have a follow-up question regarding the process for Des #2100013. Because this type of project is listed in § 93.127 - Projects exempt from regional emissions analyses, my interpretation is we do not need to go through formal consultation with a new conformity determination. Is that correct or could you walk me through what is needed?

#### Table 3—Projects Exempt From Regional Emissions Analyses

Intersection channelization projects.  
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 Interchange reconfiguration projects.  
 Changes in vertical and horizontal alignment.  
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Hi Caitlin,

Great question! Exempt projects are listed in § 93.126 while projects exempt from regional emissions analyses are listed in § 93.127. Diving further into [40 CFR 93.127](#), it states that *a particular action of the type listed in Table 3 of this section is not exempt from regional emissions analysis if the MPO in consultation with other agencies concur that it has potential regional impacts for any reason.* That points us to the [Indiana ICG](#) guidance which states that a USDOT conformity determination letter is required if an MPO amends their TIP with a non-exempt project.

In this case, des #2100013 is not listed as an exempt project in [40 CFR 93.126](#) and the [IN ICG](#) guidelines require non-exempt projects to receive a conformity determination before that project becoming effective in a TIP or added to the STIP.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or if you would like to discuss further via video or phone call.

Best,



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Caitlin, Carla, Paige, and all,

Thanks for the updated information. EPA concurs with FHWA on the exempt/non-exempt status of the projects but has no other comments/questions on the amendment.

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-Tony

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Good afternoon all,

We looked further into this request and the requirements and have now determined both projects are exempt. If EPA still concurs with FHWA and an exempt determination, no formal ICG will be required for either project.

I apologize for the timing but I am glad we were able to dive a bit deeper into this!

Best,



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Hey Paige and all,

EPA does concur with the updated both-exempt status. Thanks for the update!

-Tony

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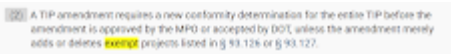
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