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August 29, 2012

Ms. Marisol R. Simon
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320
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RE: FY2012 - FY2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment # 24

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2012 - 2015 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2012 - 2015 STIP. The amendment is for the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The resolution number is Amendment #17 (Emergency). The projects to be added to the STIP are as follows:

Applicant	DES	Project	Fund	Federal
NIRPC	1297637	N. Township - Operating	CMAQ	\$1,785,000
NIRPC	1297710	N. Township- 2 Exp. vehicles	CMAQ	\$135,000

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 as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment.

Sincerely,

Larry Buckel
Manager
Office of Transit

CC: Reggie Arkell, FTA

STIP AMENDMENT and/or MODIFICATION REQUEST

08/28/2012

Amendment Modification

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NIRPC STIP Amendment Request August 2012-3

Sponsor	DES	Work Type	District	FTA Fund Category	Federal	Match	2012	2013	2014	2015	Remarks
North Township Government (Lake County)	1297637	Transit Operating	LaPorte	CMAQ	1,785,000	0		1,785,000			New 3-Year CMAQ Operating Demonstration Project. Added via Amendment #17 to 2012-2015 TIP.
North Township Government (Lake County)	1297710	Transit Purchase Vehicles	LaPorte	CMAQ	135,000	0		135,000			Expansion Vans to support new North Township CMAQ Demonstration Project



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August 27, 2012

Mr. Jerry Halperin, MPO Coordinator
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Indiana Department of Transportation
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**RE: NW Indiana FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #17 (Emergency)**

Dear Mr. Halperin:

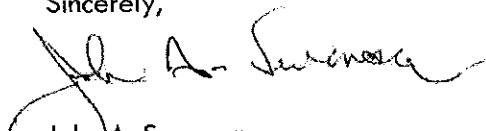
We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the attached list of six (6) projects. One project is an INDOT construction project—all others are local CMAQ projects.

Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of these projects to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public well-being or safety or result in the loss of federal funds.

The projects do not involve the construction of new roadways or the addition of travel lanes and appear to be exempt project types covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



John A. Swanson
Executive Director

C: **FHWA:** Joyce Newland; **FTA:** Reginald Arkell; **INDOT:** Marcia Blansett, Lisa Shrader, Larry Buckel;
INTERNAL: Bill Brown, Gary Evers, Steve Strains, Belinda Petroskey; **OTHER:** ICG Members (via e-mail)

Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2012-2015
Emergency Amendment #17 August 2012

INDOT Construction Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Reference	
0200384	INDOT	SR 152: Bridge Lighting (New), Over CSX and IHB Railroad, 3.48 km N of I-80/94, State STP	CN	2013	\$ 129,000	\$ 103,200	\$ 25,800	Exempt	Table 1, #18	n/a

Miscellaneous Local Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Reference	
1297706	LaPorte	CMAQ Alternative Fuel Purchase (E-85). LaPorte County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ -	Exempt		n/a
1297707	LaPorte County	CMAQ Alternative Fuel Purchase (E-85). LaPorte County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000	\$ -	Exempt		n/a
1297708	Crown Point	Purchase, Install 24 Bicycle Racks. Lake-Porter County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #33	n/a
1297709	Hobart	Purchase, Install Six (6) Bicycle Racks. Porter County CMAQ.	PE	2013	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #33	n/a

Local Public Transit Projects

TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Reference	
1297537	NIRPC/North Twp.	Three-year transit demonstration project. (Lake-Porter CMAQ)	CN	2013 2014 2015	\$ 1,920,000	\$ 1,920,000	\$ -	Exempt	Table 2, #21	n/a

NIRPC's Regional Significance policy and standards are published at <http://www.nirpc.org/home/ProjectSelection/RegionalSignificanceGuidance.pdf>.