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Roy Nunnally, Director
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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 Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council's (NIRCC) planning documents. The Fort Wayne Metropolitan Planning Area is within the NIRCC air quality conformity area comprised of Allen County. The need for this new conformity finding stems from recent amendments to the NIRCC FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and the NIRCC 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Allen County is designated as Maintenance for the 1997 Ozone Standard until February 12, 2027.

Appropriate consultation and public involvement on both the TIP and MTP 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:

NIRCC 2045 Transportation Plan (as amended April 2026)
FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (as amended April 2026)

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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