

IV. Stakeholder Identification:

In conducting the regional ITS architecture development process as described in Section II, NIRPC has identified 54 stakeholders in eight stakeholder groups. NIRPC’s regional ITS architecture development process first identified the stakeholders, then categorized the stakeholders into stakeholder groups as identified in Table 1. Table 2 shows the stakeholders identified by the stakeholder group (text before the hyphens in the Stakeholder Name field).

Table 1: Stakeholder Groups Identified in the Northwest Indiana Regional ITS Architecture

Stakeholder Group Name	Stakeholder Group Description
Activity Center	These are the major activity centers in the region, such as tourist destinations and employment centers that attract a lot of trips
Fleet and Freight Operators	Operators of fleet and freight transport in the region
Other	Agencies that do not fit into any of the other categories, but that may be involved in ITS
Other Public Sector	All public sector organizations or agencies not directly involved in public safety or transit
Private Sector	Agencies usually in the private sector that have a significant stake in transportation
Public Safety	Public Safety Agencies in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties
Transit	This is the stakeholder group for transit operators in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties as well as neighboring areas
Transportation	This is the stakeholder group that represents agencies (except public transit agencies) whose express mission and purpose is driven by providing transportation services to travelers or potential travelers

Table 2: Stakeholders Identified in the Northwest Indiana Regional ITS Architecture

Stakeholder Name	Stakeholder Description
Activity Center - Hospitals	These are the hospitals in NW Indiana and nearby that are able to treat victims of transportation incidents requiring medical attention.
Activity Center - Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore	The Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore stretches along 15 miles of the southern shore of Lake Michigan in Northwest Indiana, with a total area of more than 15,000 acres, and 45 miles of trails over dunes and rivers, through wetlands, prairies, and forests.
Fleet and Freight Operators - Commercial Vehicle Operators	Operators of commercial vehicles in the region, including any size from companies that operate large commercial vehicle fleets to independent owner operators.
Fleet and Freight Operators - Freight Railroads	The freight railroads that operate along tracks and/or freight yards in NW Indiana.
Fleet and Freight Operators - Intermodal Freight Shippers	Shippers that move freight by multiple modes including truck, rail, maritime vessels, and air.
Fleet and Freight Operators - Ports of Indiana Commission	The Ports of Indiana Commission is a seven member bipartisan board appointed by the governor to serve as the board of directors for the Ports of Indiana, one of which is Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor.
Other - Academic and Research Organizations	Includes Universities and their research initiatives such as Purdue Univ. Center for Regional Development as well as other research entities such as Conexus Indiana.
Other - Area Media Outlets	TV, radio, online, and print media networks and their affiliates operating in, out of, or nearby with occasional reporting from, NW Indiana.
Other - National Weather Service	The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) National Weather Service is the sole official weather service administered by the federal government and provides information to many organizations including Transportation-related agencies in NW Indiana.

Stakeholder Name	Stakeholder Description
Other - Non-Profits and Advocacy Groups	501 3(c) Organizations with a stake in ITS such as South Shore Clean Cities, Indiana Dunes National Park Association, and Indiana Operation Lifesaver.
Other - Traveling Public	Members of the Traveling Public in NW Indiana or who have an interest in the Traveling Public in NW Indiana.
Other Public Sector - City of Gary	Includes the mayor, civic and municipal departments for the City of Gary supervised by the mayor, and other staff working for the City of Gary.
Other Public Sector - City of Hammond	Includes the mayor, civic and municipal departments for the City of Hammond supervised by the mayor, and other staff working for the City of Hammond.
Other Public Sector - Indiana Department of Environmental Management	State of Indiana Department in charge of administering the Vehicle Inspections and Maintenance (I/M) program and emissions testing, as well as monitoring environmental sensors and stations and providing technical expertise on on-road mobile source emissions.
Other Public Sector - Indiana Department of Revenue	Motor Carrier Services Division has permitting authority for transport of hazardous material as well as IFTA, state fuel tax permits, UCR, and USDOT numbers.
Other Public Sector - Indiana Finance Authority	The statewide agency responsible for overseeing the issuance and collection of State-related debt, as well as authorizing effective finance solutions to facilitate both public and private sector investment in Indiana.
Other Public Sector - Lake County	All government units under Lake County except the Sheriff's Department.
Other Public Sector - LaPorte County	All government units under LaPorte County except the Sheriff's Office.
Other Public Sector - Municipalities/Townships	Local government units and their associated departments in the 41 municipalities and the 44 townships in NW Indiana.

Stakeholder Name	Stakeholder Description
Other Public Sector - Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)	The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties in NW Indiana is the developer, maintainer, and updater of the Regional ITS Architecture and serves as a data repository and services provider.
Other Public Sector - Porter County	All government units under Porter County except the Sheriff's Department.
Other Public Sector - State Tourism Agency/Bureau	Includes the South Shore Convention and Visitors Authority and the Northern Indiana Tourism Development Commission
Private Sector - Construction and Maintenance Contractors	The Construction and Maintenance Contractors who participate in maintenance and construction activities on transportation facilities in NW Indiana.
Private Sector - Event Promoters	Private Event Promoters who plan and organize events that affect transportation movements through NW Indiana.
Private Sector - Financial Institutions	Financial Institutions that circulate funding for transportation projects, are involved in collecting revenues and payments from transportation users, or otherwise active in procuring goods or services that affect the transportation system in NW Indiana.
Private Sector - HAZMAT Agencies	Private companies or teams trained in managing hazardous material (HAZMAT) and capable of providing HAZMAT response to incidents.
Private Sector - Information Service Providers	Private (perhaps regulated) Information Service Providers that provide transportation users or potential transportation users information about the transportation system.
Private Sector - Towing Companies	Private Towing Companies that participate in towing and recovery of vehicles or spilled vehicle material at transportation incident sites.
Public Safety - Indiana Department of Homeland Security	Oversees county-administered Emergency Management Agencies. Regulates transporters of hazardous materials.

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Public Safety - Indiana State Police - Districts 13, 21 and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division	Includes District 13 (Lowell) in charge of Interstate Highway patrol in Lake, Porter, LaPorte, Newton, Jasper, Starke, and Pulaski Counties; District 21 (Toll Road) in charge of Indiana Toll Road patrol; and the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division in charge of Commercial Vehicle Enforcement throughout Indiana.
Public Safety - Lake County Sheriff	The Lake County Sheriff (including the Lake County Sheriff's Department) overseeing public safety, including public safety on transportation facilities, in Lake County.
Public Safety - LaPorte County Sheriff	The LaPorte County Sheriff (including the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office) overseeing public safety, including public safety on transportation facilities, in LaPorte County.
Public Safety - Porter County Sheriff	The Porter County Sheriff (including the Porter County Sheriff's Department) overseeing public safety, including public safety on transportation facilities, in Porter County.
Public Safety - US Coast Guard	District Nine (Great Lakes) with a Station in Michigan City responsible for maritime transport law enforcement, safety, and incident response.
Transit - Amtrak	The National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) is the national passenger rail service for the United States.
Transit - East Chicago Transit (ECT)	East Chicago Transit (ECT) provides free transit service in East Chicago.
Transit - Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC)	The Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) operates local bus service in Gary and regional bus service in Gary, Hammond, East Chicago, and Merrillville. GPTC also provides complementary paratransit services.
Transit - Michigan City Transit (MCT)	Michigan City Transit (MC Transit) operates fixed route bus and dial-a-ride services in Michigan City.
Transit - North Township Dial-a-Ride	North Township (Lake County) provides free dial-a-ride services to North Township residents. http://www.northtownshiptrustee.com/

Stakeholder Name	Stakeholder Description
Transit - Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD)	The Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) operates the South Shore interurban line between South Bend, Indiana, and Chicago, Illinois, with 10 stations in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties.
Transit - Opportunity Enterprises	Opportunity Enterprises provides dial-a-ride paratransit services in Porter County, as well as portions of Lake and LaPorte Counties. http://www.oppent.org/transportation/
Transit - Porter County Aging and Community Services (PCACS)	Porter County Aging and Community Services (PCACS) provides demand-response transportation services to senior citizens and people with disabilities in Porter County. http://www.portercountyacs.org/transportation-program
Transit - Regional Transportation Authority (RTA)	The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) oversees 3 fixed-route transit services in the Chicagoland area: Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) busses and rail, Metra Commuter Rail, and Pace Suburban Bus Service.
Transit - South Lake County Community Services (SLCCS)	South Lake County Community Services (SLCCS) provides demand-response transportation services to southern Lake County citizens.
Transit - TransPorte	TransPorte provides demand-response bus transit for City of LaPorte citizens to and from locations in LaPorte and the nearby urban fringe.
Transit - Triangle Transit	The proposed Transit Operator, planned as a partnership between Michigan City Transit, TransPorte, and Purdue University Northwest, that will operate a fixed route service between the 2 cities and the Purdue University Northwest Westville Campus.
Transit - Valparaiso Transit	Valparaiso Transit operates V-Line services in Valparaiso and ChicagoDash commuter bus service between Valparaiso and Chicago.

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Transportation - Gary/Chicago Airport Authority	The public sector portion of the Public-Private Partnership between the City of Gary and AvPorts that operates the Gary Chicago Airport. 4 members of the Gary/Chicago Airport Authority are appointed by the Mayor of Gary, 1 is appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, 1 by the Board of Commissioners of Porter County, and the president is appointed by the Governor of Indiana.
Transportation - Illiana Corridor Concessionaire	The concessionaire selected by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Transportation to operate the planned Illiana Corridor.
Transportation - Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)	The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is the State of Illinois' transportation department.
Transportation - Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV)	The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) is the state agency that oversees vehicle registrations and special permits in the State of Indiana.
Transportation - Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)	The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is the State of Indiana's transportation department.
Transportation - Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) - Northwest District	The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Northwest District is INDOT's local district for Northwest Indiana. There are five sub-districts (Gary, LaPorte, Monticello, Rensselaer and Winamac) and 13 counties (Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Jasper, Lake, LaPorte, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke and White) within the Northwest District. The Northwest District is responsible for maintaining 5,668 lane miles of state roads, 560 lane miles of interstate, 892 large culverts 824 state bridges, 173 snow routes, 618 traffic signals, 234 flashers, and 58,600 road signs.

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<p>Transportation - Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC)</p>	<p>The Indiana Toll Road Concession Company (ITRCC) is responsible for construction, maintenance, repair and operation of Indiana Toll Road projects within Indiana. It is charged with formulating, developing and recommending a continuing long-range toll road plan and short-term improvement programs. ITRCC is also responsible for communicating planning information to the public, interested agencies and organizations.</p>
<p>Transportation - Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance (LMIGA)</p>	<p>The Lake Michigan Interstate Gateway Alliance is a voluntary organization with active member participation from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Tollway, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Toll Road Concession Company LLC, the Michigan Department of Transportation, the Skyway Concession Company LLC, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.</p> <p>The goal of LMIGA is to focus on operations along the corridor to ensure that traffic moves safely and efficiently. This goal is realized by interagency communication and coordination, improvement projects, training efforts, and region-wide planning.</p>