



Public Comment Report
Adoption of the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Technical Planning Committee

July 20, 2023

Adoption of the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program was released for a 30-day public comment period which began on March 6, 2022, and ended April 7, 2021. The draft TIP, including the projects submitted, was made available at www.nirpc.org. Upon completion of the Public Comment period, no comments from the public were received during the comment period on the proposed amendments. NIRPC conducted a Public Meeting/Open House on Wednesday April 5, 2023, in Merrillville (Dean and Barbara White Community Center). Additional Open Houses were held in Hammond (Purdue Northwest Campus – April 10), Michigan City (Michigan City Public Library – April 12), and Valparaiso (Porter County Government Building – April 13) although all of these were held outside of the Public Comment window, but in conjunction with NIRPC's Long Range Plan update: *2050+ Plan*. Another Public Meeting/Open House was held in conjunction with INDOT during their STIP Open House on May 24 in Merrillville (at the Dean and Barbara White Community Center) No comments pertaining to the TIP were received during any of the Public Meetings.

NIRPC submitted the draft TIP to INDOT and USDOT (FHWA & FTA). Two comments of concern were received from FHWA. The first comments revolve around small deficits showing in 2024 in both UZAs and 2026 for the Michigan City UZA. These have been corrected. The second comment relates to funds that were loaned very recently to another MPO. FHWA would like to see a better description of this loan. A sentence has been included describing this loan.