

## **RESOLUTION 19-03**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT NUMBER 1 OF THE 2019-2020 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019**

**January 17, 2019**

**WHEREAS**, the preparation of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a necessary and required part of the metropolitan area transportation planning process as specified in 23 CFR 450.314; and by its State statutory authority, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is charged with planning responsibility in three domains of transportation, environment and economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the work tasks described within NIRPC's UPWP for the three-county northwestern Indiana region are in conjunction with the programs of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Indiana Department of Transportation, and significant planning projects in the region by other agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, this program has been prepared for planning (PL), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds through the Federal Highway Administration, Section 5303 technical study funds through the Federal Transit Administration, Sections 5307 and 5323 and planning funds through the Federal Transit Administration, NIRPC's locally derived funds, and in-kind donations of partners;

**WHEREAS**, the work elements contained in the program respond to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwest Indiana and are in keeping with federal requirements found in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 and accompanying guidelines and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, all regional transportation and other significant planning projects in the three-county region should be included in the UPWP;

**WHEREAS**, the NIRPC request for FY 2019 funding for Air Quality Public Education was determined to be eligible for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds on July 23, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the NIRPC Air Quality Public Education Program emission reductions have been built into the regional Air Quality Conformity through 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this body allocated \$360,000 federal CMAQ funding for this project in their approval of Amendment 10 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program in March of 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts the Fiscal Year 2019 Unified Planning Work Program amendment number 1.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this seventeenth day of January, 2019.

  
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Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Secretary

## **Public Comment Report**

### **Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1 | January 3, 2019**

Amendment Number 1 of the 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program was released for a 7-day public comment period beginning December 26, 2018. A draft of the document was made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org) and emailed to stakeholders.

The comments and responses to the draft are listed below. An update will also be provided at the Technical Planning Committee on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the NIRPC Commission meeting on January 17, 2019.

#### **Public Comments:**

No public comments relevant to this amendment were received during the comment period.

One public comment was received pertaining to a general land use planning issue. NIRPC staff will contact the commenter to address their concerns.

#### **Technical Comments:**

NIRPC received technical comments from the Federal Highway Administration pertaining to the location and task number identification of the task and funding within the UPWP document. Staff have moved the content and budget for this amendment from UPWP Element 18-600 to Element 18-800 to address this comment.