



RESOLUTION 25-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING *NWI 2050+* AMENDMENT NO. 1 February 20, 2025

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (PL 117-58), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, *NWI 2050+* is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors; and

WHEREAS, *NWI 2050+* is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, *NWI 2050+* is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

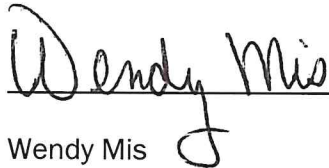
WHEREAS, the changes to *NWI 2050+* brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

WHEREAS, the changes to *NWI 2050+* brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2019 Public Participation Plan, ENGAGE NWI; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Transportation Committee recommended Resolution 25-03 to the Commission for adoption.

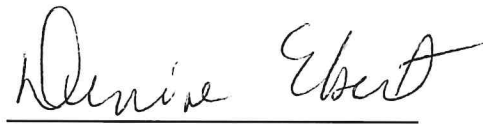
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends *NWI 2050+* by making the changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twentieth day of February, 2025.



Wendy Mis
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Denise Ebert
Secretary

NWI 2050+ Amendment No. 1

NWI 2050+ is the long-range plan for Northwest Indiana that builds on the main themes of NWI 2050 envisioning a Region which is connected, renewed, united, and vibrant. NWI 2050+ takes a deeper dive into several topics of importance to Northwest Indiana including roadways, transit, freight traffic, active transportation networks, land use patterns, and climate change. The final draft was approved by the NIRPC Executive Board at their meeting held July 20, 2023. The NWI 2050+ document can be viewed at the following link: [NWI-2050-Plus-Final-Adopted.pdf](#).

NWI 2050+ Amendment #1 adds the I-80/94 FlexRoad Project to NWI 2050+. The I-80/94 FlexRoad Project is a proposed 14-mile Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) project that seeks to improve traffic flow and safety along Indiana's busiest interstate corridor. The project spans from IL-394 in Illinois to I-65 in Indiana. The Indiana portion of the project is expected to cost \$245.4 million in inflation-adjusted 2026 dollars. More detailed information about the project can be found at the project website at: <https://indianaflexroad.com/>.

NWI 2050+ Amendment #1 adds the I-80/94 FlexRoad Project by reference to NWI 2050+ by making the following change to NWI 2050+:

| Page Number | Original Text | Amended Text (<i>changes in italics</i>) |
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| 10 | The short-range and the long-range elements of the "Purpose Driven Planning" sections of NWI 2050+ as well as the Air Quality Conformity Report include descriptions and cost estimates. | The short-range and the long-range elements of the "Purpose Driven Planning" sections of NWI 2050+ as well as the Air Quality Conformity Report, <i>as most recently dated on February 20, 2025,</i> include descriptions and cost estimates. |