

RESOLUTION 25-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2026 – 2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENTS NO. 26-02.1, 26-02.2, and 26-02.5

August 21, 2025

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, and 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 La Porte County Metropolitan Planning 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, the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to develop *NWI* 2050+; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program implements *NWI* 2050+, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program 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

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WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were made available for public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2019 Public Participation Plan, *ENGAGE NWI*; with no comments received; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2025, the Transportation Committee recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2026 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program by adding new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty first day of August, 2025.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

- Denise Ebert Austin Bonta

Secretary VICE Chair Person

1700025 (Ver 6) 26-02.2 STATUS **Programmed FEDERAL**

Title: Adding center left turn lane Route: US 41

Description: Adding two way center left turn lane on US 41 from US 231 to 3.25 miles south. This will help prevent rear end and T-Bone crashes along this

stretch of road. The project length is 3.25 miles.

Project Type: Auxiliary Lanes, Two-way Left Turn Lan AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Lake Limits: From US 231 to 141st of Distance (mile) 3.25 Milepost begins at 254.75 ends at 258

Narrative: move RW funds to FY26.

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2026	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$1,808,380	\$0	\$0	\$1,808,380
2027	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$16,232,950
<2026	Prior	\$1,291,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,291,620
	2026-2030 TOTAL \$0		\$1,808,380	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$18,041,330
ALL YEARS TOTAL \$1,291,620			\$1,808,380	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$19,332,950

Region: Northwestern MPO

Lead Agency: INDOT

Previously Approved Version

1700025 (Ver 5) 24-04

Title: Adding center left turn lane Route: US 41

Description: Adding two way center left turn lane on US 41 from US 231 to 3.25 miles south. This will help prevent rear end and T-Bone crashes along this

stretch of road.

Project Type: Auxiliary Lanes, Two-way Left Turn Lan AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Lake Limits: From US 231 to 141st of Distance (mile) 3.25 Milepost begins at 254.75 ends at 258

Narrative: adding changes from 24-01 to this amendment Adding RW and CN funds.

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	NHPP Non Interstate	\$1,291,620	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,291,620
2025	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$1,808,380	\$0	\$0	\$1,808,380
2027	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$16,232,950
	2024-2028 TOTAL \$1,		\$1,808,380	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$19,332,950
ALL YEARS TOTAL \$1,291			\$1,808,380	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$19,332,950

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: INDOT

1900050 (Ver 7) 26-02.2 STATUS **Programmed STATE**

Title: Added Center Turn lane Route: N/A

Description: Added Center Turn lane project US 20 & Fail Rd, 3.1mi E of SR 39. This is a busy intersection east of La Porte. This project will improve the

safety at this intersection. 1.98 miles

Project Type: Auxiliary Lanes, Two-way Left Turn Lan AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Laporte Limits: Nearest Crossstreet: Fail Rd

Narrative: Increase FY26 CN to \$12,390,831.00 for des 1900050

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2026	HSIP State	\$0	\$0	\$12,390,831	\$175,000	\$12,565,831
<2026	Prior	\$762,247	\$752,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,514,747
	2026-2030 TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$12,390,831	\$175,000	\$12,565,831
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$762,247	\$752,500	\$12,390,831	\$175,000	\$14,080,578

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: INDOT

Previously Approved Version

1900050 (Ver 6) 26-00

Title: Intersection Improvement Project Route: N/A

Description: Intersection Improvement Project at US 20 & Fail Rd, 3.1mi E of SR 39. This is a busy intersection east of La Porte. This project will improve the

safety at this intersection.

Project Type: Auxiliary Lanes, Two-way Left Turn Lan AQ Exempt: Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Laporte Limits: Nearest Crossstreet: Fail Rd

Narrative: Add FY25 RW \$2,500.00, Add \$10,660,611.00 to FY26 CN, and \$175,000.00 to FY26 CE

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2026	HSIP State	\$0	\$0	\$10,660,611	\$175,000	\$10,835,611
<2026	Prior	\$762,247	\$752,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,514,747
	2026-2030 TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$10,660,611	\$175,000	\$10,835,611
	ALL YEARS TOTAL	\$762,247	\$752,500	\$10,660,611	\$175,000	\$12,350,358

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: INDOT

2501046 (Ver 1) 26-02.2 STATUS **New Project FEDERAL**

Title: Polk Street Extension Route: N/A

Description: Roadway Extension (Polk Street) between Freemont Street and McClung Road, providing linkage between Pine Lake Avenue (US35/SR39) and

McClung Road.

Project Type: New Road Construction AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Laporte Limits:

Narrative: New Project in 26-30 TIP from 2024 NOFA

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2027	Local Fund	\$675,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$675,000
2029	Local Fund	\$0	\$69,000	\$0	\$0	\$69,000
2029	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$161,000	\$0	\$0	\$161,000
2030	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$821,751	\$0	\$821,751
2030	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$0	\$3,287,003	\$0	\$3,287,003
	2026-2030 TOTAL \$675,000		\$230,000	\$4,108,754	\$0	\$5,013,754
ALL YEARS TOTAL \$675,000			\$230,000	\$4,108,754	\$0	\$5,013,754

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: La Porte

Route: N/A

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2026 - 2029

2501047 (Ver 1) 26-02.2 STATUS **New Project FEDERAL**

Title: Lake St Expansion

Description: Lake Street Expansion from Madison St and Clear Lake Blvd.

Project Type:New Road ConstructionAQ Exempt:Non-ExemptDistrict:LaPorte

County: Laporte Limits:

Narrative: New Project for 2026-2030 TIP

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2027	Local Fund	\$235,690	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$235,690
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$350,000	\$0	\$0	\$350,000
2029	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$355,679	\$44,460	\$400,139
2029	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$0	\$1,422,717	\$177,840	\$1,600,557
2026-2030 TOTAL \$235,690		\$235,690	\$350,000	\$1,778,396	\$222,300	\$2,586,386
ALL YEARS TOTAL \$235,69		\$235,690	\$350,000	\$1,778,396	\$222,300	\$2,586,386

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: La Porte

Route: N/A

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2026 - 2029

1902000 (Ver 9) 26-02.2 STATUS **Programmed FEDERAL**

Title: Roadway Expansion Kennedy Ave (Phase 3)

Description: Kennedy Ave Corridor Improvements Phase 3; Oak St to Main St. The length of this project is approximately 1.1 miles.

Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Lake Limits: Nearest Crossstreet: Main St

Narrative: Increased funding for RW in FY 2026

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2026	Local Fund	\$0	\$39,500	\$0	\$0	\$39,500
2026	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$238,000	\$0	\$0	\$238,000
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,597,600	\$229,748	\$1,827,348
2028	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$6,390,400	\$918,991	\$7,309,391
<2026	Prior	\$843,789	\$651,750	\$0	\$0	\$1,495,539
	2026-2030 TOTAL \$0		\$277,500	\$7,988,000	\$1,148,739	\$9,414,239
	ALL YEARS TOTAL	\$843,789	\$929,250	\$7,988,000	\$1,148,739	\$10,909,778

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: Schererville

Previously Approved Version

1902000 (Ver 8) 26-00

Title: Roadway Expansion Kennedy Ave (Phase 3) Route: N/A

Description: Kennedy Ave Corridor Improvements Phase 3; Oak St to Main St. The length of this project is approximately 1.1 miles.

Project Type: Existing Roadway Capacity Improvemer AQ Exempt: Non-Exempt District: LaPorte

County: Lake Limits: Nearest Crossstreet: Main St

Narrative: Increase funding for CN & CE carry over to 26-30 TIP

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2028	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,597,600	\$229,748	\$1,827,348
2028	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$6,390,400	\$918,991	\$7,309,391
<2026	Prior	\$843,789	\$3,854,115	\$0	\$0	\$4,697,904
	2026-2030 TOTAL \$0		\$0	\$7,988,000	\$1,148,739	\$9,136,739
	ALL YEARS TOTAL \$843,789			\$7,988,000	\$1,148,739	\$13,834,643

Region: Northwestern MPO Lead Agency: Schererville

Northwestern MPO TIP SUMMARY BY LEAD AGENCY

	Prior	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031	Beyond	Total
INDOT	\$4,321,114	\$26,501,442	\$18,041,330	\$0	\$16,232,950	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$65,096,836
La Porte	\$0	\$0	\$910,690	\$350,000	\$2,230,696	\$4,108,754	\$0	\$0	\$7,600,140
Schererville	\$6,193,443	\$277,500	\$0	\$18,273,478	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$24,744,421
TOTAL	\$10,514,557	\$26,778,942	\$18,952,020	\$18,623,478	\$18,463,646	\$4,108,754	\$0	\$0	\$97,441,397