



RESOLUTION 23-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING ADJUSTED URBAN AREA BOUNDARIES FOR THE NORTHWEST INDIANA REGION

October 19, 2023

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission,” being designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter, and LaPorte County metropolitan planning area, has established a regionally cooperative, comprehensive, and continuing planning program; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) conducted a Decennial Census of the Population of the United States in 2020 (2020 Census); and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau, following each decennial census, designates Urban Areas, which represent densely developed territory, and encompass residential, commercial, and other nonresidential urban land uses; and

WHEREAS, the Census Bureau has designated multiple Urban Areas in Northwest Indiana, based on criteria including housing and population density, impervious surfaces, and workflows, using data from the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) permits the adjustment of Urban Areas to improve the consistency of transportation planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has coordinated with member jurisdictions, the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, the Southwest Michigan Regional Planning Commission, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and FHWA to develop adjusted boundaries for the Urban Areas in Northwest Indiana; and


WHEREAS, maps of the proposed Adjusted Urban Area boundaries for the NIRPC Metropolitan Planning Area have been prepared and are attached as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Planning Committee has recommended that the Commission approve the Adjusted Urban Area boundaries described herein.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission recommends that the Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries for the Northwest Indiana region, as shown on the attached maps be adopted by the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 19th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:



Sue Lynch
Secretary



Richard Hardaway
Chairperson