

## RESOLUTION 17-16

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE US 30 AND I-65 SAFETY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

July 20, 2017

**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;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has adopted, amended or updated various regional transportation plans for Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties over the years in light of new information and changing conditions;

**WHEREAS**, the work contained in this project responds to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwest Indiana and is 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**, the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan* contains goals for safe and secure transportation and to increase mobility, accessibility, and transportation options for people and freight;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC's objectives include the enhancement of connectivity between housing, jobs, services, and educational facilities, as well as the reduction of congestion and improvement of the internal connectivity of the transportation network;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC aspires to improve the safety of non-motorized transportation and improve system accessibility for people with special transportation needs including persons with disabilities, the elderly, the young, and low-income populations;

**WHEREAS**, NIRPC identified the need for a safety plan for the major shopping and employment area in the northwest Indiana region and conducted the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan to increase safety and local connectivity, and reduce congestion within the plan area;

**WHEREAS**, the study area is highly urbanized with daily vehicle traffic count over 55,000, and developments in the area are not assembled into a sustainable whole but rather are separated into single-use districts and oriented to the personal automobile rather than to the pedestrian scale, with no physical pedestrian/bicycle protection or separation from fast-moving cars;

**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan is intended to reduce pedestrian and auto conflicts by connecting walkways, creating safe pedestrian street crossings, and consolidating driveways if needed;

**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan includes new road connections to reduce congestion within the plan area;

**WHEREAS**, the recommendations within the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan encompass construction projects, project scheduling and funding opportunities for future implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan will serve the regional transportation needs and it will be integrated into the Long Range Transportation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts the US 30 and I-65 Safety Plan.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twentieth day of July, 2017.



Michael W. Griffin  
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Diane Noll  
Secretary