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RESOLUTION 18-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT #5 TO THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE COMPANION FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS FOR 2018

March 15, 2018

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 Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), 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 FAST Act of 2015 requires the implementation of performance-based planning, in part by reflecting the adopted annual safety targets within the long-range plan in force for our region; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted the Indiana Department of Transportation's targets at their meeting on January 18, 2018 for the performance measures of number of fatalities, rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled, number of serious injuries, rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled, and number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion must be amended to reflect the Commission-adopted safety targets; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Commission amend the long-range plan, known as the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #5, to reflect the Commission-adopted safety targets for the year 2018 as detailed in the attached amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission adopts Amendment #5 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this fifteenth day of March, 2018.

Signed: _____

Geof R. Benson
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Signed: _____

Karen Freeman-Wilson
Secretary

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2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #5

Amendment #5 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion adds Commission adopted safety targets to page II-14 as required by the federal transportation law known as the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act.

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, is required to support the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) safety targets or adopt our own on five specific measures. The NIRPC Commission chose to support INDOT's targets with an affirmative vote on January 18, 2018.

The five measures and targets are below:

- Number of fatalities – less than 814.9
- Rate of fatalities per 100 million miles traveled – less than 1.036
- Number of serious injuries – less than 3,479.8
- Rate of serious injuries per 100 million miles traveled – less than 4.347
- Number of non-motorized fatalities and non-motorized serious injuries – less than 417.0

INDOT has adopted its safety target based on five-year rolling averages and reported these targets as required to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Federal Highway Administration. NIRPC will plan and program projects in support of attaining these targets.