



RESOLUTION 22-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING ROADWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

March 17, 2022

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, the *NWI 2050 Plan*, the *FY 2020-2024 & FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs* are products of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors; and

WHEREAS, the *NWI 2050 Plan* contains a regional map of the Roadway Functional Classification network on page 38; and

WHEREAS, the *INDOT, MPO, & RPO Planning Cooperative Procedures Manual* establishes a process in which the Commission in its role as a Metropolitan Planning Organization is responsible for submitting requests for Roadway Functional Classification changes to the Indiana Department of Transportation on an ongoing and as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has received requests for Roadway Functional Classification changes by Local Public Agencies with jurisdiction over the requested road segments; and


WHEREAS, the Local Public Agencies have provided documentation for the reason of the Roadway Functional Classification change requests in a manner consistent with the practices and procedures of the Indiana Department of Transportation's Roadway Inventory Office and the Federal Highway

Administration's *Highway Functional Classification Concepts, Criteria and Procedures: 2013 Edition*; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the *NWI 2050 Plan* brought about by these change requests fit the criteria of a technical amendment according to the *Engage NWI* plan

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby recommends Roadway Functional Classification changes by making the following changes to the *NWI 2050 Plan* in a manner consistent with the definitions of a technical amendment as defined in *Engage NWI* and as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this seventeenth day of March, 2022.

ATTEST.

Greg Stinson
Secretary


Justin Kiel
Chairperson