



RESOLUTION 15-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION ADOPTING THE 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE
COMPANION FOR NORTHWESTERN INDIANA**

May 21, 2015

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Council of Governments, representing all local governments in the region has established a comprehensive planning process including the three domains of environmental, economic development and transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, the Commission, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and La Porte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; to annually endorse the plans and programs; to facilitate federal transportation funding for the Indiana Department of Transportation, regional communities and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above mentioned activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2102 (MAP-21), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating 3-C transportation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has conducted the 2040 update planning process in an open and participatory manner, involving numerous people, with a specific effort to engage low income and minority populations and soliciting public comment at various points in the process, including requesting public comment on the draft 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion, and the Commission has reviewed and considered the comments received; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has analyzed the benefits and burdens of the implementation of the plan and has found that there are no unfair burdens, nor unfair lack of benefits for low income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has developed a working Congestion Management Process to consider multi-modal solutions to traffic congestion problems; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion is the product of a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the draft 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion conforms to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the draft 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission officially adopts the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan Update Companion this 21st day of May, 2015.


Blair Milo
Chairperson

ATTEST:


Robert J. Schaefer
Secretary