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## RESOLUTION 11-06

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE (3) TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2011-2012**

**April 28, 2011**

**WHEREAS**, the annual preparation of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a necessary and required part of the metropolitan area transportation planning process as specified in 23 CFR 450.314; and

**WHEREAS**, the work tasks described within the UPWP constitute the agency's work program for the Northwestern Indiana region in conjunction with the programs of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and planning projects by other agencies, keeping this three-county metropolitan planning area compliant with federal planning requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, this program has been prepared for planning (PL), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds through the Federal Highway Administration, Section 5303 technical study funds through the Federal Transit Administration, Sections 5307 and 5323 and planning funds through the Federal Transit Administration, private foundation, and NIRPC's locally derived funds;

**WHEREAS**, the work elements contained in the program respond to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwestern Indiana and are in keeping with federal requirements found in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users and their regulations;

**WHEREAS**, all regional transportation and other significant planning projects in the three-county region should be included in the UPWP;

**WHEREAS**, the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD) to conduct a comprehensive study of a number of factors that affect ridership, and ultimately revenues, on the South Shore Line commuter rail service; and

**WHEREAS**, the main component of this study shall be a comprehensive survey of South Shore riders;

**WHEREAS**, NICTD has conducted, at regular intervals, an on-off count and ridership survey as mandated by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and

**WHEREAS**, the last work was completed in 2004 and a new survey is needed to reflect the demographic trends and the changes in the makeup of NICTD's ridership in the late 2000s and early 2010s; and

**WHEREAS**, the next on-off count of riders shall be undertaken in May 2011, and the ridership survey must be completed soon after in order to properly align with the results of the on-off count;

**WHEREAS**, federal funding of \$60,000 by Federal Transit Authority (FTA) and a local match of \$15,000 by NICTD were identified for a total of \$75,000;

**WHEREAS**, to complete this survey on time, the proper grant application and obligation, consultant selection and final contract signing must be completed by summer of 2011;

**WHEREAS**, the end products of this project will aid NICTD in the development of recommended changes in service designed to increase ridership and net passenger revenue;

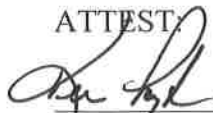
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts an amendment to the fiscal Year 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program to add funds for the Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP) program.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twenty eighth day of April, 2011.



Thomas McDermott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary