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RESOLUTION 11-16

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

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 LaPorte 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 Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, 2005) as well as other federal, state and local legislation mandating cooperative, comprehensive and continuing regional transportation planning activities; and

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

WHEREAS, integrating land use and transportation planning with economic development, environmental and social equity considerations, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan provides a framework for how the three-county region can develop in the next generation, and is a tool to guide our actions and direct our resources to achieve our vision of a vibrant, revitalized, accessible, and united region; and

WHEREAS, the residents 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

transportation expansion projects in the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and has found that there are no unfair burdens, nor unfair lack of benefits for low income populations 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 identifies the convergence of an ecosystem approach, green infrastructure network, and the urban revitalization and livable communities strategies, and encourages protection of natural, rural and agricultural assets; and

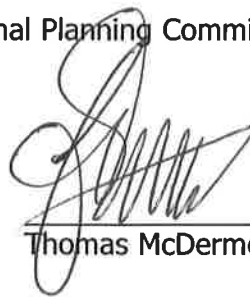
WHEREAS, reinvestment in our historic urban centers is a key principle, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan promotes livability, walkable street networks, improving local and regional infrastructure, and providing employment and multimodal access; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan fosters a globally competitive, diversified economy and expanded access to knowledge and educational opportunities; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission adopts the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan and supports and promotes its implementation.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twenty-third day of June, two thousand eleven.



Thomas McDermott, Chairman

ATTEST:



Ken Layton, Secretary