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A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FROM THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 11-19

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is the council of governments and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties; and

WHEREAS, in its role as MPO, NIRPC has a responsibility to develop a long-range transportation plan with a congestion management element; and an obligation to develop a short-term transportation improvement program, which includes projects in a variety of funding categories, including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ); and

WHEREAS, NIRPC involves stakeholder committees in developing plans and programs, and deeply relies on these committees for valuable input to identify projects and priorities to bring before its policy committees and board for action; and

WHEREAS, well-functioning committees require able and consistent leadership to guide and direct committees toward appropriate, sound, regional decisions; and

WHEREAS, Stu Summers, representing the City of Valparaiso, yet acting in a regional statesman-like manner, chaired both the Congestion Management subcommittee (from May 2009 to June 2011) and the CMAQ committee through three programming cycles (2006, 2008, and 2011); and

WHEREAS, while serving as the chair for the Congestion Management subcommittee, Stu lead the committee in building NIRPC's congestion management process from the ground up, where NIRPC now has a compliant congestion management process in place; and

WHEREAS, while serving as the chair for the CMAQ committee, Stu was consistently able to bring the selection of CMAQ projects to conclusion, which is no small task within a diverse group of stakeholders representing all modes of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Stu also played a significant role in the implementation of new bus transit service for Valparaiso, and at a time when some communities were considering the elimination of city-wide bus service, Valparaiso boldly embraced public transit and implemented two bus services for city residents; and

WHEREAS, Stu is a consummate deal-maker, one who the staff and stakeholders learned, does not rest or retreat until the job is done or the deal is finalized.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission commends and expresses its sincere gratitude to Stu Summers for his outstanding leadership and devoted public service to Northwestern Indiana.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this eighteenth day of August, 2011.

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Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Ken Layton, Secretary