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## RESOLUTION 12-06

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING AMENDMENT NUMBER THREE TO THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012**

**February 16, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the 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 FY 2011-2012 UPWP constitute the agency's work program for the Northwest 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 Northwest 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 Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC) is to conduct Management and Operations Planning areas of concentration that include: Route Planning, Facilities Planning, Regional Planning, Grant Management and Reporting; and

**WHEREAS**, the GPTC is to perform Outreach areas of concentration that include Marketing Opportunities, Brand Recognition/Promotions, and Schedules and Promotional maps. These activities are short-range transit planning designed to enhance service delivery to GPTC patrons.

**WHEREAS**, the planning activities include advancing the NIRPC Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project sponsored by GPTC, which includes Transit Oriented Development (TOD) elements. The TOD elements are part of the University Park project, which began planning in 2008 and the TOD planning for the station area will be ongoing;

**WHEREAS**, a new marketing plan will be completed by summer of 2012 and it will include revisions to the current marketing strategies that were completed in late 2009;

**WHEREAS**, GPTC is launching of a re-designed website that will be completed in summer 2012;

**WHEREAS**, mapping activities will be conducted, using Geographic Information System (GIS) and portable system map will be created for key stations. The system map will be developed in tandem with two ARRA-related projects for the Metro Center and for University Park; and

**WHEREAS**, GPTC's schedules will be continuously updated (Principal schedule work was performed in 2010, but as routes and schedules are adjusted, this has become an on-going planning function).

**WHEREAS**, the GPTC is involved in continued efforts for an Enhanced Regional Service;

**WHEREAS**, Grant completion is expected in 2012 project management for completed shelter replacement/expansion project and Metro Center improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, GPTC will renew agreements with City of Gary that focus on University Park, and will be completed by Fall 2012.

**WHEREAS**, federal funding of \$80,000 by Federal Transit Authority (FTA) and a local match of \$20,000 by the GPTC were identified for the planning activities for a total of \$100,000;

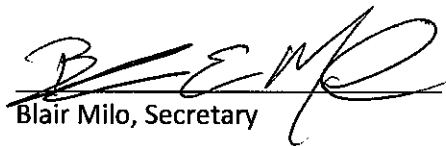
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts an amendment to the fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program to include the GPTC planning elements.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on the sixteenth day of February, 2012.



Geoff Benson, Chairman

ATTEST:



Blair Milo, Secretary