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RESOLUTION 13-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MAKING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE AMENDED 2040 COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL PLAN AND FISCAL YEAR 2014 to 2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WITH RESPECT TO OZONE AND FINE PARTICLES

August 29, 2013

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 implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone and fine particles; and

WHEREAS, Lake and Porter Counties have been designated as a non-attainment area with respect to the "8-hour" standard for ozone and Lake and Porter Counties have been designated as a maintenance area of the 1997 annual standard for fine particles, and

WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 requires that the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and the FY 2014 to 2017 Transportation Improvement Program conform to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality by causing the Summer day emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides from highway mobile sources to be below the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in the State Implementation Plan for the ozone non-attainment area and by causing annual direct emissions of PM_{2.5} and annual PM_{2.5} precursor emissions of Nitrogen Oxides from highway mobile sources in Lake and Porter Counties to be at or below the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets in the State Implementation Plans for the PM_{2.5} maintenance area; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "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 2012 (MAP-21), as well as other federal, state and local legislation mandating cooperative, comprehensive and continuing regional transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and Fiscal Year 2014 to 2014 Transportation Improvement Program are the products of a multi-modal, continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the projects in the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan and Transportation Improvement Program will result in Summer day highway mobile source emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds and Nitrogen Oxides in 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2040 that will be below the motor vehicle emissions budgets in the State Implementation Plans for the ozone non-attainment area and will result in annual highway mobile source emissions of direct PM_{2.5} and Nitrogen Oxides in 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2040 that will be no greater than the motor vehicle emission budgets in the PM_{2.5} maintenance area; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the draft Air Quality Conformity Determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Commission officially makes the Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Transportation Plan and Fiscal Year 2014 to 2017 Transportation Improvement Program with respect to ozone and fine particles, contingent upon the receipt of an opinion by the Commission's Attorney that the Commission is in substantial compliance with the notification requirements of the Consent Decree.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-ninth day of August 2013.



David Uran
Chairman

ATTEST:



James G. Ton
Secretary