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RESOLUTION 13-16

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

August 29, 2013

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving to the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above 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 laws mandating 3-C transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Regional Plan is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process that was developed in an open and participatory manner, including extensive participation involving numerous people, with specific efforts made to engage low-income and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, 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 to direct our resources to achieve our vision of a vibrant, revitalized, accessible, and united region; 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 and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has found it necessary to make technical corrections to the Plan, as described on the attachment.

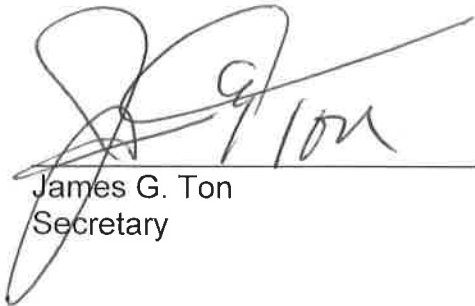
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby adopts this Amendment #2 to the Comprehensive Regional Plan pending completion of the public comment period contingent upon the receipt of an opinion by the Commission's Attorney that the Commission is in substantial compliance with the notification 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

July 9, 2013

Beginning today, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is seeking public comments on Amendment #2 to its Comprehensive Regional Plan.

This amendment makes several changes, primarily technical in nature, to the listing of capacity-increasing projects published on page II-28 of the Plan. These changes are described in the following portion of this notice.

1. Change in Transportation Network Horizon (Emissions Analysis) Years and

2. Changes in Implementation Schedules of Certain Projects

The grouping of projects shown below consists of projects already listed in the transportation plan and Conformity Determination--but with a different horizon year. The new Conformity Determination and the July 2013 transportation plan amendment changes the horizon (emissions analysis) years from that represented in the 2011 transportation plan and 2011 Conformity Determination (2016, 2020, 2030, and 2040) and replaces them with 2015, new horizon years 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2040.

Additionally, we have asked the implementing project sponsors for updated construction time tables. That new information is also reflected here.

CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
241	Cedar Lake	133rd Ave	Industrial Drive to US 41	Added Center Turn Lane	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
38a	Gary	Buffington Harbor Access Rd (2A-3)	SR 912 to Casinos	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
226	Hobart	61st Ave	Colorado St to SR 51	Added Center Turn Lane	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
121	INDOT	SR 2	0.5 miles east of I-65 to 0.5 miles west of I-65	Added Travel Lanes	2015 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
29	INDOT	SR 49	0.5 miles S of Porter CR 400N to 0.5 miles N of Porter CR 400N	New Principal Arterial Highway Interchange	2015 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
235	Lake County	45th Ave	Colfax St to Cleveland St	Added Center Turn Lane	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
105	Merrillville	Mississippi St	US 30 to 101st Ave	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
86	Munster	Main St	Burnham Ave (IL) to Columbia Ave	New Minor Arterial St (4 lanes)	2025 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
217	Munster	45th Ave	at Calumet Ave	Intersection Realignment	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
214	Valparaiso	Vale Park Rd East	Calumet Ave to Silhavy Rd	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016

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CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
96a	Schererville	Kennedy Ave	Junction St to US 30	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2016
96b	Schererville	Kennedy Ave	Oak St to Junction St	Added Travel Lanes	2025 Network	Horizon Year Changed from 2020

3. LaPorte County Projects Removed from the Conformity Determination

The following projects are located in LaPorte County. LaPorte County was found to be in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) in 2012. For this reason all LaPorte County projects have been removed from the Conformity Determination but remain in the plan.

CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
85	INDOT	US 421	N JCT SR 2 to S JCT SR 2	Added Travel Lanes	DELETED	LaPorte County Project Deleted
233	INDOT	US 20	Woodland Ave to Johnson Rd	Added Center Turn Lane	DELETED	LaPorte County Project Deleted
88	Michigan City	Springland Ave	Karwick Rd to Royal Rd	New Collector Rd (2 lanes)	DELETED	LaPorte County Project Deleted
238	LaPorte (City)	Economic Development Corridor (NE)	SR 39 to SR 2	New Collector St (2 lanes)	DELETED	LaPorte County Project Deleted
115	LaPorte (City)	Boyd Blvd	US 35 to SR 2	Added Travel Lanes	DELETED	LaPorte County Project Deleted

4. Projects Removed from the Plan and Conformity Determination--Other Reasons

As noted on page 2 of the draft Conformity Determination, in the Conformity Consultation call of April 29, 2013, INDOT, EPA, IDEM, FHWA, and NIRPC reached consensus that the Cline Avenue (SR 912) Bridge replacement project would be eliminated from the Conformity Determination because there had been no information received regarding an open to traffic date, design scope, and/or tolling information. The replacement project will need to be reconsidered for inclusion when this information is available.

CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
234	INDOT	SR 912	Dickey Rd to Riley Rd	One of Two Identified Options	DELETED	Removed per 04/29/13 consultation.

5. New Projects Added to the Plan and Conformity Determination

The transportation plan amendment adds the following project to both the transportation plan and the Conformity Determination.

CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
243	Porter (Town)	SR 49	Oak Hill Rd to NICTD Bridge	Travel Lane Elimination	2015 Network	New Project Added

6. No Changes

The following projects remain unchanged in both the amended transportation plan and conformity determination.

CD Project ID	LPA	Road	Location	Improvement Type	July 2013 Conformity Determination	Description of Change
38b	Gary	Buffington Harbor Access Rd 3	SR 912 to Casinos	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	No Change
214	Merrillville	101st Ave	SR 53 to Mississippi St	Added Travel Lanes	2025 Network	No Change
240	Hammond	Gostlin/Sheffield/Chicago Ave	IL Line to US 41	Added Travel Lanes	2020 Network	No Change
237	Porter County	Willowcreek Rd	Porter CR 700 N to US 30	New Minor Arterial St (4 lanes)	2030 Network	No Change
239	Valparaiso	Division Rd	US 30 to SR 2	Added Travel Lanes	2040 Network	No Change