



RESOLUTION 15-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING THE TITLE VI PROGRAM OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER PROVISIONS OF FTA CIRCULAR 4702.1B

WHEREAS, Federal Transit Administration statutes, requirements, policies, and regulations, including those related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and other U.S. Department of Transportation requirements and implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Title VI non-discrimination laws in regard to providing appropriate access to services and activities provided by federal agencies and recipients of federal assistance, the Limited English Proficiency requirement will accommodate persons with Limited English Proficiency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission:


The Commission approves and submits to the Federal Transit Administration and/or U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, on behalf of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this seventeenth day of December, 2015.

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Identification of Designated Recipient, Direct Grantee, and Subrecipients

Recipient: Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368-6409
FTA Grantee: 1193

Subrecipients:

City of East Chicago, IN (East Chicago Transit)
North Township, Lake County, IN (North Twp Dial-a-Ride)
South Lake County Community Services, Inc.
Opportunity Enterprises, Inc. (OE Express)
Porter County Aging & Community Services, Inc.
City of Valparaiso, IN (V-Line & ChicaGo Dash)
City of La Porte, IN (TransPorte)

NIRPC also functions as the cognizant Designated Recipient and executes supplemental agreements for the following transit operator, which is itself a direct grantee of Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) funds:

Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District (NICTD)
(South Shore Commuter Rail)
FTA Grantee: 1201

NICTD will be submitting their own Title VI Certification to FTA. Please see their submitted document.

Part I. NIRPC General Reporting Requirements

The information contained in this report reflects the Title VI requirement per Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1B of October 1, 2012. The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) functions as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): FTA direct grantee that passes through funding to seven (7) different transit operators; and as the “cognizant” Designated Recipient for a commuter rail provider. As a recipient of FTA funds, NIRPC submits the following information under General Reporting Requirements of Chapter III of the Circular.

1. Requirement to Provide an Annual Title VI Certification and Assurances

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) submitted the FY 2013 Certifications and Assurances on TEAM on February 19, 2013.

2. Requirement to Develop Title VI Complaint Procedures

In 2010 NIRPC updated its Title VI complaints procedures. This update included the addition of a complaint form and was approved by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in May of 2010. NIRPC’s Title VI Complaint Procedures (*see Attachment #1*) are posted on the bulletin board in NIRPC’s reception area and are available for the public to download from NIRPC’s website.

3. Requirement to Record Title VI Investigations, Complaints, & Lawsuits

NIRPC has no active lawsuits or complaints alleging discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin with respect to service or other transit benefits.

4. Requirement to Provide Meaningful Access to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Persons

NIRPC receives federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation (US DOT). For this reason it is subject to the US DOT’s Limited English Proficiency Guidance, issued on December 14, 2005. NIRPC has elected not to prepare a formal Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. In 2011 NIRPC completed the LEP Four Factor Analysis (*see Attachments #2 & Attachment #3*). NIRPC has elected not to update the four factor analysis at this time. This is due to the low number of LEP persons historically accessing NIRPC services, and the low frequency at which LEP persons encounter NIRPC’s services. NIRPC will update the four factor analysis and revisit the possibility of creating a formal Limited English Proficiency Plan upon the release of more detailed data. The conclusions to the four factor analysis have been updated to reflect the steps taken and the future steps that will be taken to expand NIRPC’s access to LEP populations (*See Attachment #3*).

5. Requirement to Notify Beneficiaries of Protection Under Title VI

NIRPC's Title VI Complaint Procedures (*see Attachment #1*) are posted on the bulletin board in NIRPC's reception area and are available for the public to download from NIRPC's website. NIRPC staff updated its Non-Discrimination Statement in 2010 to fulfill the INDOT ADA review. A Request for Alternate Formats statement was developed in 2010. It is NIRPC's policy to incorporate both the Non-Discrimination and Request for Alternate Format Statements into all public documents. Below are the Non-Discrimination and Request for Alternate Format Statements.

Non-Discrimination Statement

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, familial status, parental status, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program.

Request for Alternate Formats

Requests for alternate formats please Allen Hammond at NIRPC at (219)763-6060 (extension 141) or ahammond@nirpc.org. Individuals with hearing impairments may contact us through the Indiana relay 711 service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333.

6. Public Participation Plan & Summary of Public Outreach and Involvement Activities

Several steps have been taken since 2011 to ensure that the general public, including minority and low income populations, are involved in and have meaningful access to NIRPC activities and events. These steps include, but are not limited to:

- Hiring a Public Involvement Coordinator to improve public participation throughout the region, including the low income and minority populations.
- NIRPC engaged a public outreach and involvement consultant, during the development of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), with ties to local community organizations and leadership in an effort to engage people who traditionally do not participate in the regional planning process.
- Engaging in a large number of public workshops and public outreach events in multiple locations throughout the region. This includes organizing several events in minority and low income communities. This took place during the development of the 2040 CRP and continues to this day.
- Broadcasting information regarding NIRPC activities and public involvement opportunities through radio, newspaper, and television spots. Several media spots were translated into Spanish.
- Posting NIRPC activities, information, publications and events on NIRPC's website.
- NIRPC provides public notice through media notices, public service announcements, web site meeting calendar, and announcements at monthly policy board and stakeholder meetings. Notices of regularly scheduled meetings are sent out and posted at least 48 hours in advance. A notice is also sent prior to January for the entire years' worth of meetings. Notices of formal public hearings are done 30 days in advance of the hearing.

- Providing sign language interpreters and or Spanish translators at NIRPC outreach events upon request.
- Releasing various draft plans, programs and other documents for 30-45 day public comment periods.
- NIRPC has established a social media presence that includes Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter as additional tools for outreach and engagement.
- NIRPC launched a new web page in January of 2013 to reflect current styles and updated user features.
- Hosted and presented numerous webinars.

In addition to the above steps, the following is a summary of specific public outreach and involvement activities undertaken since the submission of the last Title VI certification in May of 2011.

2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)

The 2040 CRP is the first long-range comprehensive regional plan for Lake, Porter, and La Porte Counties. NIRPC made a substantial effort to provide all stakeholders (including the general public) an opportunity to shape the 2040 CRP. The 2040 CRP was adopted by the NIRPC Board in June of 2011. NIRPC provided a 30-day public comment period and conducted eighteen public open houses with locations across the three-county region, between April 28, 2011 and June 3, 2011. All comments received were responded to and a Public Comment Summary Report was produced. Since adoption of the Plan in June, 2011, focus has been on implementation and a variety of actions were taken to accomplish this. Actions taken include:

- Forming the *Pathway to 2040* Implementation Committee to assist NIRPC staff with on-going outreach efforts and implementation of the CRP.
- Forming an Urban Core Subcommittee formed by representative interests to include, at a minimum, Gary, Hammond, East Chicago and Michigan City. The focus is on advancing those recommendations of the CRP intended to realize revitalization and special emphasis on reinvigorating the region's historic central urban cities.
- Engaging in an unprecedented number of public input and/or public outreach events in multiple communities throughout the region. A large number of these events were held in minority and low income communities.
- Scheduling public input and outreach events at different times during the day and on weekends to accommodate a variety of schedules.
- Hosting most events in areas with access to public transit.
- Using a variety of media outlets, such as radio, newspaper and television, to inform the community of CRP activities and events. Several media releases were translated into Spanish.
- Hiring Spanish translators or appointing a staff member fluent in Spanish to attend major outreach events. Spanish translation was not requested for any of the events.
- Posted CRP activities and events on NIRPC's website, Facebook, and Twitter, which are becoming increasingly popular.
- Used Key Pad polling technology at several events to gather public input and provide immediate feedback.
- Developing and maintaining a stakeholder' list. Any individual who has requested to be on this list is notified of CRP outreach activities and events.
- Production of a CRP Video (early 2013) - For the first time, NIRPC produced a video of its long-range plan. The purpose was to expand its capacity to reach the public and those not typically involved with the planning process with the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan. The 12 minute video is on YouTube and can be accessed through the NIRPC website.
- NIRPC engaged a public outreach and involvement consultants, during the development of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), with ties to local community organizations and leadership in an effort to engage people who traditionally do not participate in the regional planning process.

- NIRPC invited minority leadership to be involved in the development of the 2040 Plan, many served on the Steering Committee and now are members of the 2040 Implementation Committee.

Public Participation Plan

The update of the 2007 Public Participation Plan, adopted on September 20, 2007, has been in development since January 2012. Meetings were held early in the process with a Task Force to develop the Public Participation Plan's goals and objectives. The public review began in early October, 2012 and after two extensions lasted until April 2, 2013 which totaled 174 days. During the comment period four meetings were held, one in each county and an additional meeting in northern Lake County to present the draft Plan and hear comments. As the date of this document, NIRPC is in the process of resolving any outstanding issues with a local center for independent living.

2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Air Quality Conformity Determination, & 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Amendment #2

NIRPC held a formal 30-day public comment period from July 3, 2013 to August 23, 2013 for the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program and Air Quality Conformity Determination. The formal 30 plus-day public comment period for Amendment #2 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan was held from July 10, 2013 to August 23, 2013. One public meeting was conducted for these three documents:

- August 21, 2013 at the Kennedy Branch of the Gary Public Library from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Notification for the comment period and meeting was sent to NIRPC's mailing lists, placed on NIRPC's website, and posted to the agency's social media accounts. Comments could be provided via the United States Postal Service, email, comments at public meetings, along with comments received on NIRPC's telephone comment line at (219) 763-6060, ext. 160. A public comment summary report was produced and summarized for the Transportation Policy Committee and NIRPC Board before action was taken.

Amendment #1 to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program

NIRPC held a public comment period for Amendment #1 to the 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program which added transit projects to the 2014-2017 TIP. A formal 30-day public comment period began on August 19, 2013 and ended on September 18, 2013. This independent comment period overlapped with the one summarized above. Three public meetings pertaining to this document were held:

- August 21, 2013: Kennedy Branch, Gary Public Library, Gary, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- August 27, 2013: Pastrick Branch, East Chicago Public Library, East Chicago, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- September 11, 2013: Valparaiso City Hall, Valparaiso 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Notification for the comment period and meeting was sent to NIRPC's mailing lists, placed on NIRPC's website, and posted to the agency's social media accounts. Comments could be provided via the United States Postal Service, email, comments at public meetings, along with comments received on NIRPC's telephone comment line at (219) 763-6060, ext. 160. A public comment summary report was produced and summarized for the Transportation Policy Committee and NIRPC Board before action was taken.

Illiana Expressway Corridor

The Indiana Department of Transportation proposed amendments to add the proposed Illiana Expressway from the Indiana/Illinois State Line to I-65 and the expansion of I-65 from US 30 south to US 231 to the following documents:

- 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (2040 CRP)
- 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Air Quality Conformity Analysis, a new version which includes the proposed projects

These three items were subject to a formal 30 plus-day public comment period which began on October 14, 2013 and ended on November 20, 2013. During the public comment period, NIRPC hosted four public meetings to gather comments. The meetings were held on the following dates:

- November 2: John W. Anderson Library, Indiana University Northwest, Gary, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- November 5: Lowell Middle School, Lowell, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- November 13: NIRPC Office, Portage, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- November 19: Michigan City City Hall, Michigan City, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The comments received at these meetings were compiled into a report, along with comments received on NIRPC's telephone comment line at (219) 763-6060, ext. 160, via email both to staff and at comments@nirpc.org, and via the United States Postal Service. This report was also provided to the Indiana Department of Transportation, who is the project sponsor. During the formal public comment period, NIRPC received about 720 comments through the aforementioned means. The report is available on NIRPC's website at www.nirpc.org and was sent to all members of the Transportation Policy Committee and the NIRPC Commission prior to their December meetings where action was taken on the proposed amendments.

The December 3 Transportation Policy Committee and the December 12 NIRPC Full Commission meetings were held at Woodland Park in Portage. This was done to ensure that NIRPC would be able to accommodate the expected large audience for each meeting.

Environmental Justice Workshops

Meetings were held with the Urban League of Northwest Indiana and the Northwest Indiana Federation to discuss job creation in the core communities through brownfield redevelopment.

An Environmental Justice Workshop was held on October 10, 2013 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Genesis Convention Center in Downtown Gary as part of the process related to the Illiana Expressway and I-65 amendments. Invitations were sent to residents and organizations, which had participated in the Environmental Justice Workshop during the process to create the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan, as well as others that NIRPC had made connections with since that time. The consulting firm Bernadin, Lochmueller & Associates (BLA) assisted in organizing and facilitated the workshop in order to assess the impacts that the proposed projects might have on the Environmental Justice communities in Northwest Indiana. Representatives from NIRPC and the INDOT Illiana Project Team were present. Presentations were given and BLA facilitated a discussion among the group. The information was used as part of NIRPC's Environmental Justice Analysis of the projects.

2011- 2013 Consent Decree Hearings Regarding NIRPC & Subrecipient ADA Compliance

As a result of a consent decree that ended an almost ten-year old lawsuit filed against NIRPC by the Everybody Counts organization, NIRPC was required to conduct ADA compliance reviews of its transit operator subrecipients on an annual basis. Part of the review included public hearings regarding the operator's compliance with the ADA. Multiple media releases were used to promote the hearings and information on how to use public transit to access the hearing was widely distributed and posted on the NIRPC website. Meeting notices were also posted on all public transit vehicles throughout the region and distributed to common destinations of transit riders. Deaf interpreters were hired for the 2011 - 2013 hearings. NIRPC also used a Communication Access Real-time Translation (CART) System and streamed the events live over the internet. Individuals viewing the event online had the opportunity to email comments and questions directly to a staff member at the hearings. Individuals could also phone in comments and questions to a dedicated phone line 30 days before and after the public hearing. A court reporter was hired for these hearings who provided a transcript of the hearings.

Environmental Public Outreach

NIRPC's Environmental Department provides a public education program for both its Air Quality Program and Stormwater Management Program. The environmental division has produced a large amount of public outreach materials, several of which have been translated into Spanish. These materials are distributed each year to the public at several events, including gas can exchanges, the Porter County Earth Day event and a yearly beach clean-up along the Lake Michigan shoreline. The environmental division also held several meetings and workshops throughout every year for Hoosier Riverwatch, and the Stormwater Management Program, including 46 workshops from 2011 to 2013.

To promote cleaner air throughout the region the Environmental Department also organizes the Partners for Clean Air Award Breakfast/Luncheon and Asthma Awareness Day at Gary RailCats baseball games. The breakfast is open to the public and NIRPC distributes free tickets to the baseball game at asthma and health clinics throughout the region, with a focus on those in the urban and minority communities. Outreach materials and public education is also done at events throughout the year including, Working Women's Wednesday, the Annual Porter County Master Gardening Show, and the Girl's and Boy's Club biking event in Valparaiso. In addition billboard, newspaper, and radio, space has been purchased to educate the public on Air Quality and Stormwater Management and to promote events. This includes space in Que Viva, Northwest Indiana's Spanish speaking newspaper.

7. Minority Representation on Planning and Advisory Bodies

The table below depicts membership of NIRPC Committees broken down by race based on 2010 Census for the NIRPC Region of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties.

NIRPC Committee Membership Broken Down by Race Based on 2010 Census for the NIRPC Region of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties.

Body	2010 Population	Transportation Policy Committee	Ped, Pedal, Paddle Committee	NIRPC Board	Transit Operators Roundtable	Finance & Personnel Committee	2040 Implementation Committee
White alone	65.6%	84.6%	94.2%	92.1%	75%	77.8%	78.5%
Black or African American	18.4%	10.3%	2.9%	5.9%	16.7%	22.2%	14.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Asian alone	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Some Other Race alone	0.1%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
Two or More Races	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hispanic or Latino	13.3%	3.8%	2.9%	2%	8.3%	0.0%	5.4%

Membership on the NIRPC Board is made under the NIRPC Enabling Legislation (*P.L. 165-2003, and as amended by P.L. 2-2007*) that states the following:

IC 36-7-7.6-4

Commission Membership

Sec. 4. (a) The following members shall be appointed to the commission:

- (1) A member of the county executive of each county described in section I of this chapter, to be appointed by the county executive.
- (2) A member of the county fiscal body of each county described in section I of this chapter, to be appointed by the county fiscal body.

- (3) The county surveyor of each county described in section I of this chapter.
- (4) For a county having a population of not more than four hundred thousand (400,000), one (1) person appointed by the executive of each of the eleven (11) largest municipalities.
- (5) For a county having a population of more than four hundred thousand (400,000) but less than seven hundred thousand (700,000), one (1) person appointed by the executive of each of the nineteen (19) largest municipalities.
- (6) Beginning July 1, 2007, one (1) person appointed by the trustee of each township that:
 - (A) Is located in a county described in section 1 of this chapter;
 - (B) Has a population of at least eight thousand (8,000); and
 - (C) Does not contain a municipality.
- (b) One (1) voting member of the commission shall be appointed by the governor. The member appointed under this subsection may not vote in a weighted vote under section 9 of this chapter.
- (c) A member of the commission who is a county surveyor may not vote in a weighted vote under section 9 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.165-2003, SEC.6. Amended by P.L.169-2006, SEC.57.

IC 36-7-7.6-5

Sec. 5. (a) All commission members must be elected officials.

NIRPC made a significant effort in ensuring a diverse participation of members on the 2040 Implementation Committee. Membership includes representation from minority agencies and organizations, transportation, environmental, environmental justice, economic development, universities and representatives from the Urban Core Communities, including Gary, Hammond, East Chicago and Michigan City. NIRPC invited some minority leadership to be involved in the development of the 2040 Plan, many served on the Steering Committee and now are members of the 2040 Implementation Committee.

According to the Federal Register 23 CFR 450, NIRPC MPO policy committees, such as the Transportation Policy Committee, shall consist of the following, “each MPO that serves a TMA shall consist of local elected officials, public transportation agencies or appropriate State officials on their policy boards”. The individual communities select their representation on the Transportation Policy Committee.

NIRPC is in the process of establishing a Committee of NIRPC Board Commissioners that will oversee the membership and function of all the agency’s Committees.

8. Monitoring Subrecipients

NIRPC conducts Biennial Reviews of all Subrecipients, which includes addressing Title VI Federal Requirements. The purpose of a Biennial Review is to assess the subrecipient’s management practices and program implementation to evaluate compliance with federal requirements. The Biennial Review consists of two stages. The first stage is a desk review conducted at NIRPC to review documentation pertaining to the subrecipient. The second stage is a site visit for NIRPC to discuss any outstanding items, examine FTA-funded facilities and equipment, and review any additional documents.

The review package details the information needed for the Biennial Review Site Visit, most of which is provided in advance. This information request is organized into three parts: Subrecipient Profile, Requested Documents and Questions for the Review. The Biennial Reviewers may request additional information during the site visit.

A draft report is issued at the end of the process, describing any deficiencies in the subrecipient's program that have been identified and the necessary corrective actions. In order to enable NIRPC to make these determinations during the site visit, the subrecipient must submit the information requested, and written responses to the questions.

9. Copy of Resolution

Please see *Attachment #4* for NIRPC's permanent Resolution.

Part II. MPO Requirements

As a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds, NIRPC submits the following information under the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organizations Reporting Requirements of Chapter VI of the Circular.

1. Demographic Profile

Northwest Indiana's population of just over 770,000 people is concentrated in northern and central Lake County, northern Porter County, in and around Valparaiso in central Porter County, and in the cities of La Porte and Michigan City in LaPorte County. The remainder of northwest Indiana is mostly rural and not densely populated. Minority and low-income residents of northwest Indiana are concentrated almost exclusively in the "urban core" communities of Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, and Michigan City, as well as parts of Merrillville and Hobart (*see Attachment #5*). Fixed route transit services serve these areas of minority and low-income residents, however, the recent shut down of the Regional Bus Authority (formerly Hammond Transit) left gaps in service that have only been partially filled by other regional operators. Demand response services serve these areas as well, in addition to serving the more suburban and rural parts of the region. The attached tables and maps show each operator's service area by Census Tract for the entire region, and identify minority and low-income tracts as well (*see Attachment #6*).

2. Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Analysis

As part of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), NIRPC conducted an Environmental Justice Benefits and Burdens Analysis to determine what, if any, benefits or burdens the transportation projects selected for the plan would have on Environmental Justice (EJ) populations. The analysis examined 11 performance measures related to accessibility and mobility, and found that if all projects in the plan are implemented, EJ communities would have no undue burdens placed upon them as a result of the projects, and would most likely see benefits from the projects. The EJ analysis that NIRPC developed was commended by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration during NIRPC's recent Certification Review, and was called "a model for other Metropolitan Planning Organizations".

3. Description of Procedures Within Planning Process

The planning process that produces an MPO's long range and short range plans is the initial source of the procedures used to identify and consider the mobility needs of the minority populations. The most recent long range planning process for northwest Indiana took place beginning in 2008 and was completed in 2011. The 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP) involved the largest, most representative group of participants from every corner of the three-county region. The resultant goals and objectives reflect the input of citizens from every component of northwest Indiana's diverse population. Minority population input was specifically sought out by holding multiple public workshops in neighborhoods of minority concentrations.

The CRP's goals and objectives formed the basis for setting priorities for the federal transportation funds NIRPC programs for Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties in the short range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Once priorities are determined criteria are developed and projects are solicited from eligible public transit

operators. Projects are then ranked according to the criteria and funded until available dollars are programmed. The public transit operators oversee the development of the criteria and subsequent ranking of projects.

For the new TIP developed under the goals and objectives of the CRP, priorities were determined to be preservation and maintenance of the existing system. Consequently, projects supporting the continued operating assistance and replacement of revenue vehicles for existing systems in the urbanized area rank the highest. This benefits systems serving the urban areas of Gary, Hammond, East Chicago and Michigan City which are the center of concentrations of minority populations. On-going input occurs each time the transit providers complete a rider survey. The transit operators then have the option to include a new project that may be amended into a TIP when an unanticipated need arises to add or improve a service.

4. Demographic Maps Showing Impacts of State and Federal Funds

Transit Operator Service Areas (NIRPC Subrecipients)

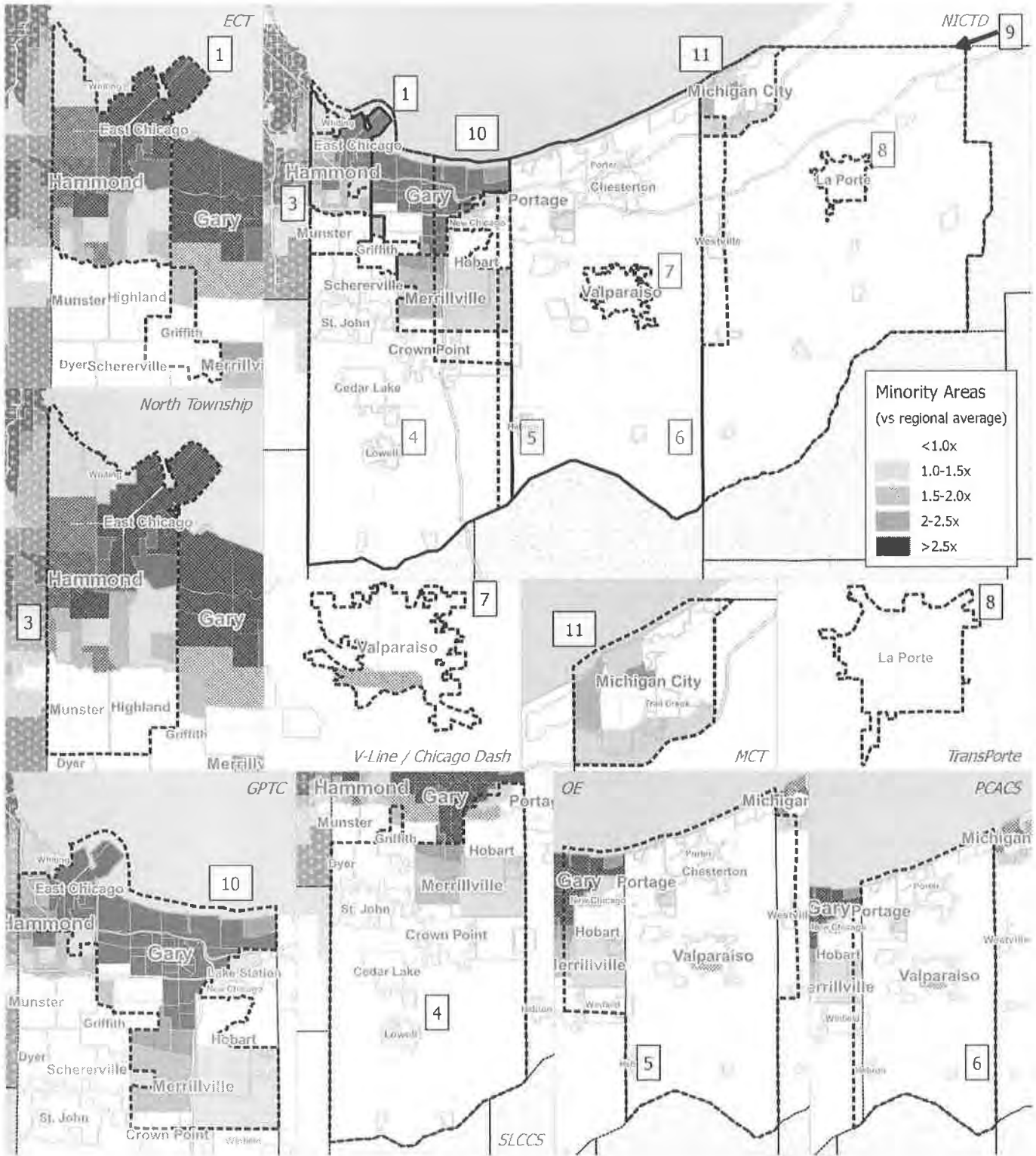


Figure 1: Transit Operators and Minority Populations in Northwest Indiana

Operator ³	Population ¹			Funding		Estimated Expenditures ²	
	Total	Non-Minority	Minority	5307 Funds	\$ per Capit	Non-Minority	Minority
ECT	133,751	51,988	81,763	\$ 570,758	\$ 4.27	\$ 221,849	\$ 348,909
NTDR	162,855	76,135	86,720	\$ 177,027	\$ 1.09	\$ 82,760	\$ 94,267
SLCCS	251,319	186,717	64,602	\$ 523,470	\$ 2.08	\$ 388,911	\$ 134,559
OE	276,987	222,820	54,167	\$ 216,092	\$ 0.78	\$ 173,833	\$ 42,259
PCACS	201,225	170,349	30,876	\$ 308,031	\$ 1.53	\$ 260,767	\$ 47,264
V-line	51,705	45,592	6,113	\$ 606,423	\$ 11.73	\$ 534,727	\$ 71,696
TransPorte	33,009	28,810	4,199	\$ 288,482	\$ 8.74	\$ 251,785	\$ 36,697
NICTD	771,810	506,095	265,715	\$3,737,520	\$ 4.84	\$ 2,450,785	\$ 1,286,735
GPTC	197,326	50,853	146,473	\$5,385,544	\$ 27.29	\$ 1,387,912	\$ 3,997,632
MCT	37,463	24,933	12,530	\$ 633,603	\$ 16.91	\$ 421,686	\$ 211,917
Total						\$ 6,175,015	\$ 6,271,935
Per Capita						\$ 12	\$ 24

Figure 2: Transit Operator Funding and Estimated Expenditures by Minority/Non-Minority Population

The Figures, 1 and 2, demonstrate a clear commitment to providing transit service to low-income and minority areas in northwest Indiana. While it is not possible using aggregate numbers to identify exactly where and how funding is distributed, if the assumption that funding is distributed by transit operators in relative proportion to where people live then on a per capita basis, then roughly twice as much money is spent on the minority population (\$24/person) than the non-minority population (\$12). Figure 1 shows that in areas with higher concentrations of minority residents, there is also a higher concentration of transit service.

5. Analysis of Transportation System Investments

From the previously demonstrated mapping and funding analyses, there are no disparate impacts based on race, color, or national origin.

¹ Population numbers are derived by aggregating the census tracts which fall within (or partially within) each transit operator's service area.

² Estimated expenditures are derived by taking the per capita funding calculation and multiplying that number by minority and non-minority population data for each transit operator's service area.

³ ECT = City of East Chicago Transit

NTDR = North Township Dial-a-Ride

SLCCS = South Lake County Community Services, Inc

OE = Opportunity Enterprises, Inc

PCACS = Porter County Aging and Community Services, Inc

V-Line = City of Valparaiso

TransPorte = City of La Porte

NICTD = Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

GPTC = Gary Public Transportation Corporation

MCT = Michigan City Transit

Part III. NIRPC Recertification Attachments

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Attachment #1: NIRPC's Title VI Complaint Procedures

NIRPC Procedures for Tracking and Investigating Civil Rights Complaints

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and services funded, in whole or part, by financial assistance from the United States Government. NIRPC extends this prohibition to individuals on the basis of disability, religion and gender. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability.

All services and programs operated or sponsored by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, 6100 Southport Road, Portage, Indiana, 46368 are subject to the requirements and obligations of Title VI, Section 504 and the ADA. It is the intention of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) to comply fully with Title VI, Section 504 and the ADA.

Under the provisions of Title VI, Section 504 and the ADA, persons who believe that they have experienced or witnessed any act or inaction, intentional or otherwise, in any program, service, or activity operated by or sponsored by the NIRPC that results in or may result in disparate treatment or impact, or perpetuates the effects of prior discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, or disability may file a written complaint with the NIRPC or directly with the U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), or the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

Complaints filed directly with FTA must be mailed within 180 days of any alleged discrimination. Complaints should be mailed to:

Federal Transit Administration Office of Civil Rights
Attention Title VI Program Coordinator
East Building, 5th Floor – TCR
1200 New Jersey Ave. , SE
Washington, D. C, 20590

Complaints filed directly with FHWA must be mailed within 180 days of any alleged discrimination. Complaints should be mailed to:

Federal Highway Administration Office of Civil Rights
Attention: Title VI Program Coordinator
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Complaints filed directly with INDOT must be mailed within 180 days of any alleged discrimination. Complaints should be mailed to:

Indiana Department of Transportation
Attention Title VI Program Coordinator
100 N. Senate Ave. Room 750
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or via the INDOT website at: <http://www.in.gov/indot/div/legal/dbe/titlesix.htm#complaints>

How to File a Complaint to NIRPC

A person with a Title VI or ADA complaint may also submit the complaint to NIRPC using the following procedures:

1. A complaint may be submitted in writing and must include the person's name and contact information, the date of the incident, and the identity of the person or department or service that caused the complaint. Complaints may be sent via mail, email, fax, or hand delivered and shall be addressed to the NIRPC Executive Director 6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN 46368. twarner@nirpc.org
2. A complaint may be taken verbally and must include the person's name and contact information, the date of the incident, and the identity of the person, department or service that caused the complaint.
3. Persons with a complaint may request a neutral third party to hear a verbal complaint or assist with a written complaint. The selection of the neutral third party shall be made cooperatively between NIRPC and the person filing the complaint.
4. All complaints shall be addressed to the NIRPC Executive Director.

NIRPC Complaint Procedure

1. The person filing a complaint on the basis of discrimination based on race, color, gender, religion, national origin or disability will be informed that the complaint may be either filed directly with the FTA, FHWA, INDOT or with NIRPC. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director of NIRPC, or his designee, to track, investigate and document Title VI, Section 504, and ADA complaints.
2. If the person opts to file the complaint with NIRPC, the complaint will be directed by the Executive Director to the appropriate department manager for a fact-finding review. The manager will prepare a written response to the complaint and submit it to the NIRPC Executive Director.
3. If the NIRPC Executive Director determines that the fact-finding review substantiated the complaint, the Executive Director will order corrective action be taken.
4. The person who filed the complaint will be consulted as to the adequacy of the proposed remedy. If acceptable, the matter is concluded.
5. If the proposed remedy is not acceptable, the person who filed the complaint may appeal and request a hearing with the NIRPC Finance and Personnel Committee for purposes of stating their complaint and identifying an appropriate remedy.
6. The Finance and Personnel Committee will issue a response and recommend a remedy within ten days of the hearing.
7. If acceptable, the matter is concluded. If not, the person is again advised of the appropriate steps to appeal the complaint with the FTA, FHWA or INDOT.

8. The NIRPC Director of Finance and Administration shall maintain the files and records of the NIRPC relating to the complaints filed verbal and written for a period of three years.

Requests for this document in alternate format or assistance in preparing a complaint may be directed to NIRPC staff Allen Hammond at ahammond@nirpc.org, or by phone at 219/763-6060. TTY users may utilize the Relay Indiana Service by calling 711 or (800) 743-3333.

**The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
COMPLAINT FORM**

All written complaints about any matter relating to civil rights, shall be submitted on this form. NIRPC will assist those who submit verbal complaints to transfer these complaints onto this written form. You are required to complete all sections. Before completing this form, please ensure that you have read NIRPC's Procedures for Tracking and Investigating Civil Rights Complaints. You should expect an acknowledgement within 10 working days and will be informed of the outcome of your complaint within 90 days, unless NIRPC notifies you that the investigation will need additional time.

This form should be sent to the Executive Director of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Please keep a copy of this form for your records, plus any material you submit.

SECTION A - YOUR DETAILS

Title Name(s).....

Address

.....

City State..... Zip

Telephone Number

SECTION B - NATURE OF THE COMPLAINT

Please set out below the main points of your complaint.

Use additional sheets if necessary.

PLEASE LIST ANY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ATTACHED AND MAKE SURE YOU KEEP A COPY.
(E.g., any correspondence, list of dates when events occurred, or other documentation related to your complaint)

SECTION C - AN OUTLINE OF THE ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN SO FAR

Please outline the steps you have already taken to resolve your complaint **informally**:

With whom was it discussed?

Date

Position

Department(s)

Describe the outcome of any action taken so far and explain why you believe that the matter has not yet been resolved.

SECTION D - DESIRED OUTCOME

Please describe the action you would like to see taken in order to resolve the complaint to your satisfaction.

SECTION E - DECLARATION

I believe that the above information is accurate. I confirm that details of this complaint can be passed on to the NIRPC Finance and Personnel Committee for appeal (if applicable).

Signature:

Name

Contact Information

Date:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Acknowledgement sent

Reply sent

Complaint forwarded to department

Response received

What action (if any) is now needed?

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Attachment #2: Limited English Proficiency Strategy

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) receives federal financial assistance from the US Department of Transportation (US DOT). For this reason it is subject to the US DOT's Limited English Proficiency Guidance, issued on December 14, 2005. NIRPC has elected to not prepare a formal Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan, but has, however, completed the Four Factor Analysis suggested in the guidance.

NIRPC has three basic divisions which offer services to outside entities. These are: 1) Transportation Planning & Technical Assistance; 2) Public Transit Grants Management, Oversight, Procurement, and Technical Assistance; and 3) Environmental Public Education. NIRPC also passes FTA public transit funds through to seven (7) public transit operators in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties.

Pass-Through Public Transit Operators. The Public Transit Grants division, among other things, passes FTA funds through to seven (7) public transit operators in the three county area. A separate LEP analysis was not prepared for these operators. The three operators serving identified LEP areas have long acknowledged the need for and developed second language schedules and rider guides, and other service information. These operators include East Chicago Transit, North Township Dial-a-Ride and City of La Porte Transporte.

Demographic Data. Demographic data for northwest Indiana shows a significant concentration of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons in ten census tracts in northern Lake County. One of these is in Gary (Indiana), which is outside of the area covered by NIRPC's transit subrecipients but within the area of our other services (Planning and Environmental Education).

The Four Factor Analysis.

Number or proportion of LEP persons eligible to be served or likely to be served or encountered by a program, activity, or service.

Transportation Planning & Technical Assistance: Fewer than 10 persons per year.

Persons served or encountered under these programs on a regular (ongoing) basis are those regular participants in the metropolitan transportation planning process, representatives of cities, towns, and counties, and technical personnel, including engineers and federal/state transportation officials.

Persons served or encountered on a sporadic basis are members of the general public who are asked to serve on planning focus groups to comment on transportation plans and projects. These are usually one-time only encounters.

Public Transit Grants Management, Oversight, Procurement, and Technical Assistance: Fewer than 10 persons per year.

Most encounters are the representatives of local transit operators, chief elected officials, and State/FTA officials.

Environmental Services: Over 500 persons per year (estimated)

Most encounters here are with the public at outreach events, which occur at public schools, county fairs, recycling events, and other sometimes unusual locations and venues.

Frequency with which LEP persons come in contact with the program.

Transportation Planning and Technical Assistance: Low Frequency

The public is involved in the transportation planning process through purposeful, intentional interactions (such as open houses, focus groups, and other venues established with the intent of obtaining thoughts, ideas, comments, and suggestions regarding a vision of the future. These events are usually held in conjunction with a long range transportation plan development (every four years) and transportation improvement program development (every two years).

There is also a Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) that meets monthly at which topics of interest, including policy recommendations are considered & recommended for approval by the NIRPC Board.

Public Transit Grants Management, Oversight, Procurement, and Technical Assistance: Low Frequency

This function within NIRPC is responsible for all post-grant activities associated with FTA grants.

Environmental Services: Moderate Frequency

This division of NIRPC operates an air quality public education program funded with FHWA Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Program funds. There is significant interaction with school-age children, environmental organizations, public officials, and community groups on an ongoing basis.

The nature and importance of the program, activity, or service provided by the recipient to people's lives.

All Services: Very Low to Low

NIRPC's services to the public are neither life-sustaining nor critical to the daily needs of people. Transportation planning, transit grant administration, transit subrecipient oversight/procurement, and environmental education are insignificant in comparison to the need for food, human services, medical services, transportation, and other similar, life-sustaining services.

The resources available to the recipient and costs.

The cost of developing written materials in multiple languages has not been explored. However, given the low encounter rates discussed earlier, it is likely that a large scale production of written documents, such as transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, and air quality conformity determinations within the metropolitan planning division would be expensive. In these instances the cost of translating these documents would likely not be cost-effective.

The environmental education program does not generate any significant planning studies and related documents. It already produces some Spanish-language materials that are intended for direct distribution to the public in northern Lake County.

Planning funds may be used for document translation.

Conclusion.

The low number of LEP persons accessing services in the past, the low frequency at which LEP persons encounter NIRPC's services, and the insignificant value of our services to the daily lives of people all seem to indicate that only very limited measures are needed to address needs of the LEP (primarily Spanish-speaking) population.

A staff person who is fluent in Spanish has been assigned to handle all telephone calls and respond to e-mail messages that are placed or sent by a person speaking Spanish.

Se habla español "Spanish is spoken" is placed on public documents and NIRPC's website.

The NIRPC website can be translated into Spanish using the "Select Language" option available on the NIRPC website.

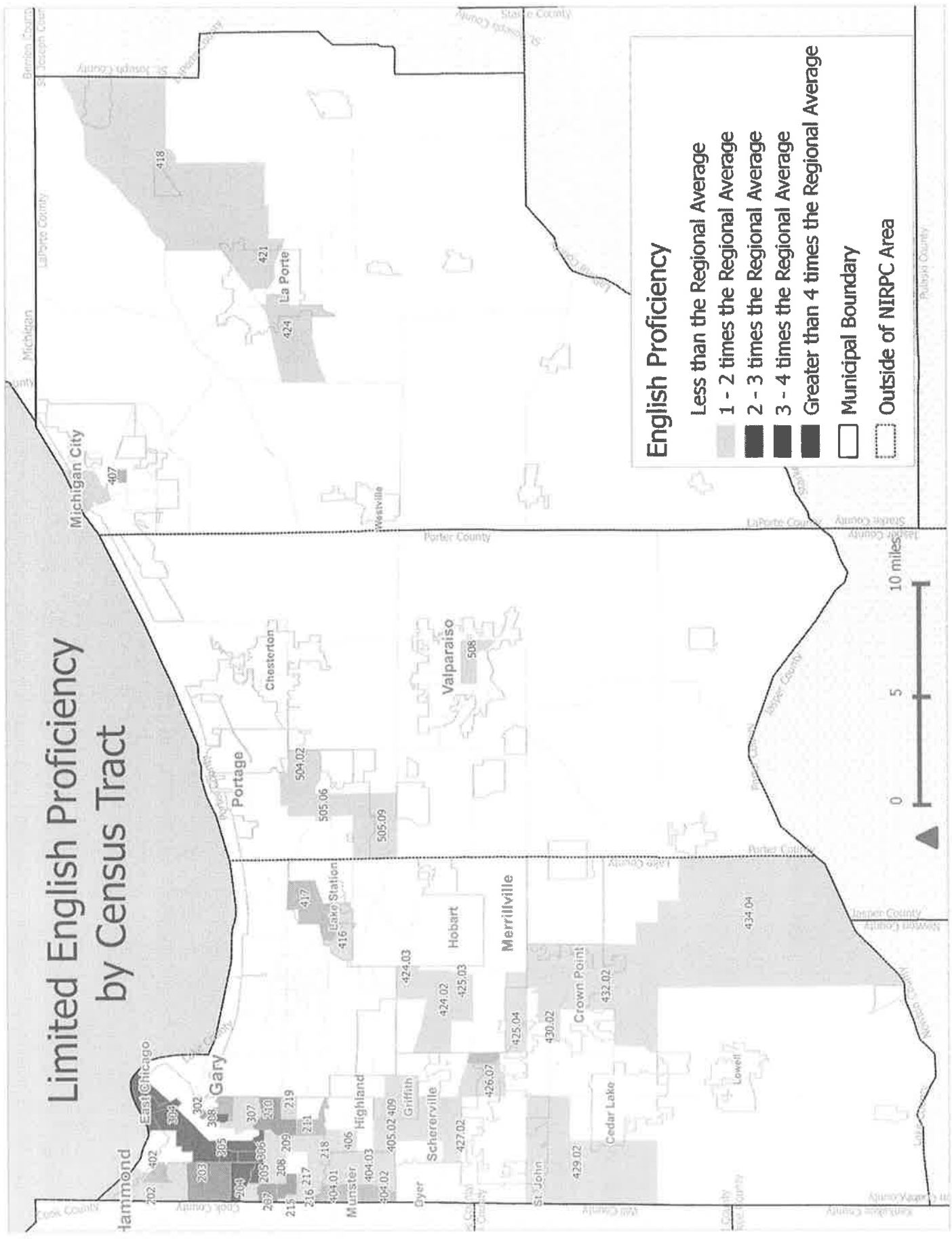
Regarding metropolitan planning, when NIRPC communicates with the public regarding an opportunity for anyone to participate in, comment on, or provide input to, some effort is needed to communicate with LEP persons so that their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions may be heard and understood.

Upon-request, up to 48 hours before a transportation outreach event, a staff person fluent in Spanish will be assigned to attend the outreach event and translate comments made in Spanish. If a staff person is not available a translator will be hired.

There is no need for grant administration, oversight, and procurement program-related materials to be translated.

The number of encounters with LEP populations is higher in the environmental department than other NIRPC divisions. There is a need for bilingual environmental education materials in locations where there is a significant Spanish-speaking population. Due to this, the Environmental Division has and will continue to translate core educational materials into Spanish and distribute these materials in these areas. Materials include a asthma awareness guide, a watershed protection booklet, and a Citizens Guide to the MS4 Program.

Limited English Proficiency by Census Tract



Attachment #3: Limited English Proficiency by Census Tract – Demographic Profile

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey, Table S1601: Language Spoken at Home

Cell shading shows limited English populations of <1x 1-2x 2-3x 3-4x >4x ...the regional average (3.84%)

Geography	Census Tract	County	Population 5 years and over		Speak Spanish or Spanish Creole and Speak English less		Speak Other European languages and Speak English		Speak Asian and Pacific Island Languages and		Speak Other Languages and Speak English less		Speak English less that "very well": Total		Operator Code
			Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
	101	Lake	4,250	7	0.2%	10	0.2%	-	-	-	-	17	0.4%	9	
102.01		Lake	5,659	-	-	-	-	11	0.2%	31	0.5%	42	0.7%	9	
102.03		Lake	2,410	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
102.05		Lake	1,199	33	2.8%	-	-	-	-	13	1.1%	46	3.8%	9	
103.02		Lake	2,899	35	1.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	35	1.2%	9	
103.04		Lake	2,976	80	2.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	80	2.7%	9	
	104	Lake	2,573	-	-	10	0.4%	-	-	-	-	10	0.4%	9	
	105	Lake	1,106	15	1.4%	5	0.5%	-	-	-	-	20	1.8%	9	
	106	Lake	1,325	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	109	Lake	1,109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	110	Lake	1,660	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	0.4%	7	0.4%	9	
	111	Lake	4,166	14	0.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	0.3%	9	
	112	Lake	3,852	20	0.5%	10	0.3%	-	-	-	-	30	0.8%	9	
	113	Lake	1,597	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	114	Lake	1,188	6	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	0.5%	9	
	115	Lake	2,160	29	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	1.3%	4, 9	
	116	Lake	2,446	28	1.1%	8	0.3%	-	-	-	-	36	1.5%	9	
	117	Lake	845	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	118	Lake	1,306	5	0.4%	19	1.5%	-	-	-	-	24	1.8%	9	
	119	Lake	1,985	1	0.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0.1%	9	
	120	Lake	932	5	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	0.5%	9	
	121	Lake	1,187	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	122	Lake	1,263	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	
	123	Lake	3,245	44	1.4%	-	-	7	0.2%	-	-	51	1.6%	4, 9	
	124	Lake	4,493	85	1.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	1.9%	9	

Geography	Population 5 years and over		Speak Spanish or Spanish Creole and Speak English less		Speak Other Indo-European languages and Speak English		Speak Asian and Pacific Island Languages and		Speak Other Languages and Speak English less		Speak English less that "very well": Total		Operator Code
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
125 Lake	4,108	0.7%	29	0.7%	28	0.7%	-	-	-	-	57	1.4%	9
126 Lake	2,643	1.4%	37	1.4%	10	0.4%	-	-	-	-	47	1.8%	9
127 Lake	3,878	-	-	-	11	0.3%	-	-	-	-	11	0.3%	9
128 Lake	2,105	0.4%	9	0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	0.4%	9
201 Lake	4,557	7.7%	351	7.7%	30	0.7%	-	-	-	-	381	8.4%	1,3,9
202 Lake	2,739	6.0%	163	6.0%	21	0.8%	-	-	-	-	184	6.7%	1,3,9
203 Lake	6,383	11.5%	732	11.5%	45	0.7%	7	0.1%	42	0.7%	826	12.9%	1,3,9
204 Lake	4,740	18.1%	857	18.1%	12	0.3%	-	-	-	-	869	18.3%	1,3,9
205 Lake	3,453	21.6%	747	21.6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	747	21.6%	1,3,9
206 Lake	1,922	4.1%	79	4.1%	9	0.5%	-	-	-	-	88	4.6%	1,3,9
207 Lake	4,457	14.5%	647	14.5%	26	0.6%	-	-	-	-	673	15.1%	1,3,9
208 Lake	3,976	5.8%	229	5.8%	19	0.5%	-	-	-	-	248	6.2%	1,3,9
209 Lake	3,704	3.5%	131	3.5%	-	-	90	2.4%	9	0.2%	230	6.2%	1,3,9
210 Lake	4,951	9.2%	458	9.2%	54	1.1%	104	2.1%	121	2.4%	737	14.9%	1,3,9
211 Lake	2,823	7.4%	209	7.4%	8	0.3%	12	0.4%	-	-	229	8.1%	1,3,9
213 Lake	3,170	2.2%	71	2.2%	8	0.3%	-	-	-	-	79	2.5%	1,3,9
214 Lake	4,606	14.6%	674	14.6%	-	-	7	0.2%	-	-	681	14.8%	1,3,9
215 Lake	2,408	5.9%	142	5.9%	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	5.9%	1,3
216 Lake	3,085	4.7%	144	4.7%	11	0.4%	-	-	-	-	155	5.0%	1,3,9
217 Lake	4,102	4.7%	192	4.7%	35	0.9%	26	0.6%	-	-	253	6.2%	1,3,9
218 Lake	3,349	5.0%	167	5.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	167	5.0%	1,3,9
219 Lake	5,053	6.0%	301	6.0%	31	0.6%	-	-	-	-	332	6.6%	1,3,9
220 Lake	4,599	2.6%	121	2.6%	21	0.5%	9	0.2%	10	0.2%	161	3.5%	1,3,9
301 Lake	761	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,3,9
302 Lake	1,593	14.2%	226	14.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	226	14.2%	1,3,9
303 Lake	2,601	1.7%	43	1.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	1.7%	1,3,9
304 Lake	3,303	21.5%	711	21.5%	11	0.3%	-	-	-	-	722	21.9%	1,3,9
305 Lake	3,511	20.9%	733	20.9%	26	0.7%	38	1.1%	-	-	798	22.7%	1,3,9
306 Lake	5,168	21.8%	1,128	21.8%	9	0.2%	-	-	19	0.4%	1,157	22.4%	1,3,9
307 Lake	1,970	6.8%	134	6.8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	134	6.8%	1,3,9

Geography	Population 5 years and over		Speak Spanish or Spanish Creole and Speak English less		Speak Other Indo-European languages and Speak English		Speak Asian and Pacific Island Languages and		Speak Other Languages and Speak English less		Speak English less that "very well":		Operator Code
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
308 Lake	3,829	20.6%	790	20.6%	7	0.2%	-	-	-	-	797	20.8%	1,3,9
309 Lake	3,108	9.1%	283	9.1%	34	1.1%	-	-	-	-	317	10.2%	1,3,9
310 Lake	1,242	2.0%	25	2.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	2.0%	1,3,9
401 Lake	1,362	1.5%	21	1.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	1.5%	3,9
402 Lake	3,250	7.4%	240	7.4%	58	1.8%	-	-	-	-	298	9.2%	3,9
403 Lake	7,347	3.9%	290	3.9%	209	2.8%	98	1.3%	-	-	597	8.1%	3,9
404.01 Lake	4,820	1.4%	65	1.4%	85	1.8%	42	0.9%	59	1.2%	251	5.2%	3,9
404.02 Lake	4,233	0.2%	9	0.2%	184	4.3%	23	0.5%	21	0.5%	237	5.6%	3,9
404.03 Lake	5,776	1.7%	96	1.7%	131	2.3%	47	0.8%	-	-	274	4.7%	3,9
405.01 Lake	3,451	1.4%	49	1.4%	-	-	-	-	8	0.2%	57	1.7%	3,9
405.02 Lake	3,086	2.4%	75	2.4%	84	2.7%	-	-	-	-	159	5.1%	3,9
406 Lake	3,481	1.0%	34	1.0%	122	3.5%	42	1.2%	-	-	198	5.7%	3,9
407 Lake	4,932	1.6%	77	1.6%	44	0.9%	34	0.7%	-	-	155	3.1%	3,9
408.01 Lake	3,611	0.9%	31	0.9%	7	0.2%	14	0.4%	-	-	52	1.4%	3,9
408.02 Lake	3,813	0.7%	25	0.7%	33	0.9%	10	0.3%	-	-	68	1.8%	3,9
409 Lake	6,847	1.6%	107	1.6%	162	2.4%	76	1.1%	-	-	345	5.0%	1,4,9
410.01 Lake	4,949	0.4%	18	0.4%	18	0.4%	40	0.8%	62	1.3%	138	2.8%	1,4,9
410.02 Lake	3,966	2.4%	96	2.4%	-	-	17	0.4%	-	-	113	2.8%	1,4,9
411 Lake	2,173	1.2%	26	1.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	1.2%	9
412 Lake	2,623	3.4%	88	3.4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	3.4%	9
413.02 Lake	2,722	2.2%	60	2.2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	60	2.2%	9
414 Lake	2,584	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
415 Lake	1,556	0.4%	7	0.4%	16	1.0%	6	0.4%	-	-	29	1.9%	9
416 Lake	4,372	5.1%	225	5.1%	-	-	3	0.1%	-	-	228	5.2%	4,5,9
417 Lake	4,176	7.6%	319	7.6%	48	1.2%	-	-	21	0.5%	388	9.3%	4,5,9
418 Lake	6,212	3.1%	193	3.1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	193	3.1%	4,5,6,9
419 Lake	4,687	1.3%	59	1.3%	16	0.3%	-	-	-	-	75	1.6%	4,5,6,9
420 Lake	5,673	2.3%	128	2.3%	-	-	41	0.7%	-	-	169	3.0%	4,5,6,9
421 Lake	5,310	1.5%	79	1.5%	80	1.5%	-	-	-	-	159	3.0%	4,5,9
422 Lake	6,243	1.4%	87	1.4%	43	0.7%	-	-	-	-	130	2.1%	4,5,9

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	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
423 Lake	6,622	45	0.7%	140	2.1%	54	0.8%	-	-	239	3.6%	4, 5, 6, 9	
424.01 Lake	5,624	112	2.0%	12	0.2%	-	-	15	0.3%	139	2.5%	4, 9	
424.02 Lake	6,610	238	3.6%	79	1.2%	-	-	-	-	317	4.8%	4, 5, 9	
424.03 Lake	4,086	208	5.1%	45	1.1%	9	0.2%	12	0.3%	274	6.7%	4, 9	
425.01 Lake	5,861	101	1.7%	60	1.0%	-	-	-	-	161	2.7%	4, 9	
425.03 Lake	3,113	188	6.0%	45	1.4%	-	-	-	-	233	7.5%	4, 5, 9	
425.04 Lake	6,867	101	1.5%	259	3.8%	-	-	-	-	360	5.2%	4, 5, 9	
425.05 Lake	5,856	71	1.2%	32	0.5%	-	-	-	-	103	1.8%	4, 5, 9	
426.02 Lake	6,032	-	-	132	2.2%	-	-	16	0.3%	148	2.5%	1, 4, 9	
426.05 Lake	6,730	-	-	191	2.8%	-	-	10	0.1%	201	3.0%	4, 9	
426.06 Lake	2,980	65	2.2%	133	4.5%	71	2.4%	-	-	269	9.0%	4, 9	
426.07 Lake	6,740	41	0.6%	168	2.5%	9	0.1%	46	0.7%	264	3.9%	4, 9	
426.08 Lake	4,164	144	3.5%	6	0.1%	-	-	-	-	150	3.6%	4, 9	
426.09 Lake	7,942	23	0.3%	170	2.1%	8	0.1%	-	-	201	2.5%	4, 9	
427.02 Lake	5,163	51	1.0%	126	2.4%	34	0.7%	76	1.5%	287	5.6%	4, 9	
427.03 Lake	4,319	-	-	101	2.3%	23	0.5%	25	0.6%	149	3.4%	4, 9	
427.04 Lake	4,438	73	1.6%	86	1.9%	-	-	19	0.4%	178	4.0%	4, 9	
428.01 Lake	8,902	26	0.3%	213	2.4%	51	0.6%	9	0.1%	299	3.4%	4, 9	
428.02 Lake	5,197	36	0.7%	24	0.5%	9	0.2%	-	-	69	1.3%	4, 9	
429.01 Lake	5,577	61	1.1%	64	1.1%	-	-	-	-	125	2.2%	4, 9	
429.02 Lake	5,520	122	2.2%	93	1.7%	75	1.4%	-	-	290	5.3%	4, 9	
430.01 Lake	4,362	46	1.1%	71	1.6%	-	-	-	-	117	2.7%	4, 9	
430.02 Lake	4,720	174	3.7%	45	1.0%	-	-	10	0.2%	229	4.9%	4, 9	
431.01 Lake	2,775	29	1.0%	-	-	13	0.5%	-	-	42	1.5%	4, 9	
431.02 Lake	7,273	37	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	0.5%	4, 9	
432.01 Lake	3,370	-	-	17	0.5%	11	0.3%	-	-	28	0.8%	4, 9	
432.02 Lake	7,538	35	0.5%	257	3.4%	33	0.4%	9	0.1%	334	4.4%	4, 5, 9	
433 Lake	9,375	90	1.0%	106	1.1%	-	-	36	0.4%	232	2.5%	4, 5, 6, 9	
434.01 Lake	6,299	1	0.0%	50	0.8%	16	0.3%	-	-	67	1.1%	4, 9	
434.03 Lake	6,428	41	0.6%	17	0.3%	-	-	17	0.3%	75	1.2%	4, 9	

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	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent		
434.04	1,739	8	0.5%	61	3.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	69	4.0%	4, 6, 9
434.05	4,825	17	0.4%	26	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	0.9%	4, 9
Lake Total	462,030	15,658	3.39%	4,697	1.02%	1,220	0.26%	723	0.16%	22,297	4.83%	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9		

501.01	Porter	8,590	-	22	0.3%	52	0.6%	2	0.0%	76	0.9%	5, 6, 9
501.03	Porter	7,868	7	0.1%	111	1.4%	21	0.3%	-	139	1.8%	5, 6, 9
502.02	Porter	5,470	20	0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	20	0.4%	5, 6, 9
502.03	Porter	6,331	12	0.2%	38	0.6%	17	0.3%	-	67	1.1%	5, 6, 9
503	Porter	6,082	43	0.7%	12	0.2%	-	-	-	55	0.9%	5, 6, 9
504.02	Porter	7,439	300	4.0%	47	0.6%	14	0.2%	6	367	4.9%	5, 6, 9
504.05	Porter	1,046	-	-	3	0.3%	5	0.5%	-	8	0.8%	5, 6, 9
504.07	Porter	3,820	98	2.6%	25	0.7%	-	-	-	123	3.2%	5, 6, 9
505.01	Porter	5,515	72	1.3%	16	0.3%	-	-	-	88	1.6%	5, 6, 9
505.03	Porter	4,973	23	0.5%	-	-	-	-	-	23	0.5%	5, 6, 9
505.05	Porter	2,302	43	1.9%	-	-	-	-	-	43	1.9%	5, 6, 9
505.06	Porter	5,731	250	4.4%	-	-	-	-	-	250	4.4%	5, 6, 9
505.07	Porter	3,519	45	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-	45	1.3%	5, 6, 9
505.08	Porter	5,389	77	1.4%	65	1.2%	-	-	-	142	2.6%	5, 6, 9
505.09	Porter	4,531	140	3.1%	16	0.4%	35	0.8%	-	191	4.2%	5, 6, 9
506.02	Porter	4,305	15	0.3%	-	-	16	0.4%	-	31	0.7%	5, 6, 7, 9
506.03	Porter	3,025	13	0.4%	-	-	100	3.3%	-	113	3.7%	5, 6, 7, 9
506.04	Porter	7,942	-	-	47	0.6%	50	0.6%	11	108	1.4%	5, 6, 7, 9
507.02	Porter	7,285	61	0.8%	38	0.5%	18	0.2%	30	147	2.0%	5, 6, 7, 9
507.03	Porter	3,203	14	0.4%	-	-	-	-	-	14	0.4%	5, 6, 7, 9
507.04	Porter	4,141	6	0.1%	15	0.4%	77	1.9%	-	98	2.4%	5, 6, 7, 9
508	Porter	6,278	339	5.4%	42	0.7%	-	-	-	381	6.1%	5, 6, 7, 9
509	Porter	4,565	21	0.5%	-	-	71	1.6%	-	92	2.0%	5, 6, 7, 9
510.02	Porter	7,981	68	0.9%	6	0.1%	-	-	-	74	0.9%	5, 6, 7, 9
510.05	Porter	4,300	22	0.5%	9	0.2%	-	-	-	31	0.7%	5, 6, 9

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	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
510.06	4,015	-	68	1.7%	39	1.0%	-	-	107	2.7%	5,6,9		
510.07	6,962	21	0.3%	10	0.1%	-	-	-	31	0.4%	5,6,9		
510.08	2,016	50	2.5%	-	-	-	-	-	50	2.5%	5,6,9		
511.01	5,888	19	0.3%	77	1.3%	-	-	-	96	1.6%	5,6,9		
511.02	4,143	3	0.1%	-	-	5	0.1%	-	8	0.2%	5,6,9		
Porter Total	154,655	1,782	1.15%	667	0.43%	520	0.34%	49	0.03%	3,018	1.95%	5,6,7,9	

401	LaPorte	4,326	57	1.3%	-	-	-	-	57	1.3%	9
403	LaPorte	2,428	9	0.4%	33	1.4%	-	29	1.2%	71	2.9%
404	LaPorte	2,867	8	0.3%	-	-	-	-	8	0.3%	9
405	LaPorte	3,332	9	0.3%	12	0.4%	35	1.1%	56	1.7%	9
406	LaPorte	4,388	124	2.8%	-	-	-	7	0.2%	131	3.0%
407	LaPorte	1,558	128	8.2%	9	0.6%	-	-	137	8.8%	9
408	LaPorte	2,847	14	0.5%	15	0.5%	37	1.3%	81	2.8%	9
409	LaPorte	2,444	-	-	7	0.3%	-	7	0.3%	14	0.6%
411	LaPorte	2,198	16	0.7%	27	1.2%	-	-	43	2.0%	9
412	LaPorte	1,008	1	0.1%	-	-	6	0.6%	7	0.7%	9
413	LaPorte	2,115	-	-	-	-	23	1.1%	23	1.1%	9
414	LaPorte	3,408	43	1.3%	35	1.0%	-	7	0.2%	85	2.5%
415	LaPorte	5,060	25	0.5%	15	0.3%	-	-	40	0.8%	5,9
416	LaPorte	5,592	45	0.8%	44	0.8%	-	-	89	1.6%	9
417	LaPorte	3,189	28	0.9%	20	0.6%	-	-	48	1.5%	9
418	LaPorte	5,841	200	3.4%	37	0.6%	-	-	237	4.1%	8,9
419	LaPorte	5,591	34	0.6%	-	-	-	-	34	0.6%	9
420	LaPorte	2,225	38	1.7%	33	1.5%	-	-	71	3.2%	8,9
421	LaPorte	6,200	334	5.4%	-	-	-	-	334	5.4%	8,9
422	LaPorte	3,168	24	0.8%	9	0.3%	-	-	33	1.0%	8,9
423	LaPorte	2,209	68	3.1%	8	0.4%	-	-	76	3.4%	8,9
424	LaPorte	6,106	275	4.5%	36	0.6%	30	0.5%	341	5.6%	8,9

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	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	
425 LaPorte	4,659	1.3%	62	1.3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	1.3%	8, 9
426 LaPorte	8,427	1.2%	101	1.2%	7	0.1%	-	-	-	-	108	1.3%	5, 9
427 LaPorte	4,984	0.7%	34	0.7%	13	0.3%	-	-	-	-	47	0.9%	9
428 LaPorte	2,799	0.7%	20	0.7%	12	0.4%	-	-	-	-	32	1.1%	5, 9
429 LaPorte	3,378	0.2%	8	0.2%	5	0.1%	-	-	-	-	13	0.4%	5, 9
430 LaPorte	2,342	1.7%	39	1.7%	23	1.0%	62	2.6%	-	-	124	5.3%	9
LaPorte Total	104,689	1.74%	1,744	1.67%	400	0.38%	193	0.18%	65	0.06%	2,402	2.29%	5, 8, 9

NIRPC Total	721,374	19,184	2.66%	5,763	0.80%	1,933	0.27%	837	0.12%	27,717	3.84%	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2012 American Community Survey, Table S1601: Language Spoken at Home

Code	Transit Operator	Name	Service Area
1	City of East Chicago Transit	ECT	East Chicago, Griffith, Hammond
3	North Township Dial-a-Ride	-	East Chicago, Hammond, Highland, Munster, Whiting
4	South Lake County Community Services, Inc	SLCCS	All of Lake County except North and Calumet Townships, but including Griffith
5	Opportunity Enterprises, Inc	OE	Porter County; Lake County E of Broadway and LaPorte County W of 421 and N of 109th.
6	Porter County Aging and Community Services, Inc	PCACS	Porter County; Lake County E of 51 (all of Lake County within 1 mile of Porter County line).
7	City of Valparaiso	V-Line	City of Valparaiso
8	City of La Porte	TransPorte	City of La Porte
9	Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District	NICTD	Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, other parts of NE Illinois and N Indiana.

Code #2 was previously used for the now-defunct Northwest Indiana Regional Bus Authority

Attachment #4: Resolution



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RESOLUTION 06-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING
COMMISSION AUTHORIZING
THE FILING OF GRANT APPLICATIONS AND EXECUTION OF GRANT
AGREEMENTS WITH THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER PROVISIONS OF
TITLE 49, USC CHAPTER 53**

April 20, 2006

WHEREAS, The Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance grants for public transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", is a Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Administration grant funds as defined by 49 U.S.C. § 5307(a)(2); and

WHEREAS, said grants for Federal financial assistance impose certain obligations upon the Commission, and may require the Commission to provide the local share of the grant project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is required to annually execute and submit, to the Federal Transit Administration, certifications and assurances of compliance with various Federal Transit Administration statutes, requirements, policies, and regulations, including those related to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, and other U.S. Department of Transportation requirements and implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Commission that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises be utilized to the fullest extent feasible in connection with Federal Transit Administration grant-funded projects, and that definitive procedures be maintained and administered to ensure that disadvantaged businesses are afforded the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, capital equipment, or professional services; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration requires that all grantees which are not Designated Recipients to enter into a Supplemental Agreement with a Designated Recipient in order to receive Federal Transit Administration grants, and that the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District is such a grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission:

That the Executive Director is authorized to execute and submit applications for grant assistance (or amendments thereto), annual certifications and assurances, and/or grant agreements to the Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for any federal financial assistance authorized by Title 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, or other federal statutes authorizing projects administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

That the Executive Director is authorized to submit documents to the Federal Transit Administration and/or U.S. Department of Transportation pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, on behalf of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

That the Executive Director or their designee, on behalf of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission are authorized to submit any additional documentation or information required by the Federal Transit Administration and/or U.S. Department of Transportation in connection with their approval of applications for grant assistance.

That the Executive Director is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) policies and programs (including annual goals) on behalf of the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

That the Executive Director is authorized to execute and submit Supplemental Agreements in connection with Federal Transit Administration grants to the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District.

That in the absence of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director is authorized to perform the duties itemized above.

That this resolution repeals Resolution 01-16, adopted September 20, 2001.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twentieth day of April 2006.

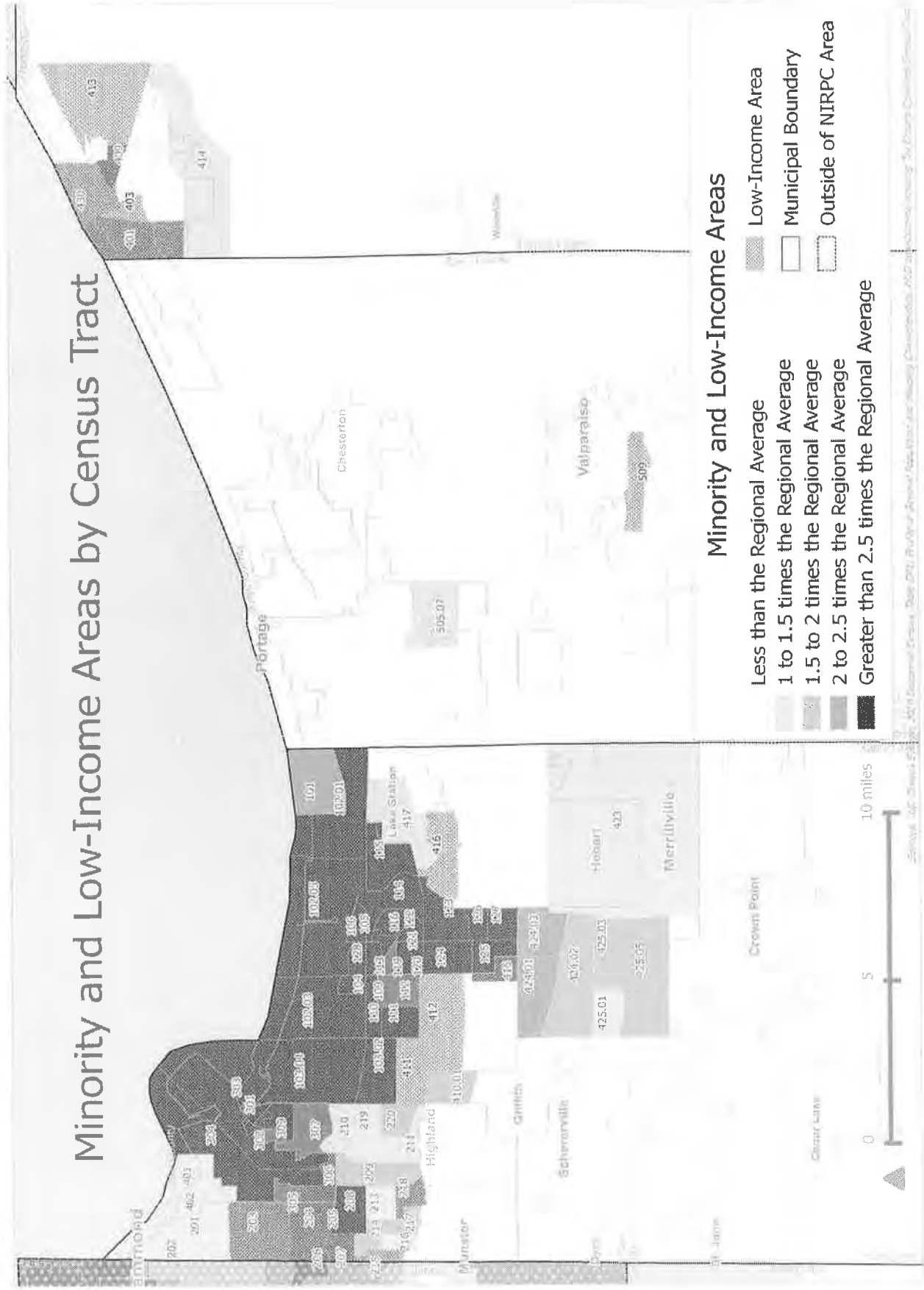
ATTEST:



H. Jonathan Costas, Secretary


Kevin Breitzke, Chairperson

Attachment #5: Minority and Low Income Population Distribution Map



Attachment #6: Minority and Low Income Population Distribution Chart

Minority and Low Income Populations by Census Tract

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census, Table DP1: Profile of General Population and Housing Characteristics; HUD Low-Income Housing Tax Credits Qualified Census Tracts

Geography		Population	Race							Ethnicity		Total Minority		Low* Income	
Tract	County	Total	White	Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Other Race	Two or More Races	White, Hispanic (any race)	non-Hispanic	No.	%	Transit Service	Low* Income
101	Lake	4,312	1,333	2,795	8	28	1	30	117	160	1,258	3,054	70.8%	9	9
102.01	Lake	5,696	728	4,671	27	23	0	99	148	281	635	5,061	88.9%	9	9
102.03	Lake	2,462	55	2,355	8	1	0	14	29	46	39	2,423	98.4%	9	9
102.05	Lake	1,546	90	1,359	1	3	0	59	34	139	42	1,504	97.3%	9	9
103.02	Lake	3,472	79	3,252	1	5	0	68	67	131	43	3,429	98.8%	9	9
103.04	Lake	3,149	278	2,610	6	10	2	166	77	432	97	3,052	96.9%	9	9
104	Lake	3,274	26	3,160	10	0	0	22	56	95	18	3,256	99.5%	9	9
105	Lake	957	35	884	10	2	0	15	11	46	25	932	97.4%	9	9
106	Lake	1,386	38	1,288	14	0	0	19	27	51	29	1,357	97.9%	9	9
109	Lake	977	18	924	1	0	0	12	22	32	11	966	98.9%	9	9
110	Lake	1,687	22	1,609	2	2	0	6	46	32	11	1,676	99.3%	9	9
111	Lake	4,597	30	4,467	13	0	0	12	75	61	27	4,570	99.4%	9	9
112	Lake	4,402	91	4,234	6	4	0	19	48	81	71	4,331	98.4%	9	9
113	Lake	1,869	58	1,785	7	1	0	4	14	26	51	1,818	97.3%	9	9
114	Lake	1,271	8	1,232	7	0	0	2	22	15	7	1,264	99.4%	9	9
115	Lake	2,693	293	2,220	7	2	0	88	83	213	225	2,468	91.6%	4, 9	Yes
116	Lake	2,321	33	2,256	3	0	0	10	19	50	18	2,303	99.2%	9	Yes
117	Lake	826	21	776	4	0	0	9	16	29	16	810	98.1%	9	Yes
118	Lake	1,484	14	1,452	2	0	0	0	16	3	14	1,470	99.1%	9	9
119	Lake	2,069	34	1,992	4	2	0	5	32	38	34	2,035	98.4%	9	Yes
120	Lake	1,049	13	1,000	2	3	0	14	17	34	10	1,039	99.0%	9	Yes
121	Lake	940	14	899	4	0	0	3	20	16	13	927	98.6%	9	Yes

Cell shading shows minority populations of <1x 1-1.5x 1.5-2x 2-2.5x >2.5x ...the regional average (34.43%)

Low income tracts have a... **thick border**

Geography		Race										Ethnicity		Total Minority		
Tract	County	Population	Race										Ethnicity		Total Minority	
			White	Black	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Other Race	Two or More Races	White, Hispanic (any race)	non-Hispanic	No.	%	Transit Service	Low* Income	
122	Lake	1,459	8	1,438	0	0	0	2	11	6	5	1,454	99.7%	9	Yes	
123	Lake	3,038	203	2,702	2	2	1	71	57	179	135	2,903	95.6%	4, 9	Yes	
124	Lake	4,804	235	4,355	15	21	1	69	108	209	168	4,636	96.5%	9	Yes	
125	Lake	5,155	376	4,513	14	10	0	126	116	314	289	4,866	94.4%	9	Yes	
126	Lake	2,707	193	2,388	4	1	0	56	65	130	154	2,553	94.3%	9	Yes	
127	Lake	3,515	253	3,097	11	15	0	58	81	190	196	3,319	94.4%	9	Yes	
128	Lake	2,326	91	2,101	11	3	0	64	56	163	30	2,296	98.7%	9	Yes	
201	Lake	4,750	3,768	192	15	33	7	638	97	1,788	2,703	2,047	43.1%	1, 3, 9		
202	Lake	2,513	2,083	67	15	12	0	296	40	849	1,567	946	37.6%	1, 3, 9		
203	Lake	6,601	4,690	464	42	27	0	1,188	190	3,198	2,875	3,726	56.4%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
204	Lake	5,554	3,375	669	35	12	0	1,233	230	3,566	1,300	4,254	76.6%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
205	Lake	3,984	1,952	960	28	7	2	850	185	2,138	844	3,140	78.8%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
206	Lake	2,255	849	1,209	7	6	0	134	50	411	634	1,621	71.9%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
207	Lake	5,183	1,875	2,401	26	20	3	669	189	1,470	1,225	3,958	76.4%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
208	Lake	4,455	660	3,371	9	4	0	316	95	704	365	4,090	91.8%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
209	Lake	4,375	2,475	999	10	409	0	346	136	886	2,018	2,357	53.9%	1, 3, 9		
210	Lake	5,183	3,519	665	36	30	1	774	158	1,851	2,605	2,578	49.7%	1, 3, 9		
211	Lake	3,016	2,266	267	11	11	1	368	92	972	1,726	1,290	42.8%	1, 3, 9		
213	Lake	3,630	2,279	883	14	26	1	333	94	870	1,836	1,794	49.4%	1, 3, 9		
214	Lake	5,175	2,688	1,251	43	14	3	941	235	2,033	1,808	3,367	65.1%	1, 3, 9		
215	Lake	2,285	1,559	381	14	26	1	257	47	549	1,313	972	42.5%	1, 3	Yes	
216	Lake	2,996	2,083	392	17	10	0	372	122	999	1,568	1,428	47.7%	1, 3, 9		
217	Lake	4,913	3,144	987	24	27	5	573	153	1,491	2,361	2,552	51.9%	1, 3, 9		
218	Lake	3,696	2,202	994	9	25	0	295	171	831	1,771	1,925	52.1%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
219	Lake	5,184	3,572	723	28	51	0	621	189	1,712	2,637	2,547	49.1%	1, 3, 9		
220	Lake	5,082	2,945	1,349	28	54	0	519	187	1,245	2,378	2,704	53.2%	1, 3, 9		
301	Lake	1,456	24	1,365	1	0	0	13	53	97	3	1,453	99.8%	1, 3, 9	Yes	
302	Lake	1,436	325	852	2	2	0	204	51	554	29	1,407	98.0%	1, 3, 9	Yes	

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303	Lake	2,577	230	2,102	17	0	0	168	60	441	73	2,504	97.2%	1,3,9	Yes
304	Lake	3,505	1,813	791	17	2	4	761	117	2,475	279	3,226	92.0%	1,3,9	Yes
305	Lake	4,201	2,046	1,093	52	5	0	902	103	2,777	364	3,837	91.3%	1,3,9	
306	Lake	5,052	2,738	1,020	35	7	4	1,108	140	3,252	802	4,250	84.1%	1,3,9	Yes
307	Lake	2,064	534	1,079	19	1	0	369	62	864	154	1,910	92.5%	1,3,9	
308	Lake	4,272	1,513	1,573	35	9	3	1,023	116	2,581	209	4,063	95.1%	1,3,9	
309	Lake	3,575	1,097	1,690	8	1	0	700	79	1,722	190	3,385	94.7%	1,3,9	Yes
310	Lake	1,560	210	1,171	1	7	1	123	47	342	37	1,523	97.6%	1,3,9	Yes
401	Lake	1,474	1,148	74	6	12	0	185	49	558	824	650	44.1%	3,9	
402	Lake	3,523	2,663	100	31	22	0	598	109	1,478	1,909	1,614	45.8%	3,9	
403	Lake	7,895	6,705	373	25	294	0	315	183	922	6,176	1,719	21.8%	3,9	
404.01	Lake	5,208	4,688	142	3	140	1	176	58	546	4,334	874	16.8%	3,9	
404.02	Lake	4,533	3,530	195	12	646	1	59	90	329	3,291	1,242	27.4%	3,9	
404.03	Lake	5,967	5,285	111	7	297	1	182	84	613	4,888	1,079	18.1%	3,9	
405.01	Lake	3,623	2,841	430	1	125	0	126	100	497	2,507	1,116	30.8%	3,9	
405.02	Lake	3,519	3,057	211	4	97	0	86	64	385	2,789	730	20.7%	3,9	
406	Lake	3,759	3,379	94	13	49	0	151	73	534	3,040	719	19.1%	3,9	
407	Lake	5,031	4,511	161	7	37	0	207	108	631	4,140	891	17.7%	3,9	
408.01	Lake	3,888	3,578	68	10	28	0	141	63	498	3,264	624	16.0%	3,9	
408.02	Lake	3,907	3,661	33	14	44	1	88	66	502	3,299	608	15.6%	3,9	
409	Lake	6,604	6,072	145	14	56	0	185	132	802	5,535	1,069	16.2%	1,4,9	
410.01	Lake	5,525	2,587	2,496	15	28	4	234	161	679	2,247	3,278	59.3%	1,4,9	
410.02	Lake	4,666	4,047	206	13	49	1	233	117	759	3,591	1,075	23.0%	1,4,9	
411	Lake	2,377	1,993	65	20	3	1	217	78	537	1,722	655	27.6%	9	Yes
412	Lake	2,474	1,956	228	17	23	2	131	117	389	1,758	716	28.9%	9	Yes
413.02	Lake	2,771	2,233	266	22	7	4	151	88	420	2,026	745	26.9%	9	
414	Lake	2,847	2,362	275	13	7	0	97	93	410	2,104	743	26.1%	9	
415	Lake	1,650	449	1,102	4	2	0	46	47	153	389	1,261	76.4%	9	Yes
416	Lake	4,638	3,758	154	30	27	2	451	216	1,190	3,163	1,475	31.8%	4,5,9	Yes

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417	Lake	4,625	3,496	209	18	10	2	662	228	1,514	2,852	1,773	38.3%	4, 5, 9			
418	Lake	6,437	5,373	175	34	28	0	614	213	1,563	4,589	1,848	28.7%	4, 5, 6, 9			
419	Lake	4,912	4,529	70	16	30	0	165	102	619	4,146	766	15.6%	4, 5, 6, 9			
420	Lake	6,568	5,811	342	10	49	1	230	125	722	5,385	1,183	18.0%	4, 5, 6, 9			
421	Lake	5,547	4,483	516	45	60	0	286	157	961	3,906	1,641	29.6%	4, 5, 9			
422	Lake	6,591	5,910	270	18	23	1	231	138	991	5,266	1,325	20.1%	4, 5, 9			
423	Lake	7,248	5,308	1,232	28	155	2	322	201	1,002	4,729	2,519	34.8%	4, 5, 6, 9			
424.01	Lake	6,444	2,171	3,746	18	59	0	288	162	782	1,785	4,659	72.3%	4, 9			
424.02	Lake	7,111	3,337	3,118	13	45	5	336	257	999	2,832	4,279	60.2%	4, 5, 9			
424.03	Lake	4,189	1,146	2,715	9	23	0	178	118	411	978	3,211	76.7%	4, 9			
425.01	Lake	6,217	3,528	1,940	4	87	0	371	287	1,046	3,024	3,193	51.4%	4, 9			
425.03	Lake	3,132	1,688	1,167	5	38	0	145	89	401	1,469	1,663	53.1%	4, 5, 9			
425.04	Lake	7,346	5,488	1,309	17	152	0	209	171	787	4,996	2,350	32.0%	4, 5, 9			
425.05	Lake	6,203	2,976	2,687	18	144	1	232	145	624	2,681	3,522	56.8%	4, 5, 9			
426.02	Lake	6,428	5,442	434	16	170	0	189	177	788	4,941	1,487	23.1%	1, 4, 9			
426.05	Lake	7,145	6,635	109	17	102	6	178	98	668	6,209	936	13.1%	4, 9			
426.06	Lake	3,355	2,468	527	12	89	0	182	77	495	2,219	1,136	33.9%	4, 9			
426.07	Lake	7,304	6,639	145	17	101	3	264	135	872	6,103	1,201	16.4%	4, 9			
426.08	Lake	4,413	4,097	69	5	38	1	150	53	402	3,859	554	12.6%	4, 9			
426.09	Lake	8,442	7,903	123	10	62	7	224	113	676	7,491	951	11.3%	4, 9			
427.02	Lake	5,513	4,883	231	10	108	1	210	70	552	4,542	971	17.6%	4, 9			
427.03	Lake	4,892	4,226	193	4	315	0	86	68	431	3,911	981	20.1%	4, 9			
427.04	Lake	4,450	4,111	95	5	56	0	111	72	421	3,834	616	13.8%	4, 9			
428.01	Lake	9,226	8,095	279	26	395	0	242	189	933	7,473	1,753	19.0%	4, 9			
428.02	Lake	5,573	5,226	79	9	71	2	111	75	425	4,952	621	11.1%	4, 9			
429.01	Lake	6,141	5,881	23	20	19	2	117	79	370	5,664	477	7.8%	4, 9			
429.02	Lake	6,302	5,864	74	9	81	0	184	90	547	5,550	752	11.9%	4, 9			
430.01	Lake	4,550	4,275	52	4	76	0	73	70	301	4,084	466	10.2%	4, 9			
430.02	Lake	5,443	5,185	33	8	40	2	94	81	404	4,917	526	9.7%	4, 9			

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431.01	Lake	2,875	2,730	9	5	16	1	50	64	182	2,622	253	8.8%	4, 9	
431.02	Lake	7,631	7,353	68	17	47	1	64	81	383	7,071	560	7.3%	4, 9	
432.01	Lake	3,424	3,286	19	5	14	1	48	51	172	3,179	245	7.2%	4, 9	
432.02	Lake	7,833	7,185	188	11	210	0	123	116	551	6,783	1,050	13.4%	4, 5, 9	
433	Lake	10,054	9,172	226	28	195	5	255	173	845	8,680	1,374	13.7%	4, 5, 6, 9	
434.01	Lake	6,826	6,593	29	17	23	0	77	87	334	6,368	458	6.7%	4, 9	
434.03	Lake	6,581	6,288	32	23	17	5	131	85	498	5,952	629	9.6%	4, 9	
434.04	Lake	1,668	1,629	2	2	5	0	14	16	67	1,582	86	5.2%	4, 6, 9	
434.05	Lake	5,516	5,315	25	12	20	0	71	73	222	5,197	319	5.8%	4, 9	
Lake Total		496,005	319,412	128,263	1,628	6,142	108	28,792	11,660	82,663	274,162	221,843	44.7%	1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9	45

505.05	Porter	2,469	2,262	52	3	14	1	64	73	260	2,102	367	14.9%	5, 6, 9	
504.07	Porter	3,735	3,104	343	13	19	3	133	120	450	2,856	879	23.5%	5, 6, 9	
507.04	Porter	4,823	4,456	80	12	130	5	61	79	220	4,311	512	10.6%	5, 6, 7, 9	
506.04	Porter	8,091	7,635	119	12	157	0	64	104	370	7,370	721	8.9%	5, 6, 7, 9	
510.08	Porter	2,210	2,144	12	3	8	0	17	26	96	2,071	139	6.3%	5, 6, 9	
510.07	Porter	7,157	6,789	72	12	66	0	101	117	516	6,435	722	10.1%	5, 6, 9	
510.05	Porter	4,425	4,059	130	4	111	0	51	70	237	3,889	536	12.1%	5, 6, 9	
510.06	Porter	4,417	4,184	48	20	36	1	64	64	302	3,967	450	10.2%	5, 6, 9	
505.07	Porter	3,973	2,896	644	18	35	1	255	124	672	2,549	1,424	35.8%	5, 6, 9	
505.06	Porter	5,641	4,791	341	17	84	0	311	97	945	4,214	1,427	25.3%	5, 6, 9	
505.09	Porter	4,803	4,086	247	14	58	0	288	110	772	3,678	1,125	23.4%	5, 6, 9	
506.03	Porter	3,413	3,263	15	5	34	1	48	47	175	3,153	260	7.6%	5, 6, 7, 9	
507.03	Porter	3,409	3,254	17	6	32	3	54	43	179	3,138	271	7.9%	5, 6, 7, 9	
505.08	Porter	6,071	5,095	435	29	56	0	296	160	1,132	4,394	1,677	27.6%	5, 6, 9	
504.05	Porter	1,110	1,067	12	1	14	0	1	15	36	1,035	75	6.8%	5, 6, 9	
502.03	Porter	6,659	6,211	83	29	157	0	81	98	328	6,002	657	9.9%	5, 6, 9	

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501.03	Porter	8,049	7,770	60	25	35	2	54	103	308	7,547	502	6.2%	5,6,9		
503	Porter	6,483	6,098	89	16	53	1	121	105	453	5,800	683	10.5%	5,6,9		
511.01	Porter	6,160	5,973	41	9	18	0	41	78	311	5,745	415	6.7%	5,6,9		
507.02	Porter	8,173	7,224	434	30	110	6	145	224	612	6,834	1,339	16.4%	5,6,7,9		
509	Porter	4,187	3,564	164	13	151	3	174	118	397	3,371	816	19.5%	5,6,7,9	Yes	
508	Porter	6,703	5,896	221	40	186	1	206	153	576	5,576	1,127	16.8%	5,6,7,9		
501.01	Porter	9,319	8,784	101	30	124	0	112	168	645	8,302	1,017	10.9%	5,6,9		
505.03	Porter	5,214	4,760	160	11	16	0	154	113	512	4,462	752	14.4%	5,6,9		
510.02	Porter	8,469	8,148	101	15	40	1	81	83	422	7,827	642	7.6%	5,6,7,9		
511.02	Porter	4,432	4,344	8	9	17	0	17	37	170	4,212	220	5.0%	5,6,9		
505.01	Porter	6,150	5,326	336	41	31	1	235	180	964	4,692	1,458	23.7%	5,6,9		
504.02	Porter	7,914	6,827	368	33	74	4	398	210	1,208	6,135	1,779	22.5%	5,6,9		
506.02	Porter	4,437	4,147	71	11	64	0	66	78	225	4,012	425	9.6%	5,6,7,9		
502.02	Porter	6,242	5,833	90	13	64	2	125	115	440	5,559	683	10.9%	5,6,9		
Porter Total		164,338	149,990	314,328	494	1,994	2,488	3,818	3,112	6,930	141,238	23,100	14.1%	5,6,7,9	1	

429	LaPorte	3,760	3,664	14	11	9	1	16	45	72	3,620	140	3.7%	5,9	
411	LaPorte	2,179	1,985	125	8	33	2	5	21	35	1,959	220	10.1%	9	
409	LaPorte	2,778	784	1,802	17	1	0	47	127	127	742	2,036	73.3%	9	Yes
418	LaPorte	6,054	5,701	38	7	6	0	202	100	525	5,403	651	10.8%	8,9	
427	LaPorte	5,363	5,002	155	11	8	0	69	118	197	4,908	455	8.5%	9	
428	LaPorte	3,005	2,921	11	11	4	0	13	45	67	2,875	130	4.3%	5,9	
426	LaPorte	8,743	6,959	1,511	19	32	0	137	85	503	6,638	2,105	24.1%	5,9	
415	LaPorte	5,009	4,761	77	18	46	2	31	74	114	4,678	331	6.6%	5,9	
414	LaPorte	3,887	2,440	1,191	13	24	2	74	143	271	2,294	1,593	41.0%	5,9	
417	LaPorte	3,395	3,239	64	7	11	2	18	54	54	3,207	188	5.5%	9	
425	LaPorte	5,060	4,843	73	10	23	1	51	59	176	4,739	321	6.3%	8,9	
423	LaPorte	2,345	1,834	246	9	7	0	154	95	316	1,721	624	26.6%	8,9	

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422	LaPorte	3,214	3,061	39	4	34	0	34	42	134	2,967	247	7.7%	8, 9	9				
419	LaPorte	5,390	5,271	35	4	9	1	18	52	125	5,171	219	4.1%	9	9				
416	LaPorte	6,330	5,962	146	18	60	3	46	95	168	5,855	475	7.5%	9	9				
424	LaPorte	7,425	6,759	181	16	34	2	251	182	582	6,496	929	12.5%	8, 9	9				
421	LaPorte	6,394	5,665	100	21	22	0	408	178	854	5,309	1,085	17.0%	8, 9	9				
401	LaPorte	3,901	1,915	1,783	17	9	4	76	97	214	1,804	2,097	53.8%	9	Yes				
413	LaPorte	2,627	1,812	648	10	7	0	33	117	115	1,760	867	33.0%	9	Yes				
420	LaPorte	2,517	2,274	94	2	12	0	77	58	191	2,175	342	13.6%	8, 9	9				
407	LaPorte	1,535	1,095	297	4	6	0	69	64	125	1,056	479	31.2%	9	9				
406	LaPorte	4,852	3,549	1,024	9	37	0	74	159	219	3,446	1,406	29.0%	9	9				
412	LaPorte	1,059	1,026	11	1	4	0	6	11	16	1,016	43	4.1%	9	9				
405	LaPorte	3,433	2,947	308	5	71	1	35	66	160	2,838	595	17.3%	9	9				
403	LaPorte	2,677	1,887	524	9	6	0	94	157	231	1,789	888	33.2%	9	Yes				
404	LaPorte	3,141	2,684	227	13	28	0	84	105	184	2,617	524	16.7%	9	9				
408	LaPorte	2,988	2,322	434	18	15	0	71	128	212	2,234	754	25.2%	9	9				
430	LaPorte	2,406	1,425	843	14	25	0	33	66	106	1,378	1,028	42.7%	9	Yes				
LaPorte Totals		111,467	93,787	205,254	306	583	889	2,226	2,543	4,769	90,695	20,772	18.6%	5, 8, 9	5				
NIRPC Totals		771,810	563,189	145,158	2,428	8,719	165	34,836	17,315	102,689	506,095	265,715	34.4%	51					

*"Low Income" tracts are areas identified as Qualified Census Tracts for HUD's Low-Income Housing Tax Credits for 2014. To qualify, a tract must have 50 percent of households with incomes below 60 percent of the Area Median Gross Income (AMGI) or have a poverty rate of 25 percent or more.

Part IV. Transit Operator Submissions

As a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds and in accordance to Chapter II Part 4 of FTA Circular 4702.1B NIRPC has collected the following compliance reports for its “cognizant” Designated Recipient and for each of its seven (7) sub-recipients.

- 1. City of East Chicago, IN (East Chicago Transit)**
- 2. North Township, Lake County, IN (North Twp Dial-a-Ride)**
- 3. South Lake County Community Services, Inc.**
- 4. Opportunity Enterprises, Inc. (OE Express)**
- 5. Porter County Aging & Community Services, Inc.**
- 6. City of Valparaiso, IN (V-Line & ChicaGo Dash)**
- 7. City of La Porte, IN (TransPorte)**