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The 2022- 2026 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was approved last month by FHWA. <https://www.in.gov/indot/resources/state-transportation-improvement-program-stip/stip-fy-2022-to-fy-2026/>.

This STIP is different in an important way: it has directly incorporated the MPOs' TIPs into the STIP. This means that projects within MPO boundaries are not listed in the STIP in the same way as previous STIPs. They're only listed in the TIPs, which are now part of the FHWA-approved STIP. Projects outside MPO areas are still listed in the STIP as they were in previous STIPs.

The difference has raised an issue in terms of how NEPA documents should reference the STIP/TIP status for projects within MPO boundaries. In the past, we would include the project listing from the TIP and the project listing from the STIP to demonstrate FHWA, MPO, INDOT approval. Now, we only have the project listing from the TIP.

In consultation with FHWA, we are sharing some interim guidance. This is a fluid situation and may change as STIP/TIP amendments are issued in the upcoming weeks. Please stay tuned for updates. Note that this guidance only applies to projects within MPO boundaries.

In the CE, note that the project is part of XXXX TIP which has been directly incorporated into the FY 2022-2026 STIP. (Make sure to list the correct FYs for the TIPs. Not all of them are 22-26)

In the appendix, include:

The 4/26 INDOT letter to FHWA, which explains which TIPs have been directly included in the STIP and sent to FHWA for approval.

The 6/17 letter from FHWA/FTA to INDOT approving the STIP and noting that the approval includes the directly incorporated TIPs listed in INDOT's letter. The table with the correction actions can be omitted from the letter when it is attached. An example is attached for reference.

The TIP project listing found in Appendix C of the STIP (see above link)

PLEASE NOTE: In the case of any TIP amendments, please contact ESD. Those will require different documentation because the 6/17/22 FHWA / FTA approval letter will no longer apply to those projects.

Also, please remember that projects listed in FY 2026 in either the STIP or TIPs are for illustrative purposes only and are not considered federally approved.

Contact INDOT-ESD with any questions.

Thanks,

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