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April 13, 2011

In Reply Refer To:
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Mr. Jim Stark
Deputy Commissioner
Planning and Project Management
100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Mr. Stark:

We have completed our review of Emergency Amendment #10-41 to the FY 2010-2013 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as initially transmitted by INDOT's letter dated via e-mail on April 13, 2011. It is approved for inclusion into the STIP.

If you have any questions, please call Joyce Newland, Planning Program Manager, at (317) 226-5353 or e-mail at joyce.newland@dot.gov.

Sincerely,


Robert F. Tally Jr., P.E.
Division Administrator

Attachment
cc: transmitted by e-mail
Jeanette Wilson, INDOT




April 13, 2011
 Federal Highway Administration
 Attention: Ms. Joyce Newland
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SUBJECT: 2010-2013 Emergency Amendment 10-41

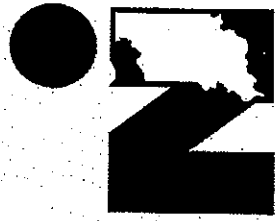
Dear Mr. Tally:

INDOT is requesting the following projects be amended in the FY 2010-FY 2013 STIP.
 If you have any questions, please contact me.

TOTAL \$ 3,000,000

Sincerely,

 April Schwering, Director
 Intermediate Range Planning

DES	Route Type	Number	Location	County	Work Type	Work Category	Phase	Phase Year	Amount	Funding	Remarks
0902005	I	80	Drainage Ditch Correction on I80, I-80/94 interchange with I-65	Lake	Drainage Ditch Correction	Other Project Type	CN	2011	\$ 3,000,000	IM	This project is needed to eliminate flooding that has closed the Borman Expressway 3 times in the past 4 years. This project will build flood walls that will become part of the Little Calumet River Levee Project. It meets USGS standards and is required to be constructed for the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. During closure of the Borman, local roads becomes severely congested resulting in the potential for traffic accidents. It also greatly slows down emergency response times.



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INDOT PLANNING DIVISION

Mr. Jerry Halperin
MPO Coordinator
Office of LPA/MPO and Grant Administration
Indiana Department of Transportation
100 North Senate Ave, Room N955
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

RE: NW Indiana FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program:
Amendment #30 (Emergency)
DES 0902005: I-80/94 Interchange at I-65 Flood Control/Drainage Correction:
Construct Drainage Facilities and Connect Roadway Drainage with Little
Calumet River Flood Control Structure (CN)

Dear Mr. Halperin:

We herewith amend Northwest Indiana's FFY 2009-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by adding the above-captioned project. This project involves, among other things, the construction of walls along existing drainage ditches in the vicinity of this interchange. These improvements will prevent flooding that has closed the Borman Expressway at this location on several recent occasions and will function as part of the Little Calumet River Basin Commission's Levee Construction/Flood Control project. The project's design will meet USGS standards

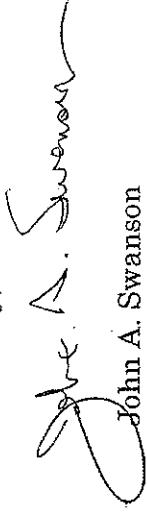
Consistent with our adopted TIP amendment procedures, we have approved the addition of this project to our TIP with no further action by the Commission. We have found that any delay in taking this action would adversely affect public safety.

The project does not involve the construction of new roadways or the reconstruction of existing roadways. The project does not add travel lanes and appears to be an exempt project type covered by 40 CFR Part 93.126d. We are simultaneously transmitting this amendment to the Intergovernmental Consultation Group (ICG) for review.

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April 7, 2011
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Gary Evers or myself at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



John A. Swanson
Executive Director

C: FHWA: Joyce Newland; INDOT: Mike McPhillips, Lisa Shrader, Jeanette Wilson, John Pangallo;
INTERNAL: Bill Brown, Gary Evers, Steve Strains OTHER: ICG Members (via e-mail)