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In Reply Refer To:  
HDA-IN

Ms. Lyndsay Quist  
Deputy Commissioner Capital Program Management  
Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)  
100 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Ms. Quist:

We have completed our review of the INDOT's MPO Amendment 26 to the FY 2024-2028 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) dated July 12, 2024. This amendment is for the inclusion of the following documents by reference:

- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)  
[https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP\\_A24-26-draft.pdf](https://www.in.gov/indot/files/STIP_A24-26-draft.pdf)

INDOT and NIRPC have re-demonstrated fiscal constraint, air quality conformity, and provided opportunity for public comment and involvement, where applicable, regarding the documents identified above. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) considers this amendment to be in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements as sufficient to support a consistency finding for the STIP.

FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) take formal action, through the development of the Federal Planning Finding (FPF), to evaluate and ensure that the STIP and MPO TIPs are developed according to statewide and metropolitan planning processes consistent with 23 U.S.C. 134 and 135, and 49 U.S.C. 5303 and 5304, as well as 23 CFR part 450, 500, and 49 CFR part 613. FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220 (b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the STIP, or amended STIP. Based on the recently conducted FPF (dated August 31, 2023), FHWA and FTA find that the amended Indiana FY2024-2028 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and is approving the amended STIP (as recorded in MPO Amendment 26) subject to the corrective actions outlined in the FPF. FHWA and FTA will continue to partner with the INDOT to ensure the previously developed action plan is implemented to address the corrective actions. If progress is not made in addressing the corrective actions, future amendments to the FY2024-2028 STIP, or adoption of the FY2026-2030 STIP, may not be approved by USDOT.

FHWA only recognizes years 2024-2027 in the STIP. Any projects and/or phases of projects added in years outside of 2024-2027 are considered illustrative, and thus ineligible for federal funding at this time.

Should you have any questions regarding this approval please contact Erica Tait at 317-226-7481 or e-mail at [erica.tait@dot.gov](mailto:erica.tait@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

For: Jermaine R. Hannon  
Division Administrator

Enclosure

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June 14, 2024

Michael McNeil, STIP Director  
Indiana Department of Transportation  
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Dear Mr. McNeil:

RE: Emergency Amendment #24-00.1

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is submitting Amendment #24-00.1 to the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) via emergency amendment for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

There are two projects (on one construction contract) on this Amendment and the summary is as follows:

- 1901402 – Bridge Rehabilitation/Repair (lead) SR49 SB over SR 2; changed from bridge painting and costs updated
- 1901401 – Bridge Rehabilitation/Repair (lead) SR49 NB over SR 2; changed from bridge painting

It is necessary to submit this amendment in an expedited manner in order to allow proper amount of time to process INDOT allocation of federal funds for this project. According to NIRPC's Public Participation Plan, *Engage NWI*, the Executive Director can authorize a TIP amendment without public process or Commission approval in two rare exceptions: life and safety, or the lapse of federal funds allocated to Northwestern Indiana. In this case, safety is at risk and the twin bridges need to go to construction as soon as possible. The attached amendment report contains the addition to be included to NIRPC's TIP.

Should you have any questions, please contact Charles Bradsky, Transportation Projects Manager at 219-254-2509.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tyson Warner".

Tyson Warner, AICP  
Executive Director

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1901401		(Ver 5) 24-00.1	STATUS Programmed				STATE
<b>Title:</b>	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	SR 2, SR 49 NB at SR 2 EB/WB, 1.13mi N of US 30 Bridge Rehabilitation including painting in Porter County. This contract contains 2 des numbers.						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt		<b>District:</b>	LaPorte	
<b>County:</b>	Porter	<b>Limits:</b>					
<b>Narrative:</b>	Scope was changed from painting to rehabilitation when it was realized more work was needed. Costs adjusted on lead des.						
FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL	
2024	STBG State	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	
2024	State Match	\$64,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,000	
2025	STBG State	\$36,000	\$0	\$750,400	\$0	\$786,400	
2025	State Match	\$4,000	\$0	\$187,600	\$0	\$191,600	
<2024	Prior	\$40,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$50,000	
<b>2024-2028 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$938,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,058,000</b>	
<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$948,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,108,000</b>	
<b>Region: Northwestern MPO</b>				<b>Lead Agency: INDOT</b>			

**Previously Approved Version**

1901401 (Ver 4) 24-00

**Title:** District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation) **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** SR 2, SR 49 NB at SR 2 EB/WB, 1.13mi N of US 30 Bridge Painting in Porter County. This contract contains 2 des numbers.  
**Project Type:** Bridge Painting **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Porter **Limits:**  
**Narrative:** Revised funding amounts and categories for 2022-26 TIP. New TIP

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2024	STBG State	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000
2024	State Match	\$64,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$64,000
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**Region:** Northwestern MPO

**Lead Agency:** INDOT

1901402		(Ver 2) 24-00.1	STATUS Programmed				FEDERAL
<b>Title:</b>	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Bridge Rehabilitation/Repair, SR 49 SB at SR 2 EB/WB, 1.13mi N of US 30						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Porter	<b>Limits:</b>					
<b>Narrative:</b>	Increase FY25 CN for 1901402 from \$50K to \$850,000. B-42502/1901402 & 1901401 Scope & cost were changed from Paintir						
FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL	
2025	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$850,000	\$20,000	\$870,000	
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$850,000	\$20,000	\$870,000	
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$850,000	\$20,000	\$870,000	
<b>Region:</b> Northwestern MPO				<b>Lead Agency:</b> INDOT			

Previously Approved Version							
1901402		(Ver 1) 24-01					
<b>Title:</b>	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Bridge Painting, SB at SR 2 EB/WB, 1.13mi N of US 30						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Bridge Painting	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Porter	<b>Limits:</b>					
<b>Narrative:</b>	Add FY25 CN \$50,000 and FY25 CE \$20,000						
FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL	
2025	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	
2024-2028 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	
ALL YEARS TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$20,000	\$70,000	
<b>Region:</b> Northwestern MPO				<b>Lead Agency:</b> INDOT			

**Northwestern MPO TIP SUMMARY BY LEAD AGENCY**

	Prior	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	Beyond	Total
INDOT	\$100,000	\$160,000	\$2,896,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,156,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>	<b>\$2,896,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,156,000</b>