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ICG Communication - 11/25/2025 - Region V Transportation Conformity

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Tue, Nov 25, 2025 at 3:05 PM

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ICG members,

MACOG has one (1) project amendment to the SFY 2026-2030 TIP for consideration by the MACOG Policy Board on 12/10/2025. The project is determined as exempt by MACOG and is not defined as non-exempt.

TIP Administrative Modifications made by MACOG in November are included in the Excel spreadsheet for your information.

Our proposed schedule for these additional amendments is as follows

11/25/2025 - ICG email communication

12/03/2025 - Deadline for ICG questions or comments on the included project amendments

11/26/2025 - 12/10/2025 - Public comment period for proposed amendments

In place of a conference call, I am providing the attached list of amendment requests. Please review and comment regarding the proposed amendments.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the proposed amendments, please let me know by 12/03/2025. Per ICG Conformity Consultation Guidance Document, no response can be interpreted as concurrence.

Thank you.

Carla

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Carla Herwarth

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Story, Paige (FHWA) <Paige.Story@dot.gov>

Mon, Dec 1, 2025 at 9:44 AM

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"Tait, Erica (FHWA)" <erica.tait@dot.gov>, Tony Maietta <maietta.anthony@epa.gov>

Good morning,

I hope you had a great holiday!

FHWA has reviewed and has the below comment/questions:

1. Due to the holiday and ongoing federal staffing availability, please provide the ICG until Friday, December 5th to review and respond.
2. How many turn lanes will be added?
3. What is the planned length of the turn lanes?

Best,

Paige Story

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Indiana Division (IN-DIV)

From: Carla Herwarth <cherwarth@macog.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 15:06

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Caitlin Stevens <cstevens@macog.com>

Tue, Dec 2, 2025 at 9:46 AM

To: "Story, Paige (FHWA)" <Paige.Story@dot.gov>

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Good Morning,

Two turn lanes are being added, one for the northbound direction and one for the southbound direction. The lengths are as follows:

- Northbound - 330' taper, 762' lane (Total 1092')
- Southbound - 330' taper, 662' lane (Total 992')

Thanks,

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Tue, Dec 2, 2025 at 1:26 PM

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Thank you Caitlin,

FHWA has no further comments or questions at this time.

Best,

Paige Story

Community Planner

Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

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Maietta, Anthony <maietta.anthony@epa.gov>

Tue, Dec 2, 2025 at 1:31 PM

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Thanks Caitlin and Paige,

Carla: After review, EPA does not have any comments or questions on the amendment. EPA concurs with MACOG

Thanks,

-Tony

Anthony Maietta

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RESOLUTION 33-25
A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND
AND ELKHART/GOSHEN FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-2030
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Public Law 117-58) designating joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration rules and regulations, under Section 134, Title 23 of the US Code, the act requires the annual preparation of a Transportation Improvement Program by the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization(s) as a part of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas of 50,000 or more population; and

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) being the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas, in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the urbanized areas, has prepared a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which consist of improvements recommended in the MACOG Region.

WHEREAS, the FY 2026-2030 TIP is consistent with the 2050 Transportation Plan (TP) and its corresponding conformity determination, which uses the MACOG travel demand model, developed with the most recently available socio-economic and other input data to estimate mobile source emissions for the conformity analysis.

WHEREAS, the MACOG Policy Board from time to time receives and amends/modifies its Transportation Improvement Program.

WHEREAS, upon review of the amendments below, MACOG here within finds that they are consistent with the 2050 TP and its corresponding conformity analysis.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen FY 2026-2030 TIP will be amended to include the following:

Amend the FY 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Plan

Transportation Resolution 33-25

INDOT Initiated

A. INDOT

Amendment

Exempt Project in Elkhart County

Resolution 33-25

Des#: 2100013

Add PE Phase

Contract#: B-46123

SR 19 Intersection at CR 28, 1.55 miles South of US 20

Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes

Phase: PE Total: \$46,900

Federal: \$37,520 (STBG)

State: \$9,380

SFY 2026

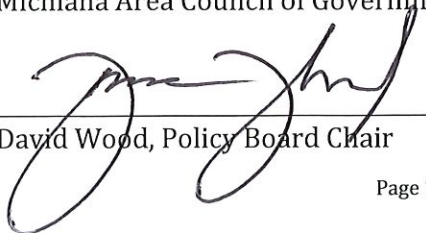
Estimated Cost to Complete = \$4,543,419

Miles: 0.49

Contract Also Includes: 2400765 – Small Structure Replacement, 1.55 miles South of US 20

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution has been adopted on this 10th day of November 2025.

Michiana Area Council of Governments



David Wood, Policy Board Chair