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May 6, 2014

Larry Buckel, Manager  
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Re: FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #16, dated April 22, 2014  
FY2014-2017 Indiana Transit STIP Amendment #17, dated April 22, 2014

Dear Mr. Buckel:

We have reviewed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amendment requests you submitted via correspondence dated April 22, 2014. The requests add projects pursuant to changes made to the Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) for the Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization and Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

The amended TIPs have been endorsed by the appropriate Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). The projects listed in the attached STIP amendment table (Attachment 1) are eligible for FTA funding.

We have determined that the amendments to the TIPs and STIP are financially constrained and consistent with the relevant MPO and statewide transportation plans. The projects were developed in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 450, and are exempt from the air quality conformity determination process. The project additions are approved for the FY2014-2017 STIP.

If you have any questions concerning this STIP amendment approval, please contact Reginald Arkell at (312) 886-3704. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Marisol R. Simón  
Regional Administrator

Attachment: FY2014-2017 INDOT STIP Table Amendment #16, #17

Cc: Josh Desmond, Director, Bloomington Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Ty Warner, Executive Director, Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 FY2014-2017 STIP Amendment #16, #17  
 May 6, 2014

|        |         |             |               |  |             |             |           |             |                        |                  |              | Date: 5/6/2014     |                                   |  |
|--------|---------|-------------|---------------|--|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Number | DES     | MPO         | Sponsor Name  | Project Description                      | Fiscal Year | Total       | Federal   | Local       | Federal Funding Source | FTA Grant Number | MPO TIP YEAR | STIP Approval Date | Comments                          |  |
| 13     | 1382501 | Bloomington | Bloomington   | Purchase 40 foot buses                   | 2015        | \$880,000   | \$704,000 | \$176,000   | 5307                   |                  | FY 2014      | 7/11/2013          | STIP Amend #16 - Reduce funding.  |  |
| 30     | 1400645 | Bloomington | Bloomington   | Purchase 40 foot buses                   | 2014        | \$420,000   | \$336,000 | \$84,000    | 5307                   |                  | FY 2014      | 5/6/2014           | STIP Amend #16 - Add new project. |  |
| 205    | 1400531 | NIRPC       | NICTD         | West Lake Corridor EIS                   | 2014        | \$3,000,000 | \$522,290 | \$2,477,710 | 5309                   |                  | 2014         | 5/6/2014           | STIP Amend #17 - Add new project. |  |
| 206    | 1400532 | NIRPC       | Michigan City | Michigan City/LaPorte Operating Demo 3yr | 2014        | \$1,151,463 | \$921,170 | \$230,293   | CMAQ                   |                  | 2014         | 5/6/2014           | STIP Amend #17 - Add new project. |  |
| 207    | 1400565 | NIRPC       | Michigan City | Expansion Vehicle for new service        | 2014        | \$120,000   | \$100,000 | \$20,000    | CMAQ                   |                  | 2014         | 5/6/2014           | STIP Amend #17 - Add new project. |  |



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**Michael R. Pence, Governor**  
**Karl B. Browning, Commissioner**

April 22, 2014

Ms. Marisol R. Simon  
Regional Administrator  
Federal Transit Administration  
200 West Adams Street, Suite 320  
Chicago, IL 60606

RE: FY2014 - FY2017 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment #17

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2014 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2014 – 2017 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2014 - 2017 STIP. The amendment is for the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The resolution number for the NIRPC amendment is 14-15.

We have determined that the proposed amendments are: 1) consistent with the transportation plan; 2) the TIP remains fiscally constrained in that federal funding resources are sufficient to support the new or modified projects and 3) conform to state and national air quality standards as required by the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

We request your review and approval of the subject amendment. Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Buckel  
Manager  
Office of Transit

CC: Reggie Arkell, FTA  
Belinda Petroskey, NIRPC



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**RESOLUTION 14-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE  
2014-2017 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,  
PORTER, AND LA PORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA  
AMENDMENT NO. 13**

**April 17, 2014**

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation stakeholder interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (2012), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; and

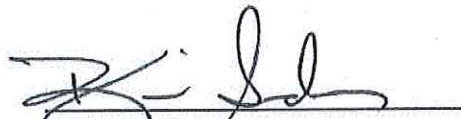
**WHEREAS**, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and



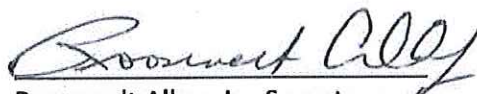
**WHEREAS**, the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the transit project(s) as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this seventeenth day of April, 2014.

  
Brian Srededor, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Secretary

**Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2014-2017**  
**Amendment No. 13, March 2014 TRANSIT ONLY**

**Local Public Transit**

**ADD New Public Transit Projects**

| DES     | Applicant     | Project Name  | Fund Type       | Year                          | Total Cost   | FTA Funds  | Total Non-Federal Funds | Air Quality Conformity |                 | Regionally Significant |
|---------|---------------|---|-----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|         |               |   |                 |                               |              |            |                         | Document Status        | Reference Table |                        |
| 1400531 | NICTD         | West Lake Corridor EIS  | Section 5309    | FY 2014                       | \$ 3,000,000 | \$ 522,290 | \$ 2,477,710            | Exempt                 | Table 2, #21    | Yes                    |
| 1400532 | Michigan City | Mich City-La Porte-PNC Transit Service (DEMO Operating Assistance 3 Year Total) | CMAAQ (LaPorte) | FY 2014<br>FY 2015<br>FY 2016 | \$ 1,151,463 | \$ 921,170 | \$ 230,293              | Exempt                 | Table 2, #21    | Yes                    |
| 1400565 | Michigan City | Expansion Vehicle for New Transit Service                                       | CMAAQ (LaPorte) | FY 2014                       | \$ 120,000   | \$ 100,000 | \$ 20,000               | Exempt                 | Table 2, #21    | Yes                    |