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June 25, 2012

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

RE: FY2012 - FY2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment # 20

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendment which must be approved and included into the FY 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2012 – 2015 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2012 - 2015 STIP. The amendment is for the Northern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC). The resolution number is 12-16 (attached). The projects to be added (and deleted) to the STIP are as follows:

Applicant	DES	Project	Fund	Federal
NICTD	1297390	Shop improvements	5309	\$128,000
NICTD	1297391	Rebuild 3 Substations	5309	\$2,000,000
NICTD	1297392	TE-Passenger Amenities	5307	\$100,000
NICTD	1172963	DELETE	5309	\$1,000,000
NICTD	1172964	DELETE	5309	\$532,000

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.

Sincerely,

Larry Buckel
Manager
Office of Transit

CC: Reggie Arkell, FTA



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RESOLUTION 12-16

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE
2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 15**

June 21, 2012

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 interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy regional requirements under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, as amended, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the 1970 Clean Air Act, as amended, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2012-2015 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

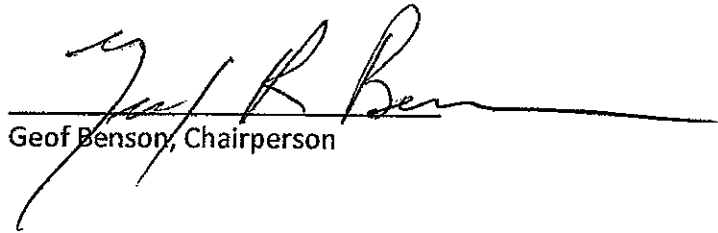
WHEREAS, the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2012-2015 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

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

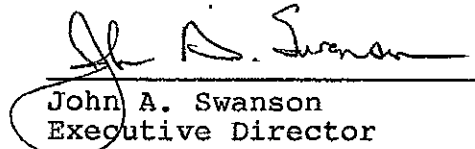
Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-first day of June, 2012.


Geoff Benson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Blair Milo, Secretary


John A. Swanson
Executive Director

**Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana for 2012-2015
Amendment #15 June 2012 TRANSIT ONLY**

Local Public Transit

TP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases - Section 5509 Rail Modernization

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297390	NICTD	Shop Improvements to include new inspection pit	N/A	2012	\$ 160,000	\$ 128,000	\$ 32,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a
1297391	NICTD	Rebuild 3 Substations	N/A	2012	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 500,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a

TP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases - Section 5507

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297392	NICTD	TE-Passenger Amenities. Uses FY2010 funds previously programmed	N/A	2012	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a

TP Action: Delete Projects - Section 5809 Rail Modernization

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1172963	NICTD	Replacement Rail/Turnout	N/A	2012	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 250,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a
1172964	NICTD	Material Yard Improvements	N/A	2012	\$ 2,660,000	\$ 2,128,000	\$ 532,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a