NORTHWEST INDIANA PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN OF 2010

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A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE 2010 PED & PEDAL REGIONAL PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system to attain and maintain socially, economically and environmentally sound living conditions towards an improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; to annually endorse the plans and programs; to facilitate federal transportation funding for the Indiana Department of Transportation, regional communities and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and


WHEREAS, Lake and Porter Counties are classified as severe non-attainment for ozone precursors and must follow the guidelines established in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA), including the reduction of single occupant automobile trips; and

WHEREAS, walking, jogging, rollerblading and bicycle riding represent a healthy form of commuting and recreation, and has been identified in the CAA as a transportation control measure (TCM) to reduce the number of single occupant control measures (SOVs); and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana has currently developed 80 miles of off-road trails, nearly 600 miles of signed, shared bike routes, with approximately 500 miles of planned off-road trails; and

WHEREAS, an abundance of available rights-of-way still remain suitable for the development of additional trail systems; and

WHEREAS, local emphasis on pedestrian access and safety needs to take a more prominent role in land use decision-making, and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted their Complete Streets Guidelines in 2010 to address accommodations for bicycles and pedestrians on all regional roadways; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the draft 2010 Ped and Pedal Plan, reviewed and considered the comments received and recommended modifications to be effected to the draft 2010 Ped and Pedal Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission endorses and adopts the 2010 Ped and Pedal Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan, as modified in response to the public comments received, to identify and prioritize regional trail corridors and encourage improved facilities for pedestrian and bicycle movements. This plan is subject to amendment, and will be incorporated into the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this twenty-seventh day of January, two thousand and eleven.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary