Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

Notice of Funds Available | due January 11, 2019
Overview of 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program programming approach

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- **Evaluated project types for their impact on NWI 2050 Plan critical paths**
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- **October 2018:** Categorized project types into investment programs
- **November 2018:** Evaluated project types for their impact on NWI 2050 Plan critical paths
- **December 2018:** Assigned a scoring tier and then set a target amount of eligible funds
- **January/February 2019:** Use targets as a guide, solicit applications for unprogrammed and new funds
- **May 2019:** Program well-scoring projects and leverage all federal-aid available to NWI

**Project Types and Funding:**
- **80+ project types eligible for federal-aid for NWI to review**
- **13 investment programs to review**
- **High impact? Medium impact?**
- **Tier 1 $**
- **Tier 2 $**
- **9 “umbrella” criteria to evaluate project**
- **$267 million dollars of federal-aid to advance the vision for**

**Criteria:**
- Access + connections
- Economic generation
- Environmental benefits
- Local plan + policy support
- Regional plan + policy support
- Partnerships
- Project readiness
- Safety
- Social equity

**Project Types:**
- Air quality
- Transit / asset management
- Complete Streets
- Transit / customer experience
- Environment
- Transit / expansion
- Multi-use trails
- Transit / operating
- New roadways
- Transit security
- Planning
- Quality of place
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The map to the right shows all federally-aid eligible roads and the two urbanized areas in Northwestern Indiana. Federally-aid eligible roads are those that are not classified as "local." Most FHWA funding sources require that projects be along federal-aid eligible roads with some exceptions, notably Safe Routes to School and multi-use trail projects. In addition, STBG and TA funds are designated by UZA and therefore must be spent within the urbanized area a project is associated with. Please be sure to check that the project you are applying for is on a federal-aid eligible road. For an interactive map with additional detail, please consult our website:
https://www.nirpc.org/2040-plan/transportation/functional-class/
Map of congested corridors in Northwestern Indiana

This map shows Level of Service (LOS) for most Federal-Aid eligible roads in Northwest Indiana. LOS is a measure of how congested a road is based on the spacing between motor vehicles. Roads with LOS A or B are relatively free flow, uncongested roads. Roads with LOS C are roads with a typical design level of congestion. Roads with LOS D are moderately congested, particularly in peak periods of travel. Roads with LOS E or F are routinely congested in peak periods of travel. LOS data comes from the NIRPC Travel Demand Model Volume to Capacity (V/C) Ratio validated to a 2015 base year with volume data from the Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) and capacity data from the Highway Capacity Manual.
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Map 2 of congested corridors in Northwestern Indiana
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