RESOLUTION 19-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA

AMENDMENT NO. 20

February 21, 2019

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana’s citizens require a safe, efficient, 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 (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 requirements of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 has established National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone; and

WHEREAS, LaPorte County has been designated as a maintenance area with respect to the 1997 "8-hour" standard for ozone; and
WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Transportation Conformity Rule in 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 requires all Transportation Conformity non-exempt and regionally significant projects included in a Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Improvement Program to be referenced to that Metropolitan Planning Organization's Long Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is the Commission's Transportation Improvement Program; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has solicited public comment on the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20 between January 11, 2019 and February 9, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program by adding comments referencing the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion alongside the Transportation Conformity non-exempt and regionally significant projects in LaPorte County as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this twenty-first day of February, 2019.

Diane Noll
Chairperson

ATTEST:

George Topoll
Secretary
2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #20

Amendment #20 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program adds comments to existing regionally significant, non-exempt projects in LaPorte County that are subject to Transportation Conformity requirements that those projects are referenced in the conforming 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion. The comments that are added are shown below.
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