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April 10, 2012

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

RE: FY2012 - FY2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Transit Amendment # 14

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 12-08 (attached). The projects to be added to the STIP are as follows:

MPO	Project Description	DES #	Federal	Program
NIRPC/Valparaiso	Purchase one new Commuter Bus	1297210	\$480,000	CMAQ
NIRPC/GPTC	Purchase bus facilities equipment	1297211	\$80,000	5307
NIRPC/GPTC	Purchase bus maintenance equipment	1297212	\$80,000	5307
NIRPC/GPTC	Adam Benjamin Metro Center Build improve	1297213	\$200,000	5307
NIRPC/GPTC	Purchase six light duty transit vehicles	1297214	\$432,000	5307
NIRPC/GPTC	Purchase computer software	1297215	\$40,000	5307
NIRPC/NICTD	Catenary/Signal Improvements	1297251	\$1,600,000	5309

**DELETE PROJECT**

NIRPC/NICTD	Kensington Intersection Improvements	1172967	\$1,600,000	5309
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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  
NIRPC



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**RESOLUTION 12-08**

**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. 11**

March 15, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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

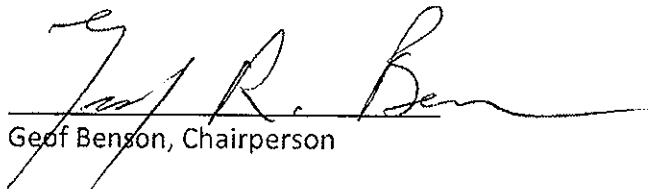
**WHEREAS**, the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP)*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

**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

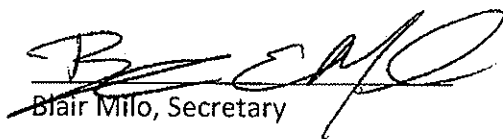
**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG).

**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 fifteenth day of March 2012.

  
Geoff Benson, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
Blair Milo, Secretary

Amendment #11 March 2012 TRANSIT ONLY

**NICTD Commuter Rail Construction Projects**

**TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases**

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297251	NICTD	Fixed Guideway Modernization, Catenary/Signal Improvements.	CN	2012	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 400,000	Exempt	Table 1, #26	n/a

**TIP Action: Delete Projects or Project Phases**

1172967	NICTD	Keenington Intersection Improvements	CN	2012	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 400,000	Exempt	Table 1, #29	n/a
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**Local Non-Construction Projects (Continued)**

**TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases**

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FHWA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297210	Valparaiso	Purchase One New Commuter Bus (Service Expansion), Lake-Porter CMAA.	PE	2012	\$ 600,000	\$ 480,000	\$ 120,000	Exempt	Table 1, #30	n/a

**Local Public Transit Non-Construction Projects**

**TIP Action: Add New Projects or Project Phases**

DES	Applicant	Project Name	Phase	Year	Total Cost	FTA Funds	Total Non-Federal Funds	Air Quality Conformity Document Reference		In ADA Plan?
								Status	Table	
1297211	Gary Public Transportation Corp.	Purchase Bus Facilities Equipment: Chicago UA Section 5307.	PE	2012	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a
1297212	Gary Public Transportation Corp.	Purchase Bus Maintenance Equipment: Chicago UA Section 5307.	PE	2012	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a
1297213	Gary Public Transportation Corp.	Adam Benjamin Metro Center Building Improvements. Chicago UA Section 5307.	PE	2012	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000	Exempt	Table 1, #28	n/a
1297214	Gary Public Transportation Corp.	Purchase Six (6) Light Duty Transit Vehicles: Chicago UA Section 5307.	PE	2012	\$ 540,000	\$ 432,000	\$ 108,000	Exempt	Table 1, #30	n/a
1297215	Gary Public Transportation Corp.	Purchase Computer Software: Chicago UA Section 5307.	PE	2012	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000	Exempt	Table 1, #24	n/a

NIRPC's Regional Significance policy and standards are published at <http://www.nirpc.org/home/ProjectSelection/RegionalSignificanceGuidance.pdf>.

Information regarding the Air Quality Conformity Document references may be found on NIRPC's TIP web page at <http://www.nirpc.org/transportation/TIP.htm>. Follow the link under "Project List and Related Information."