

Appendix H

Air Quality



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July 18, 2025

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Roy Nunnally, Director
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Dear Mr. Nunnally:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the documents necessary to make an air quality conformity finding for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) planning documents. The NIRPC Metropolitan Planning Area is within the air quality conformity area comprised of Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. The need for this new conformity finding stems from adoption of the FY26-30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and an amendment to the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) 2050+ Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) (Amendment 2).

Lake and Porter Counties are designated as Nonattainment for 2008 Ozone. Portions of Lake and Porter Counties are designated as Nonattainment for 2015 Ozone. Additionally, LaPorte County is designated as Maintenance for 1997 Ozone until July 19, 2027.

Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the amended MTP and new TIP were completed. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and determined that air quality conformity requirements have been met.

Therefore, FHWA and FTA Region V affirms the following planning documents conform to air quality conformity rule requirements:

NIRPC 2050+ Metropolitan Transportation Plan (including Amendment 2)
NIRPC 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (including Amendment 24-05)
NIRPC 2026-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (Original)

Please note that the FY2026-2030 TIP is not incorporated into INDOT's current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), therefore, the FY2024-2028 TIP is the only TIP officially recognized by FHWA and FTA.

This conformity finding supersedes all previous conformity findings for this MPO.

If you have any questions, please contact Erica Tait, FHWA, at 317-226-7481 or erica.tait@dot.gov; or Cecilia C. Godfrey, at 312-705-1268 or cecilia.crenshaw@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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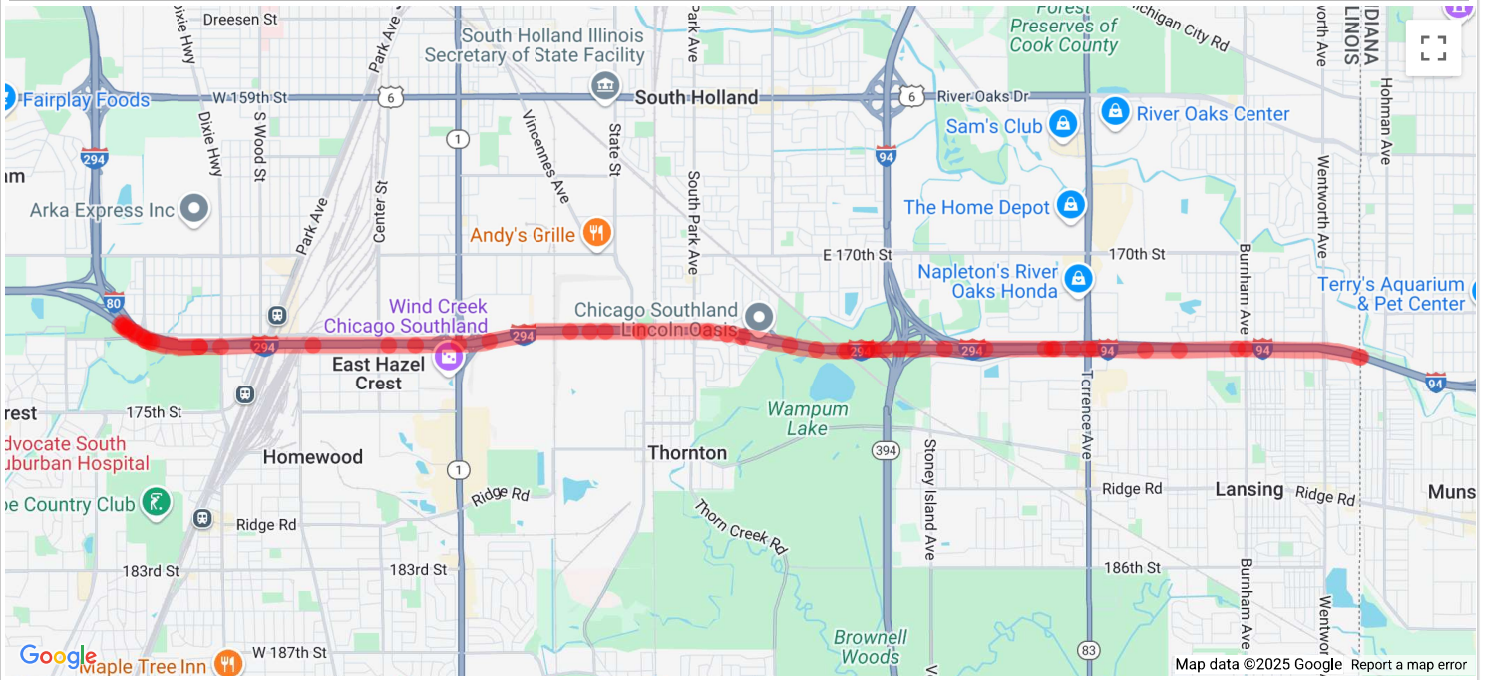
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TIP ID	07-25-0002	TIP Document	25-08.1	State Job #		PPS #	
Lead Agency	IDOT D1 Hwys	Contact	Steven Schilke (847) 705-4392	Municipality	East Hazel Crest, Hazel Crest, Lansing, South Holland, Thornton	County	Cook
Project Type	Road Expansion	Air Quality	Not Exempt	Open to Traffic Year	2027	Total Cost	\$35,500,000
Title	I-80 - I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) to State Line (Flex Rd - ITS)						
Limits	From Torrance Ave To State Line - (Flex Rd - ITS) of Distance (mile) 1.9						
Description	Additional Lanes, Miscellaneous (Add Lanes starts at Torrance Ave and is only eastbound).						

Segment	Phase	Fund Source	Prior FFY	FFY2025	FFY2026	FFY2027	FFY2028	Future FFY	Total
CON		IL Funds	-	\$1,500,000	\$34,000,000	-	-	-	\$35,500,000
		Total Construction	-	\$1,500,000	\$34,000,000	-	-	-	\$35,500,000
		Total Programmed	-	\$1,500,000	\$34,000,000	-	-	-	\$35,500,000



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VERSION	FFY	SOURCE	ENG	IMP	ENG 1	ENG 2	ROW	CON	CE	TOTAL
25-08.1 2025-2029 Administrative Conformity Amendment 25-08.1 closes on March 28, 2025. Interagency Consultation meeting TBD. MPO Policy Committee meeting is June 12, 2025.	2025	IL Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$1,500,000
25-08.1 2025-2029 Administrative Conformity Amendment 25-08.1 closes on March 28, 2025. Interagency Consultation meeting TBD. MPO Policy Committee meeting is June 12, 2025.	2026	IL Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$34,000,000	\$0	\$34,000,000
TOTAL FOR VERSION 2			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,500,000	\$0	\$35,500,000

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VERSION		PROJECT TITLE	STATUS	APPROVAL DATE
2	25-08,1 2025-2029 ADMIN	I-80 - I-294 (TRI-STATE TOLLWAY) TO STATE LINE (FLEX RD - ITS)	PROGRAMMED	04/01/2025
1	25-03 2025-2029 FORMAL	I-80 - I-294 (TRI-STATE TOLLWAY) TO STATE LINE (FLEX RD - ITS)	PROGRAMMED	01/16/2025

Northwestern MPO NIRPC Project Listing

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year Adoption 2026-2030

415 Projects Listed

2201703 (Ver 4) 26-00,26-00 **FEDERAL**

Title:	LaPorte District CCTV Camera Lowering Arms & Pole Wiring Replacement - FY 26				County: Various	District: LaPorte
Work Type:	Its Program Equipment					
Limits:	Not Location Specific				Total 2026 - 2029:	\$319,088
Description:	LaPorte District CCTV Camera Lowering Arms & Pole Wiring Replacement - FY 26					
Phase	Fund Source	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
CN	NHPP Interstate	\$287,179	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CN	State Match	\$31,909	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

1901643 (Ver 5) 26-00,26-00 **FEDERAL**

Title:	ITS Traffic Management				County: Lake	District: LaPorte
Work Type:	Its Traffic Management Systems					
Limits:	From I-294/I80 & I-94 Interchange IL to I-65 Interchange IN of Distance (mile) 19 Milepost begins at 0				Total 2026 - 2029:	\$225,833,905
Description:	ITS Traffic Management Systems Project on I-80/I-94 From the I-294/I-80 & I-94 Interchange in Illinois to the I-65 Interchange in Indiana such as hard shoulder running, ramp metering, variable speed limits, lane control and special purpose lanes.					
Phase	Fund Source	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
CN	Federal Special	\$93,150,000	\$34,334,669	\$0	\$0	\$0
CE	NHPP Interstate	\$18,709,705	\$7,057,800	\$0	\$0	\$0
CN	NHPP Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$39,868,078	\$0	\$0
CE	State Match	\$0	\$784,200	\$0	\$0	\$0
CN	State Match	\$27,500,000	\$0	\$4,429,453	\$0	\$0

2201177 (Ver 3) 26-00,26-00 **FEDERAL**

Title:	Camera/Communications/Detection/DMS Replacements in Northwest IN ATMS area - FY 26				County: Various	District: LaPorte
Work Type:	Its Traffic Management Systems					
Limits:	Not Location Specific				Total 2026 - 2029:	\$100,000
Description:	Camera/Communications/Detection/DMS Replacements in Northwest IN ATMS area - FY 26					
Phase	Fund Source	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030
CN	NHPP Interstate	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CN	State Match	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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August 28, 2025

Ms. Lyndsay Quist
Commissioner
Indiana Department of Transportation
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SUBJECT: Indiana FY2026-2030 STIP Approval and Associated Federal Planning Finding

Dear Ms. Quist:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the FY2026-2030 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP), which was submitted by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) request letter dated June 6, 2025.


Based on our review of the information provided, certifications of the Statewide and Metropolitan transportation planning processes for and within the state of Indiana, and our participation in those transportation planning processes (including planning certification reviews conducted in Transportation Management Areas), FHWA and FTA are jointly approving the FY2026-2030 STIP, including the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) incorporated into the STIP by reference, subject to the corrective action identified in the attached Federal Planning Finding (FPF) report. FHWA and FTA consider the projects in the 5th year for informational purposes only, and our approval does not exceed four years per 23 CFR 450.220(c).

FHWA and FTA are required under 23 CFR 450.220(b) to document and issue an FPF in conjunction with the approval of the FY2026-2030 STIP. At a minimum, the FPF verifies that the development of the STIP is consistent with the provisions of both the Statewide and Metropolitan transportation planning requirements. FHWA and FTA find that the Indiana FY2026-2030 STIP substantially meets the transportation planning requirements and are approving the STIP subject to the corrective action outlined in the FPF. This approval is effective August 22, 2025, and is given with the understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and INDOT must ensure the satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements, as well as address the corrective actions outlined in the attached report.

If you have questions or need additional information concerning our approval and the FPF, please contact Ms. Erica Tait of the FHWA Indiana Division at (317) 226-7481, or by email at erica.tait@dot.gov, or Mr. Anthony Greep of the FTA Region 5 Office at (312) 353-2866, or by email at anthony.greep@dot.gov.

Sincerely,
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June 6, 2025

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Dear Mr. Hall /Ms. Brookins:

The Indiana Department of Transportation is pleased to submit its Draft FY 2026-2029 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for review and comment by your offices.

Included in the final submitted document is a listing of the state's expansion/preservation and local small urban and rural and rural transit projects. The following Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP's will be included in the FY 2024-2028 STIP by reference.

Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County (APCTC)	FY 2026-2030
• APCTC TIP FY2026-2030	
Bloomington-Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization (BMCMPPO)	FY 2026-2030
• BMCMPPO TIP FY2026-2030	
Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO)	FY 2026-2030
• CAMPO TIP FY2026-2030	
Delaware-Muncie Metropolitan Plan Commission (DMMPC)	FY 2026-2030
• DMMPC TIP FY2026-2030	
Evansville Metropolitan Planning Organization (EMPO)	FY 2026-2030
• EMPO TIP FY2026-2030	
Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (IMPO)	FY 2026-2029
• IMPO TIP FY2026-2029	
• IMPO Project Listing FY2026-2029	

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Kokomo-Howard County Governmental Coordinating Council (KHCGCC)	FY 2026-2030
• KHCGCC TIP FY2026-2030	
Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA)	FY 2025-2028
• KIPDA TIP FY2025-2028	
Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG)	FY 2026-2030
• MACOG TIP FY2026-2030	
Madison County Council of Governments (MCCOG)	FY 2026-2030
• MCCOG TIP FY2026-2030	
Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (NIRCC)	FY 2026-2030
• NIRCC TIP FY2026-2030	
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)	FY 2026-2030
• NIRPC TIP FY2026-2030	
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI)	FY 2026-2029
• OKI TIP FY2026-2029	
Terre Haute Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (THAMPO) TIP	FY 2026-2030
• THAMPO TIP FY2026-2029	

We greatly appreciate FHWA/FTA support in the development of the STIP 2026-2029 and look forward to working together to achieve our mutual goals. Should you have any questions pertaining to this amendment, please contact April Leckie, STIP Administration at 317-232-5466 or at aleckie@indot.in.gov.

Sincerely,



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