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Michiana Area Council of Governments  
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RE: TIP APPROVAL LETTER – MACOG RESOLUTION 20-17

Dear Mr. Turnwald:

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has completed its review of the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG - MPO). State and locally initiated transportation projects were reviewed for accuracy and compliance under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) ACT.

It is my pleasure to inform you that on behalf of Governor Eric Holcomb, I approve your FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. This document will serve as support for the local and INDOT projects in your area that fall within the F FY 2018-2021 timeline and will be included by reference in the FY 2018-2021 Indiana Statewide Improvement Program (STIP). However, projects not shown by reference will be amended into the STIP upon request.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Roy Nunnally at 317-234-1692.

Sincerely,

Joe McGuinness, Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Transportation

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Dear Commissioner McGuinness:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed the review of the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) FY 2018-2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the respective Metropolitan Planning Organizations' (MPOs) Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs) received June 6, 2017. We hereby give our approval.

We would also like to take this opportunity to recognize INDOT for maintaining and updating the Planning Roles, Responsibilities and Cooperative Operation Manual (PRRCOM), which identifies the planning contacts within INDOT and specifies the responsibilities for specific state and MPO planning functions and establishes processes for various core planning documents. The PRRCOM has been used effectively to guide the development of the planning products, such as the TIPs, the Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) and the Statement of Works. We also commend INDOT's planning reviews of the MPOs under the 200,000 population. We strongly believe this oversight action helps to serve as the basis for INDOT's endorsement of the self-certification of the metropolitan planning process.

As we have communicated, the FHWA and FTA issued new transportation planning rules on the statewide and metropolitan transportation planning processes to reflect the use of a performance based approach to decision-making in support of national goals. These processes will document how the MPOs, INDOT and public transportation providers agree to cooperatively develop and share information related to transportation performance data, the selection of performance targets, the reporting of performance to be used in tracking progress toward attainment of critical outcomes for the MPO region, and the data collection for the INDOT asset management plan for the National Highway System.

FHWA and FTA also have performance measures for safety, bridge and pavement conditions, congestion reduction, system reliability and transit asset management for which final regulations are published and in effect. INDOT and the MPOs must collaborate to identify performance

targets for each performance measure. For FHWA and FTA to approve amendments after May 27, 2018, the INDOT, MPOs and public transit operators must reflect this information and describe how projects in the TIP/STIP achieve the performance targets, to the maximum extent practicable, identified in the statewide and metropolitan transportation plans, linking investment priorities to these performance targets.

FHWA and FTA have determined the TIPs are based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning process by INDOT, the MPOs, and the transit operators in accordance to 23 CFR 450. The TIP for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission is subject to the provisions of the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) has been found to conform (see enclosed approval letter). In addition, this planning finding is based upon the extent to which all the projects in the FY 2018-2021 STIP are the result of planning provisions found in U.S.C. 23 and U.S.C. 49.

We look forward to working with you on implementing the FY 2018-2021 STIP. Should you have any questions, please contact Joyce Newland, FHWA Planning Program Manager, at (317) 226-5353 or [Joyce.Newland@dot.gov](mailto:Joyce.Newland@dot.gov) or Susan Weber, FTA Community Planner, at (312) 353-3888 or [Susan.Weber@dot.gov](mailto:Susan.Weber@dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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