

December 9, 2015

Julie Ritzler  
INDOT, LaPorte District  
315 East Boyd Blvd.  
LaPorte, IN 46350

Dear Julie:

Please amend the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and FY 2016-2019 Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include the following:

**LAPORTE DISTRICT**

**INDOT Initiated – Resolution 43-15**

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Resolution 43-15 Add Project Phase: PE  
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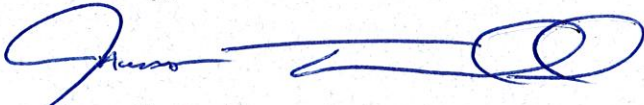
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The Michiana Area Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen, Indiana Urbanized Areas, is hereby submitting an amendment to the FY 2016-2019 TIP, as well as, the FY 2016-2019 STIP for Intergovernmental Review under the provisions of Executive Order 1271. The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the MACOG Policy Board on December 9, 2015.

We are, therefore, offering our assurance that the document has been developed with and reviewed by the appropriate jurisdictions and governmental agencies within the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas. This includes the Indiana Department of Transportation and member jurisdictions and governmental agencies of the MACOG Policy Board.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact this agency if you need further information.

Sincerely,



James Turnwald  
Executive Director

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Cc: Justin Sargent, Lyndsay Quist, Mary Enright, Joyce Newland

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**RESOLUTION NO. 43-15**  
**TION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SO**  
**AND ELKHART/GOSHEN FY 2016-2019**  
**TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the “MAP-21”, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act: Designating joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration rules and regulations, under Section 134, Title 23 of the US Code, the act requires the annual preparation of a Transportation Improvement Program by the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization(s) as a part of the transportation planning process in urbanized areas of 50,000 or more population; and

WHEREAS, the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) being the duly designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen Urbanized Areas, in cooperation with local governmental units and implementing agencies within the urbanized areas, has prepared a FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which consists of improvements recommended in the MACOG Region.

WHEREAS, the MACOG Policy Board from time to time receives and amends/modifies its Transportation Improvement Programs.

WHEREAS, the MACOG consulted with the Interagency Consultation Group and the agencies concurred in the MPO finding that the TIP amendment projects are exempt, per 40 CFR 93.126 & 127, and there is no need to update the conformity analysis or issue a new conformity finding.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the South Bend and Elkhart/Goshen FY 2016-2019 TIP will be amended to include the following:

## Amend the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Plan

**LAPORTE DISTRICT**

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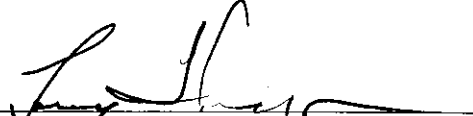
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RESOLVED THIS 9<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2015

Michiana Area Council of Governments

  
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Larry Thompson, Chairperson