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October 28, 2009

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

Mr. Robert F. Tally, Jr. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 575 North Pennsylvania Street, Room 254 Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: FY2008 - FY2001 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (INSTIP) Transit Amendment #42

Dear Administrators;

Please find attached Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP amendments which need to be approved and included into the FY 2008 Indiana Transportation Improvement Program. We will reflect by reference the 2008–2013 federal aid projects covered by this approval in our 2008-2011 INSTIP. The amendment resolution numbers are listed below:

- Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) (Resolution No. 64-09)
 - This amendment is for the following:
- The addition of the NICTD Realignment to South Bend Regional Airport Project (Requesting a TIGER ARRA Grant)

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: Sandra Seanor, MACOG

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Steve Polito, FTA Andy Minyo, FTA October 21, 2009

Larry Buckel INDOT - Public Transit 100 N. Senate Ave. - Room N808 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2216

Dear Larry:

Amend the FY2008-2013 and FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program and amend the FY2008-2011 Indiana Statewide Transportation Program to include the following:

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Resolution - 64-09

A. Initiated by NICTD Amendment

Exempt Project in St. Joseph County, IN

Resolution 64-09 Add Project

Project: South Shore Line Realignment to South Bend Regional Airport

SFY: 2010

Total:

\$20,476,000

Federal: \$0

Local: \$20,476,000

The Michiana Area Council of Governments, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization for the South Bend and Elkhart, Indiana Urbanized Areas, is hereby submitting an amendment to the FY2008-2013 TIP and FY2009-2014 TIPs for Intergovernmental Review under the provisions October 21, 2009.

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,

Sandra M. Seanor Executive Director

SMS:sls Enclosure

Cc: Shawn McMahan, INDOT Joyce Newland, FHWA

Pat Morris, EPA

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RESOLUTION NO. 64-09 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH BEND AND ELKHART/GOSHEN FY2008-2013 and FY2009-2014 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- WHEREAS, the SAFETEA-LU Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy of Users (2005) designating joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration rules and regulations, under Section 134, Title 23 of the US Code (h) and CFR, Part 450, Sub-part A, of the previous STAA act require 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 FY2008-2013 and a FY2009-2014 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 FY2008-2013 TIP and FY2009-2014 TIPs will be amended to include the following:

Amend the FY2008-2013 and FY2009-2014 Transportation Improvement Program

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Amendment

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RESOLVED THIS 21st day of October 2009

Michiana Area Council of Governments

Jeffrey Rea, Chairman

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