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

RE: FY2012 - FY2015 Indiana State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) administrative modification #4

Dear Ms. Simon;

Please find attached a Metropolitan Planning Organization TIP administrative modification **from the Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council (Fort Wayne MPO)**. The Administrative Modification was requested on October 4, 2011. We concur with this administrative modification and it will be reflected by reference in the 2012-2015 STIP.

We have determined that the administrative **modification** is: 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.

Please contact me at (317) 232-5292 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Buckel".

Larry Buckel
Manager
Office of Transit

CC: Marty Moody, Muncie MPO
Reggie Arkell, FTA

URBAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes: October 4, 2011

The Urban Transportation Advisory Board convened on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Conference Room, 220 Citizens Square, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The following were present.

Members (voting):

- Member Dave Ross
- Member John Leckie
- Member Linda Bloom
- Member Tom Walls for Pam Holocher
- Member William Hartman
- Member Tory Richardson
- Member Betsy Kachmar for Ken Housden
- Member Shan Gunawardena for Bob Kennedy
- Member Robert Armstrong
- Member Liz Brown

The following were not present.

Members (voting):

- Member Terry McDonald
- Member Susan Hoot

Members (non-voting):

- Member Jerry Halperin
- Member Joyce Newland

Staff members present were Dan Avery, Executive Director, Jeff Bradtmiller, Senior Transportation Planner and Judy Bennett, Secretary. Eli Samaan, Scott Crites, Pete Mallers, Mike Thomson, Chad Salzbrenner, and Ben Lanka were also present.

Mr. Ross brought the meeting to order. The first item of business was the Progress in Implementing the Present TIP. Ms. Kachmar gave the report for Citilink. She reported the grand opening for the Baker Street Station will be this time next year. Citilink has two new buses going into service this week and two new hybrids they should have by February. They should have eight more access buses by the end of the year. They have two grants pending. One is for more buses and the other is for upgrades to their building. They did receive their PMTF allocation for 2012. It is a little more than last year's, however in 2014 they may have 0 state funding. Campus Link is doing well.

Mr. Richardson gave the report for the airport. He reported that the Master Plan Study estimated completion date is February, 2012. The other big projects going on are on Runway 5/23 shoulder construction and working with the military to take out the arresting barriers. They are hoping those two projects will be done in early November. Up at Smith Field the apron project is scheduled to be complete yet this fall and the hangar projects are scheduled to be complete next spring.

Mr. Gunawardena gave the report for the City of Fort Wayne. He reported that the bid letting is scheduled for December 2011 on the Auburn Road: Clinton Street to Cook Road project. The Dupont Road added travel lanes: Lima Road to Coldwater Road preliminary engineering is underway. The Lake Avenue: Anthony Boulevard to Stanley Avenue Road Diet project is scheduled for February, 2012 bid letting. The Maplecrest Road: Lake Avenue to State Boulevard project is scheduled for 2012. US 27 (Clinton Street) Bridge over St. Mary's River construction of beams is nearly complete and they will begin working on the deck. The Washington Center Road at Darmouth Drive project is complete. Ms. Brown asked how TIF districts are extended. Mr. Ross said sometimes a TIF district just needs to be created. Mr. Gunawardena reported that they do work with neighborhood groups. Mr. Ross reported that they have received positive feedback regarding the Washington Center Road at Darmouth Drive project.

Mr. Hartman gave the report for Allen County. He reported that the Dawkins Road Bridge project is ready for letting November 16. The Flutter Road project focus is on right of way acquisition and extinguishment of State's limited access right of way. The right of way is at 80% complete with 52 of 85 parcels secured. The Coverdale Road Bridge #231 and #232 projects are scheduled for spring, 2012 letting. The county is investigating the extent of responsibility. The Bethel-Till-Huguenard Roads project environmental is at 75%. The Maplecrest Road project final bridge beams were placed September 19, 2011. They had the ribbon cutting on the Towpath Trail last Thursday. The Bostick Road Bridge construction is underway again. The Spring Street Bridge will be closed for construction in two weeks. Ms. Brown asked if the detours for the Spring Street Bridge were established. Mr. Thornson answered yes that is required. Ms. Brown asked if they could be placed on the city's website. Mr. Richardson asked about the Coverdale Road Bridge project. Mr. Hartman said talks with INDOT are proceeding and are not yet holding up the project.

Mr. Leckie gave the report for Indiana Department of Transportation. He reported that the I-469 from .552 miles east of I-69 to 8.81 miles east of I-69 concrete pavement restoration project was awarded to Brooks Construction. The SR 930 Bridge over N & S Railroad bridge deck replacement is in the permit approval phase with letting scheduled for January, 2012. The I-69 at Union Chapel Road interchange construction letting is scheduled for early 2012. US 27 southbound curves at Westbrook Street and Elizabeth Street project is in the utility coordination phase with right of way being secured. Letting is scheduled for February, 2012. The Covington Road Bridge over I-69 project is in design with utility coordination phase. Project letting is scheduled for October, 2012. I-69 at I-69 and SR 1 (Dupont Road) Interchange modification project letting is scheduled to be directly following the Union Chapel Road Interchange completion. Meetings with all concerned are being conducted on the SR 930 from 1.23 miles east of US 27 (Parnell Avenue) to 2.18 miles east of US 27 (Crescent Avenue) added travel lanes in each direction to improve capacity project. Mr. Walls asked about property acquisition. Mr. Avery said he does have a copy of the book explaining it in his office.

The next item of business was the Transit Survey. Mr. Avery gave this report. He explained that the on-board transit survey was conducted on each of Citilink's routes with a primary focus on obtaining trip origin and destination data. The survey included 434 individual interviews with transit riders. Transit Survey was conducted in April 2011 and is part of a larger data collection effort for the re-design and calibration of the regional travel demand model. The on-board transit survey is a second component of the data collection effort that also included a comprehensive household survey. The survey was designed to collect existing transit rider information including

transit rider demographics; income and automobile availability; origins and destinations of transit trips; trip purposes; specific bus routes used; transfer activity; bus stop boarding/alighting locations; and rider input on future improvements to Citilink service. Mr. Avery presented detailed information gathered from the surveys. Mr. Avery reported that overall the surveys reflected well on Citilink. Citilink is currently reviewing the survey results.

The next item of business was the JARC and New Freedom Program Updates. Mr. Avery gave this report. Mr. Avery explained that the Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program is a grant program for local government authorities/agencies and non-profit agencies, to develop transportation services to transport welfare recipients and low-income persons to and from jobs (Job Access); and to transport residents of urban centers, rural and suburban areas to suburban employment opportunities (Reverse Commute). Job Access grants can be used for capital and operating costs of equipment, facilities, and capital maintenance related to providing access to jobs. Mr. Avery reported that the Section 5317 New Freedom Program is a formula grant program for public or alternative transportation services and facility improvements to address the needs of persons with disabilities that go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Funds will cover capital and operating costs to provide that new service. He reported that NIRCC oversees the project development and selection process for these two programs, and Citilink receives and disperses the funds. A request for projects was issued on July 1st with project proposals due on September 2, 2011. One application was received for the JARC program from Citilink and one from CTN for the New Freedom program. The applications are being reviewed by the Transit Planning Committee. Ms. Brown asked how they are advertised. Mr. Avery answered that there are legal ads published in the paper. Ms. Kachmar added that notices of the available funding and requests for projects are also sent out to public and private transportation providers. The projects are solicited for a two-year program cycle.

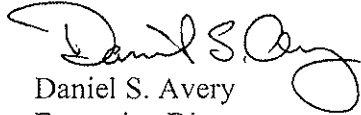
The next item of business was the FY 2012-2015 TIP Amendments/Modifications. Mr. Avery passed around a handout with the amendment information. There were six amendments that included State Road 101: 4.97 miles south of US 30; US 24: 2.99 miles east of SR 114; SR 1: 5.85 miles east of I-69 (North Junction); State Road 3: at Cedar Canyon Road 7.4 mile north of I-69; State Road 3: at Hathaway Road; and CMAQ – transit awareness. Mr. Avery reported on each amendment and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Bloom moved that these be approved. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. Ms. Brown asked if CMAQ funds can be used for trail and sidewalk projects. Mr. Avery said that trail and sidewalk projects can be eligible for CMAQ funds if there is a corresponding reduction in vehicular emissions associated with the project. Ms. Brown said \$90,000 could finish lots of little trail projects and trail connections around the city. Following discussion the vote carried with Ms. Brown in opposition and Mr. Walls abstaining.

Mr. Walls reported that in late November or early December design alternatives for the Anthony Boulevard Grade Separation Project will be presented to the public and the Board is encouraged to review the designs.

Ms. Kachmar reported that Citilink has updated their website to include the Google Transit Trip Planner so transit riders can plan their trips. She stated that riders can now purchase bus passes on line.

Ms. Bennett notified Mr. Ross that the August 2, 2011, minutes needed to be approved. Mr. Hartman moved the minutes be approved. Mr. Leckie seconded the motion and it carried.

There being no further business, Mr. Ross adjourned the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Avery". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Daniel S. Avery
Executive Director
Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council

