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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 Northeastern Indiana Regional Coordinating Council's (NIRCC) planning documents. The Fort Wayne Metropolitan Planning Area is within the NIRCC air quality conformity area comprised of Allen County. The need for this new conformity finding stems from the adoption of the FY2024-2028 NIRCC Transportation Improvement Program.

Allen County is designated as Maintenance for the 1997 Ozone Standard until February 12, 2027.

Appropriate consultation and public involvement on the FY24-28 TIP was completed. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the US Environmental Protection Agency have completed their reviews and have determined that air quality conformity requirements have been met.

This conformity determination letter supersedes all previous conformity determination letters for this MPO. Conformity determination letters issued for amended MTPs (i.e., MTPs that have not been updated in accordance with the requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450.324) do not restart the conformity clock for those documents. Therefore, FHWA and FTA affirms the following planning documents conform to air quality conformity rule requirements:

NIRCC 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (including Amendment III)
NIRCC 2022-2026 TIP (including Amendments 23-131 through 23-140)
NIRCC 2024-2028 TIP (Original)

Please note that the 2024-2028 TIP is not incorporated into INDOT's current Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), therefore, the 2022-2026 TIP is the only TIP officially recognized by FHWA and FTA.

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

Sincerely,

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