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NIRPC backs plans for Ind. 249 Bridge

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PORTAGE — The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission voted Thursday to add a project to its Comprehensive Regional Plan to expand the Ind. 249 Bridge leading into the Port of Indiana-Burns Harbor. The commission also approved spending more than \$500,000 in federal funds on road safety audits, and approved a 2017 budget for the planning organization. The Ind. 249 Bridge, which crosses U.S. 12 and several railroad tracks, has one traffic lane in each direction. The project would add a second bridge to allow two lanes in each direction. The new bridge would be about a third of a mile long. The project will be done by the Indiana Department of Transportation and is expected to be completed by 2020. The road safety audits will be funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program and will take place on portions of 20 streets in Hobart, Gary, unincorporated Lake County and Valparaiso. The audits are intended to help the local governments evaluate and select future road projects. The audits are expected to be completed in 2018. http://www.nwitimes.com/business/transportation/nirpc-backs-plans-for-ind-bridge/article_ce4a9f06-8cc8-59c1-a7ce-7e2d7b477840.html

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