

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
(Lake and Porter County)
Tuesday, October 26, 2021
Minutes**

This meeting was convened as an *electronic meeting*, in accordance with House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1437. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item was provided for public comment, this was supported as well.

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken by Candice Eklund. In attendance were Duane Alverson (Lake County), Bob Thompson (Porter County), Kevin Breitzke (Porter County), Jeff Huet (Schererville), George Topoll (Union Township), and Dennis Cobb.

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Meredith Stilwell, Kevin Polette, Flor Baum, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2021 TROC meeting were approved on motion by Jeff Huet and seconded by Duane Alverson. With Duane Alverson, Bob Thompson, Jeff Huet, and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, and no one voting in the negative, the motion passed.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Spending Plan Update

Charles Bradsky stated several projects have slipped in their timeline since the prior meeting held in July. If a community has allocated funds in this fiscal year, they will need to submit their Red Flag Investigations (RFI) and Request for Quotations (RFQ) before the end of January 2022.

New Business

Charles Bradsky reminded the Committee of the virtual Local Quarterly Meetings that are scheduled for October 27, November 4, and November 8. Quarterly reports were to be completed by October 21. Charles noted that if a project was closed or completed, and the final invoice was submitted to INDOT, a quarterly report would not need to be done.

The committee members were encouraged to review the engineer's estimates in 2022 and 2023 for inflation and construction estimates, as various supplies have significantly increased in cost. With NICTD's Double Track and West Lake projects, many laborers will be busy on those two projects and may cause a possible labor shortage. Charles noted there is currently no additional funding available because all funds have been fully programmed.

Charles discussed the confusion between all Metropolitan Planning Areas and INDOT regarding the TIP and STIP not being approved yet. INDOT is continuing to work on the issues with the 2022-2026 STIP because it has not been approved by FHWA at this time, but they are hopeful it will be approved early 2022. INDOT has requested accuracy for all projects that have been entered in RTIP.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next meeting will be held on January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.