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RESOLUTION 13-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM AND SURFACE TRANSPORTATION RANKINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

WHEREAS, the citizens of Northwest Indiana require a safe, efficient and effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system to attain and maintain socially, economically and environmentally sound living conditions towards an improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "The Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County Region, has established a regional, cooperative and comprehensive planning program to develop the unified planning work program, long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement program; and

WHEREAS, Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funding was established under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century law (MAP-21), adopted in 2012; and

WHEREAS, projects competing for TAP funding must meet a number of criteria, and may provide facilities for accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists, preserve historic structures, or enhance a street's landscaping and beautification. Projects may also involve Safe Routes to School projects, preservation of abandoned railway corridors, mitigation of highway runoff and groundwater resources and protection of wildlife corridors; and

WHEREAS, project applications shall be submitted or resubmitted on an annual basis according to NIRPC; and

WHEREAS, additional monies from NIRPC's Surface Transportation Program, Group 1 for Lake and Porter Counties were allocated specifically for bicycle and pedestrian-related transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the Commission adopted the *2010 Ped and Pedal* Regional Pedestrian and Bicycle Transportation Plan in January, 2011, and project applications shall

be ranked in a prioritized manner on an annual basis by the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee based upon that current Plan and established scoring criteria; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana has currently developed 130 miles of off-road trails, nearly 600 miles of signed, shared bike routes, with approximately 50 miles of funded off-road trails, and an abundance of available rights-of-way still remain suitable for the development of additional trail systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission endorses and adopts the recommendations of the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee and the Transportation Policy Committee for the 2013 TAP and STP-1 Project Rankings (attached list).

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this 20th day of June, two thousand and thirteen.



David Uran
Chairperson

ATTEST:



James G. Ton
Secretary

Project Rankings

TAP & STP-1 PROGRAMS For Fiscal Year 2013



TAP: PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE ACTIVITIES

FINAL Rank	Sponsor	Length/ Area	Proposal	TAP \$ Requested	FINAL Score
1	Chesterton	0.76	Westchester-Liberty Trail	\$405,834	92.5
3	Griffith	0.36	Oak-Savannah Trail: Oak Ridge Prairie to Erie-Lackawanna Trail	\$261,267	81.5
2	Hammond	0.5	Marquette Greenway: Hammond Lake Front Park to Chicago Calumet Park	\$260,000	89
CMAQ	Merrillville	1.2	C&O Greenway Phase II Supplement	NA	NA
CMAQ	Valparaiso	1.14	Vale Park West Pathway	NA	NA
	SUB-TOTAL	2.76		\$927,101	

TAP: SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

FINAL Rank	Sponsor	Length/ Area	Proposal	TAP \$ Requested	FINAL Score
1	Gary		Jacques Marquette Elementary Sidewalks	\$54,000	-
	SUB-TOTAL			\$54,000	

STP-1 PROJECTS

FINAL Rank	Sponsor	Length/ Area	Proposal	STP-1 \$ Requested	FINAL Score
1	Schererville	1.79	Pennsy Greenway Phase III	\$800,000	102
2T	Hammond	0.52	Grand Calumet Trail: Columbia to East Chicago	\$260,000	78.5
2T	Hammond	0.5	Grand Calumet Trail: Sohl St. to Columbia	\$414,000	78.5
	SUB-TOTAL	4.77		\$2,232,920	

Gray Rows: AWARDED PROJECTS

*Recommended for NIRPC
Commission Approval by
Transportation Policy Committee on
June 11, 2013*

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