

Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee
LaPorte County

City of La Porte Parks & Recreation Center

250 Pine Lake Ave, LaPorte

February 27, 2018

MINUTES

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Members present Jerry Sullivan, Mitch Bishop, Craig Phillips, Nick Minich, Margaret Dickerson, Beth Shrader, Justin Kiel & Tom MacLennan. Charles Bradsky was the only NIRPC staff member present.

Amendments

Local: A brief discussion took place. Mitch motioned to accept the Amendment as presented, Justin seconded. Unanimous approved.

State: Also a brief discussion, namely Nick asked about the locations and a general description for des # 1801219. Charles said he would follow up and let everyone know after he spoke with INDOT. Beth motioned to accept the Amendment as presented, Mitch seconded. Unanimous approved.

FY 18-22 Michigan City UZA Spending Plan

Charles pointed out that we have no HSIP projects planned currently and we need to get projects planned for all years, noting that HSIP funds are 90/10 so local dollars go further. Maggie asked if there was a list of projects types that would be eligible for HSIP. Charles didn't know of any such list but mentioned that they include:

- Street lighting
- Flashers
- Sign replacement
- Signal improvements
- Preemptive signal adaptation
- Bike lanes
- Rumble strips, other pavement markings
- Safety audits
- Intersection Improvements (safety related)
- Roundabouts
- HAWK signals

NIRPC is planning a NOFA later this summer so everyone please think about what projects you would like to do. More info will come later. Charles pointed out that he has never gone through a NOFA so he is learning and as he does, he will share.

Charles also noticed that the spending plan does not look correct. He will correct it and share it later.

Old Business

Since 1702282 has been cancelled, this leaves \$112,902 of STBG II funds available.

- 1702281, City of LaPorte, needs \$9,075
- 1400774, LaPorte Co., needs \$27,360
- 1401028, City of LaPorte needs \$12,000 approx.
- 0301165, Michigan City will need additional funds for drainage along the bike path. Craig will investigate and get back with the group on the amount of money he needs.

0301165 needs to move to FY 19 and will be put in either a Q1 or Q2 letting. Craig said that Michigan City is trying to figure out where they can get the most favorable prices.

A question came up about how long are funds available after a PO is issued. Charles will ask and let everyone know.

New Business

LaPorte City asked for additional funds for 1401028 of \$96,000 for CE and an additional \$14,821 for PE all CMAQ funds

Craig motioned to approve this request, pending a review of the spending plan by Charles to determine if there are enough funds available. Mitch seconded the motion. Unanimous approved.

Beth asked about extending the Chessie Trail into downtown LaPorte. After looking at the map that she provided Charles mentioned that it looked like a 'business loop', similar to state highways. Along SR 2 there only requires signage and ADA ramps and a connection of the US 35 bridge to the Chessie Trail. Estimated costs are less than \$200K (ballpark). After a discussion it was determined that some investigation would be needed to see if this could be part of Chessie I or Chessie II. Charles will investigate.

Date of the Next Meeting

March 27, 2018 @ 1:00 pm Central Time at the same location.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm