

Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee

Lake & Porter Counties

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage

March 27, 2018

MINUTES

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. In attendance were George Topoll, Ken Martin, Christopher Murphy, Jill Murr, Chris Moore, Craig Hendrix, Tim Burkman, Dean Button, Jeff Huet, Mark Gordish, Phil Gralik, Denny Cobb, and Eric Wolverton. Staff present included Trey Wadsworth, Charles Bradsky, Eman Ibrahim, Dominique Edwards and Mary Thorne.

Amendments

There were no amendments presented.

Scope Change Requests

- a) Gary – 0710064 – Intersection Improvement, 15th Ave and MLK Drive transferring funds to 1600418 – Airport Road Reconstruction
- b) Gary – 1172078 – Ridge Road reconstruction funds to 15th Avenue Gateway Project and local funding portion of 160176 – US 12/20 improvements in Miller.

Jack Eskin gave a presentation on these scope change requests by the City of Gary. There were concerns with whether or not the Ridge Road reconstruction would actually take place and also with significant scope changes. It was decided that Gary would need to take this out for a 30-day public comment period. On a motion by Jeff Huet and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to defer this action until after the public comment period and review by NIRPC staff and this committee.

Additional Funding Requests

- a) 1401045 for the City of Hobart in the amount of \$185,400 in additional HSIP funds.
 - b) 1600580 for GPTC for bus shelter revision in the amount of \$112,338.46 in additional STP funds.
- Charles Bradsky said these changes have to be made and funds are available. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to recommend these two funding requests.

2050 Plan Presentation

Trey Wadsworth presented on the 2050 Plan development as required by federal law every four years. The plan will build on the 2040 Plan and use qualitative scenario planning to identify different trends and influences and the selection of strategies to develop a comprehensive performance-based planning framework. Robust public outreach will be utilized to identify the desires of the stakeholders as well as the citizens throughout the elements identified in the 2040 Plan. All materials will be found on the NIRPC website.

INDOT Policy Changes - Design

Charles Bradsky said presented a draft INDOT policy change which will delegate certain responsibilities for design and related activities to LPAs for their projects. LPAs do have the option to still use INDOT if they wish.

FY 2018-2022 Chicago UZA Spending Plans

An update was provided for informational purposes. DES 1382601 for Valparaiso is scheduled to let on April 11 in the amount of \$3,698,760. Discussion followed. Charles will have the updated spending plan and TIP on the website next week.

Trey Wadsworth said the FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program is out for public comment until April 4. Go to the NIRPC website for more information.

The next TROC meeting for Lake and Porter Counties will be April 24, 2018 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Phil Gralik, seconded by Tim Burkman, Charles Bradsky adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.