

## **Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting (Lake & Porter Counties)**

Tuesday, May 28, 2019  
9:00 am CST at NIRPC Office

### **Agenda**

1) **Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance**

2) **Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2019**

*ACTION REQUESTED:* Review and Approval

3) **FY 2020 Fiscal Constraint Report**

NOTE: This is the new Fiscal Constraint Report. We will be iterating it throughout the next month.

*ACTION REQUESTED:* Informational

4) **Amendment Status & Project Requests**

- a) 1173707 Munster – Letting 2/5/20 \$555,040 Moving out (not a Legacy project)
- b) 1401034 Hobart – Letting 1/15/20 \$734,850 Moving out (Legacy project)

*ACTION REQUESTED:* Discussion

5) **Letting results Update**

April 3 letting

- a) 1600418 Gary – Airport Road Rehab – Low bid \$3,292,600 (\$2,634,080 fed)
- b) 1601159 Valparaiso – Ransom Rd – Low bid \$609,642 (\$556,595 fed)
- c) 1601726,27,28 Winfield – Various Safety – Low bid \$96,660 (\$88,594 fed)
- d) Importance of lettings before March

*ACTION REQUESTED:* Informational

6) **Other New Business**

- a) RTIP discussion & demonstration (*for discussion*)  
*Please feel free bring a laptop and follow along*
- b) Continuously Improved Investment Process (next NOFA) (*informational*)

7) **Public Comments**

8) **Adjournment.** Our next meeting is August 27, 2019 @ 9 a.m. NIRPC Offices.

## **Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee**

### **Lake & Porter Counties**

6100 Southport Road, Portage

March 26, 2019

### **Meeting Minutes**

In attendance were Chairman/Commissioner Jim Biggs, Dean Button (Hammond), Jeff Huet (Schererville), Adam McAlpine (Valparaiso), Commissioner George Topoll (Union Township), Jill Murr (Cedar Lake), Commissioner Kevin Breitzke (Porter County), Dennis Cobb, Shawn Strange, Zac Topoll, Don Oliphant, Jake Dammarell and Christopher Murphy.

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky and Candice Eklund.

#### **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Jim Biggs called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Dean Button and second by Jill Murr, the February 26, 2019 TROC Lake and Porter meeting minutes were approved as presented.

#### **Introduction of New Chairs**

The Committee welcomed Commissioner Jim Biggs as the new Chairman of the TROC Lake and Porter committee. Vice Chair, Kyle Allen, was unable to attend.

#### **FY 19-22 Spending Plan Update**

Charles Bradsky presented the revised spending plan, which included the changes from the previous TROC meeting as well as the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) meeting held on March 12, 2019. Charles noted NIRPC received additional funding from INDOT. With the additional funding, the project for the Town of Highland and the City of Hobart will be fully funded, as well as several additional projects were able to be awarded.

Dennis Cobb expressed concern that projects were added to the spending plan without being discussed at a TROC meeting or the TPC meeting on March 12. Dennis noted that a complex selection process was completed for project scoring and felt the adjustments were not transparent and needed to be discussed in an open forum prior to adjusting the spending plan. The Committee asked if a confirmation of the added projects would be discussed at the TPC meeting on April 9, 2019. Charles Bradsky stated projects can be discussed at the meeting on April 9 and during the 30 day public comment period beginning April 1, 2019. Jim Biggs questioned the protocol for projects not voted on at a TROC or TPC meeting, being added to the spending plan by NIRPC leadership. Charles Bradsky pointed out that with the short timeline between the release of additional funds from INDOT and the start of the public comment period, staff added the additional projects.

Dennis Cobb inquired if there was a spending cap on what a community can spend on one project since the cap was removed by NIRPC for this NOFA. The group felt the topical committees should individually decide the spending cap per project. Adam McAlpine inquired if NIRPC distributed funding appropriately and fairly across the communities, regardless of population, to obtain federal aid.

Dean Button questioned the top scoring projects not be being awarded according to the scoring process, but appears lower scoring projects were awarded due to certain funding categories having limited funding. Charles

commented that it is important for the region to show a fully funded, fully constrained TIP or it may become harder for the region to get additional funding in future years.

The City of Lake Station requested additional funding for right-of-way on their intersection improvement project. Charles will add the project to the Complete Streets section of the spending plan and will move the project to the 2025-2030 TIP due to the re-scope of the project.

The projects not chosen in this NOFA will be placed on a 'B' list and should be resubmitted in the next NOFA. Jim Biggs inquired if a policy exists that states how funding is reallocated when a project is removed from the spending plan. If one does not exist, TROC needs to address a written protocol of the process that takes place before a decision to add projects on an individual's decision. Charles did not have an answer but stated that this is a newer process.

### **Project Requests**

- a) The Town of Cedar Lake requested additional funding in FY 19, DES #1601149, for \$40,000 in E85 fuel. The additional funding was requested to provide alternative fuel for police, emergency services and public works vehicles. They have a fuel tank on-site and expended their funding. On motion by Dean Button and second by George Topoll, the committee approved the request for FY 19 CN funding, DES #1601149, of \$40,000 for E85 fuel for the Town of Cedar Lake.

### **Letting Results Update**

The Town of Schererville was awarded \$1,900,695.27 for DES #'s 1173595 and 1382661. NIRPC paid \$1,520,556.22 for CN and \$284,280 for CE.

### **Other New Business**

NIRPC Leadership has requested staff leads reduce the monthly meetings to quarterly meetings for budgetary purposes. Charles suggested bi-monthly meetings in 2019 and move to quarterly meetings in 2020. Additional meetings can be scheduled when necessary. Jim Biggs had concern with NIRPC leadership making the decision on the meeting schedule and not allowing the members to have a voice on the meeting frequency, causing a disconnect between member's and the agency. Jim requested a member of the Full Commission recommend NIRPC take into consideration the issues with no longer holding monthly meetings. George Topoll offered to take the recommendation to the Executive Board meeting on April 18, 2019. Jim recommended the TROC committee hold monthly meetings until Mr. Topoll reports back to the Committee on NIRPC's decision.

The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) was presented by Charles Bradsky. The LPA's will be requested to submit their local quarterly reports (for the third quarter) thru the RTIP system, with the exception of Portage, Schererville and Valparaiso. These three communities will submit their reports through the RTIP system in the fourth quarter. Charles will send each of the communities an email stating the system they will use to submit their reports.

### **Public Comments**

The Committee was thankful for Charles Bradsky's efforts in maintaining the spending plan. The Committee also stated appreciation to Jim Biggs for his many contributions to the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.  
The next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

\$ Financial Constraint Report

TIP ID	STIP	PROJECT TITLE	LEAD AGENCY	SOURCE	PROG 2020	PROG 2021	PROG 2022	BEYOND	TOTAL TIP YEAR
1601147	18-12	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities at Marquette Trail	Burns Harbor	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$0	\$997,934	\$0	\$0	\$997,934
1601157	18-14	Access Control at 109th Ave	Crown Point	HSIP Chicago UZA	\$1,098,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,401,575
1601158	18-13.2	Intersection Improvements (Roundabout) at 109th Ave	Crown Point	HSIP Chicago UZA	\$112,500	\$1,138,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,516,740
1601146	18-07	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities at Marquette Trail	East Chicago	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$828,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,075,840
1801738	18-18	Road Reconstruction; Complete Streets Enhancement	Gary	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$2,060,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,060,000
1802973	18-10	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards) at 15th Ave - FUTURE PROJECT	Gary	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$3,000,000
1802975	18-10	Road Rehab (3R/4R Standards) at Airport Rd	Gary	STBG Chicago UZA	\$160,000	\$0	\$716,800	\$0	\$4,376,800
1702158	18-17	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities at Marquette Trail	Gary	STBG Chicago UZA	\$20,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,274,400
1601163	18-16	Pedestrian Island Construction at 173rd Ave	Hammond	HSIP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$926,325	\$0	\$0	\$981,355
1500222	18-13.2	Added Travel Lanes- Chicago Ave - FUTURE PROJECT	Hammond	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$4,950,000	\$0	\$4,950,000
1500221	18-12	Added Travel Lanes at Chicago Ave	Hammond	STBG Chicago UZA	\$9,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,400,000
1601145	18-12	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities at Marquette Trail	Hammond	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$360,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,560,000
1401034	18-12	Line of Sight Corrections; Access Management at Colorado St	Hobart	HSIP Chicago UZA	\$734,850	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$791,100
1382598	18-12	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards) County Line Road	Hobart	STBG Chicago UZA	\$200,000	\$6,877,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,077,000
1500417	18-12	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	Hobart	TAP Chicago UZA	\$247,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$247,200
1592275	18-12	Environmental Mitigation	Hobart	TAP Chicago UZA	\$246,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$282,480
88990	18-12	Bridge Rehabilitation Or Repair	Lake County	DEMO	\$144,084	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144,084
9980080	18-12	Added Travel Lanes at 45th Ave	Lake County	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$7,665,600	\$0	\$0	\$7,665,600
1172007	18-12	Added Travel Lanes at 45th Ave	Lake County	STBG Chicago UZA	\$1,752,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,147,000
1601846	18-00	Alternative Fuel Infrastructure	Lake Station	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$0	\$600,385	\$0	\$0	\$600,385
1802924	18-14	ADA ramps & sidewalk installation/repair	Lowell	STBG Group III	\$588,328	\$0	\$352,000	\$1,381,511	\$940,328
1006787	18-12	Added Travel Lanes at Mississippi St	Merrillville	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$3,612,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,612,000
1173707	18-13.2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities at Pennsy Greenway	Munster	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$555,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$555,040
1173597	18-13.2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities at E-L/Pennsy Trail	Munster	TAP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$196,020	\$0	\$196,020
1173430	18-13.2	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards) at Central Ave	Portage	STBG Chicago UZA	\$200,000	\$2,080,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,280,000
1382010	18-13.2	Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards) at Samuelson Rd	Portage	DEMO	\$0	\$0	\$162,400	\$2,205,393	\$162,400
1500418	18-13.2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities at Marquette Trail	Portage	TAP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$1,495,560	\$0	\$0	\$1,495,560
900080	18-17	Access Control at Central Ave	Portage	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$1,159,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,248,200
1401029	18-16	Intersec. Improvement at CR 100S	Porter County	STBG Group IV	\$0	\$4,880,790	\$0	\$0	\$5,415,650
1500419	18-13.2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities - FUTURE PROJECT	Porter County	TAP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$1,400,000	\$200,000
1173594	18-13.2	Bicycle & Pedestrian Facilities	Porter County	TAP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$1,495,560	\$0	\$1,495,560
1173760	18-13.2	Added Travel Lanes - Kennedy Ave	Schererville	STBG Chicago UZA	\$4,406,472	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,406,472
1382603	18-13.2	Added Travel Lanes - Kennedy Ave - FUTURE PROJECT	Schererville	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$8,198,707	\$60,000
1601185	18-00	Chicago Dash CMAQ Demonstration (Years 1-3)	Valparaiso	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$269,600	\$264,000	\$0	\$0	\$808,800
1601184	18-14	New Transit Service to Chicago (Years 1-3)	Valparaiso	CMAQ Chicago UZA	\$326,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$999,200
900075	18-13.2	Rebuild 3R/4R at Silhavy Rd, Road Reconstruction (3R/4R Standards) at Silhavy Rd	Valparaiso	STBG Chicago UZA	\$3,558,760	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,758,760
1702150	18-13.2	Landscaping at US 30	Valparaiso	N/A	\$0	\$2,530,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,530,000
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>\$324,732,714</b>	<b>\$275,558,530</b>	<b>\$17,376,780</b>	<b>\$65,444,011</b>	<b>\$1,086,046,310</b>

\*AC is not included in Fiscal Constraints