

Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee
Lake & Porter Counties
6100 Southport Road, Portage
December 11, 2019
Meeting Notes

In attendance were Dean Button, (Hammond), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Jeff Huet (Schererville) Adam McAlpine (Valparaiso), Bob Thompson (Porter County), Sandy Kolb (Portage), Steve King (Merrillville), A.J. Bytner (Gary), Erin Hull (Burns Harbor), David Wright (GPTC), David Uran (Crown Point), Bob Fulton (Hobart), George Topoll (Union Township), Kevin Breitzke (Porter Co), Tim Hollandsworth (INDOT), Jake Dammarell, Glen Peterson, Denny Cobb, Michael Jabo, Eric Wolverton, and Christopher Murphy

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Charles called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

DES #1173430 (Schererville-Kennedy Avenue) and DES #1600146 (East Chicago-Marquette Greenway Trail), need to rescheduled in FY 2021, creating a huge surplus in FY 2021. The meeting began with discussing the different phases of Kennedy Ave corridor. The following clarification is:

- Phase 1 – Des 1173760 CN is now in FY 25+; Junction Ave to US 30
- Phase 2 – Des 1382603 CN is in FY 24; Division St to Junction Ave
- Phase 3 – Des 1902000 CN is in FY 26+; Scherland Dr to Main St
- Phase 4 – Des 1801911 CN is in FY 22-23 Local Trax project

The meeting proceeded with a discussion about all of the projects that had requested movement or extra funds.

A motion was made by Mark O'Dell and seconded by Jeff Huet fix the Scribner's error with Burns Harbor's project – Des 1601147 Marquette Greenway trail and reinstate all of their funding. The motion passed unanimously.

Hammond requested and it was approved that their Chicago Ave project – Des 1500222 be accelerated to FY 21 (from 2023) and their Marquette Trail – Des 1601145 be pushed back to 2023 to help accommodate the move. Hammond agreed to give \$180,000 to Crown Point. 1500222 will now receive \$4,760,400.

Jeff Huet motioned and seconded by Mark O'Dell to give Crown Point's roundabout project at 109th & Iowa – Des 1601158 the remaining funds in FY 21. Approved unanimously. Crown Point will receive \$1,100,160 for this project.

Mark O'Dell motioned and seconded by Dean Button to fund Hobart's roundabout project at 61st and Marcella at 80%. It had been underfunded previously. The motion passed unanimously.

Crown Point asked to move their roundabout project at 113th & US 231 – Des 1901948 back to FY 2023 from 2022.

Adjournment

The group agreed to continue the discussion about balancing FY 23 at the next TROC meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.