

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
(LaPorte County)
Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Mayor Dermody (La Porte), Nick Minich (La Porte City), Craig Phillips (La Porte City), Beth West (TransPorte Laporte), and Skyler York (Michigan City).

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 25, 2022, TROC meeting were approved on motion by Nick Minich and seconded by Skyler York.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Spending Plan 2023/2024 Review and Update

Charles Bradsky requested the Local Public Agency's (LPA's) review their projects in FY 2023 to ensure construction funding include inflation costs. The projects below were discussed and approved at the meeting, with changes being made live:

- Des # 1601867 - Chessie Trail 2 project – Nick Minich requested to try and fund project in FY 2023.
- Des # 1902691 - Liberty Trail project – Skyler York requested funding in FY 2023.
- Skyler York requested the Ohio Street project (des # 1902692) and the Barker Avenue project (des # 1902689) both be eliminated from the spending plan. They will apply again at a later date.
- Des # 1902002 - Nick Minich requested the funds for the Park Street project be eliminated. They will apply again through the NOFA program this fall.
- Beth West discussed the delay in receiving the three buses that were ordered last year. Inflation costs for the three new buses being ordered in FY 2023 will be considerably higher and Charles stated the funding will be adjusted to include the higher price of the vehicles.

On motion by Nick Minich and seconded by Skyler York, the committee approved the motion to adopt the changes made today and to allow Charles Bradsky to make ROW adjustments to projects based on the current spending plan.

2022 NOFA Update

Charles Bradsky stated there were no new updates at this time. The next NOFA will be held in the fall of this year.

Other New Business

- Charles Bradsky provided an update on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). INDOT released information today stating they are on track for the TIP and STIP approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) on June 10, 2022.
- Safe Streets for all (SS4A) – This is a \$1 Billion competitive annual grant that can be applied for. The Federal Highway (FHWA) is looking at safety for all users.
- Marquette Greenway Trail – Charles Bradsky is responsible for the process and Mitch Barloga is responsible for the negotiations with the LPA's. Charles will create three Request for Proposals (RPF's) for the design for Lake, Porter, and La Porte Counties and will Let by September 2024. A Request for Quote (RFQ) will also be created for a project manager. The state of Michigan has funding for CN but not for the design or ROW.
- Carbon Resolution Program (CRP) – This is a new funding program that can be used for PE and ROW only. It is a mix of transportation alternatives and CMAQ. Allocations for this program will be \$450,000 in FY 2023 and will go incrementally each year until FY 2026.

- Railroad Grade Separation – INDOT has requested a listing of railroad crossings that could benefit from a grade separation due to safety or fluidity. Charles asked the LPA's to submit their data to him by May 19, 2022.

Other New Business

No new business was discussed.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. A future meeting is scheduled for November 11.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bc9Jk613_5o