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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
September 16, 2021

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- 1.0 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - George Topoll
- 2.0 New Appointments to the Commission - Attorney Dave Hollenbeck
- 3.0 Roll Call and approval of the Minutes of the July 15, 2021, Full Commission (pp. 1-3)  
***ACTION REQUESTED: Approval***
- 4.0 Public Comment on Current Agenda Items  
*Members of the audience who have signed up to comment on agenda items will be recognized by the Chair. Time is limited to 3 minutes per commenter.*
- 5.0 Report of the Chair - George Topoll
- 6.0 Report of the Executive Director - Ty Warner
  - 6.1 Presentation on 2020 Census Results
- 7.0 Environmental Management Policy Committee – Bill Emerson (pp. 4-5)
  - 7.1 Update: NWI Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory Results-Quick Preview  
Kathy Siple, Earth Charter Indiana and Kathy Luther, NIRPC.
- 8.0 Consent Agenda
  - 8.1 Finance and Personnel Committee - Greg Stinson (pp. 6-18)
    - 8.1.1 Resolution #21-16 LaPorte County Revolving Loan Fund Defederalization (pp. 8-16)  
***ACTION REQUESTED: Approval***
    - 8.1.2 Economic Resiliency Plan – Authorization for Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign Contract (pp. 17-18)  
***ACTION REQUESTED: Approval***
  - 8.2 Technical Planning Committee - Kevin Breitzke (pp. 19-35)
    - 8.2.2 Public Comment Report on the FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #2 (p. 21)  
***ACTION REQUESTED: Informational***
    - 8.2.3 Resolution #21-17 – FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #2 (pp. 23-35)  
***ACTION REQUESTED: Approval***

8.3 Legislative Committee – Justin Kiel

8.3.2 Resolution #21-18 – Calumet National Heritage Area (p. 36)

***ACTION REQUESTED: Approval***

9.0 NIRPC Economic Development District - Denarie Kane

10.0 INDOT, Matt Deitchley, La Porte District Deputy Commissioner

11.0 Other Business

12.0 Announcements

13.0 Adjournment

# NIRPC Full Commission Meeting

Electronic Meeting via Zoom

July 15, 2021 Minutes

## Call to Order

Chairman, George Topoll, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was convened as an *electronic meeting*, in accordance with House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1437. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item provided for public comment, this was supported as well.

## New Appointments to the Commission

Dave Hollenbeck announced the appointment to the Commission of Mike Mollenhauer (LaPorte County Council).

**Roll call** - Taken by Candice Eklund.

## Present

The 28 Commissioners present at the meeting included Duane Arndt (Kingsford Heights), Jeannette Bapst (Dune Acres), Janet Beck (Pottawattomie Park), Geof Benson (Beverly Shores), Jim Biggs (Porter County Commissioner), Kevin Breitzke (Porter County Surveyor), Robert Carnahan (Cedar Lake), Joshleen Denham (Trail Creek), Tom Dermody (La Porte), Jon Derwinski (Winfield), Daina Dumbrys (Michiana Shores), Bill Emerson (Lake County Surveyor), Michael Griffin (Highland), Richard Hardaway (Merrillville), Justin Kiel (La Crosse), Andrew Kyres (Crown Point), Sue Lynch (Portage), Sheila Matias (Laporte County Commissioner), Wendy Mis (Munster), Matt Murphy (Valparaiso), David Peeler (Hebron), Jim Pressel (Governor Appointee), Jerome Prince (Gary), Rick Ryfa (Griffith), Tom Schmitt (Schererville), Greg Stinson (Porter), James Ton (Chesterton), and George Topoll (Union Township).

## Absent

The 22 Commissioners absent included Kyle Allen (Lake County Commissioner), Charlie Brown (Lake County Council), Bill Carroll (Lake Station), Anthony Copeland (East Chicago), Denise Ebert (Wanatah), Robert Forster (Kouts), Tony Hendricks (LaPorte County), Eric Hull (Burns Harbor), Jack Jeralds (Schneider), Robert Lemay (Long Beach), Tom McDermott (Hammond), Lori Mercer (Westville), Mike Mollenhauer (LaPorte County Council), Edward Morales (Porter Township), Duane Parry (Michigan City), Bob Poparad (Porter County Council), Brian Snedecor (Hobart), Steve Spebar (Whiting), Gerald Swets (St. John), Sharon Szvedo (New Chicago), Mary Tanis (Dyer), and John Yelkich (Lowell).

Kingsbury, Ogden Dunes, and The Pines have appointed no representatives to NIRPC.

Staff present included Ty Warner, Kathy Luther, Talaya Jones, Mitch Barloga, Flor Baum, Meredith Stilwell, Denarie Kane, Peter Kimball, Kevin Polette, Eman Ibrahim, Candice Eklund, and attorney Dave Hollenbeck.

## Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 20, 2021 Executive Board meeting were approved on motion by Michael Griffin and second by James Ton. With Duane Arndt, Jeanette Bapst, Janet Beck, Geof Benson, Jim Biggs, Kevin Breitzke, Robert Carnahan, Joshleen Denham, Tom Dermody, Jon Derwinski, Daina Dumbrys, Bill Emerson, Michael Griffin, Richard Hardaway, Justin Kiel, Andrew Kyres, Sue Lynch, Sheila Matias, Wendy Mis, Matt Murphy, David Peeler, Jim Pressel, Jerome Prince, Rick Ryfa, Tom Schmitt, Greg Stinson, James Ton, and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, and no one voting in the negative, the motion passed.

**Public Comment** - There were no public comments.

## Report of the Chair – George Topoll

George Topoll stated the Commission meetings will meet again in person at some point, but it is unclear at this time when they will resume. Mr. Topoll welcomed Commissioner Mike Mollenhauer and thanked the Commissioners for their attendance at today's meeting to obtain a quorum.

### **Report of the Executive Director - Ty Warner**

Ty Warner and NIRPC staff presented on the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF), Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation (INVEST), and the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) programs.

- RLF – NIRPC recently launched *Recover NWI*, which is funding that is available from the CARES ACT through the Economic Development Administration (EDA). This funding is for small business organization loans for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties. NIRPC had already administered an RLF for LaPorte County, but with the CARES Act funding it has been expanded to all three counties. NIRPC sent out press releases and other organizations have spread the word about this program that will help with pandemic relief. There is over \$500,000 in available funding to distribute throughout all three counties.
- INVEST – Charles Bradsky reported the INVEST in America Act is a transportation bill that has been passed by the U.S. Congress and is being sent to the U.S. Senate. There are four projects in our region that are earmarked for these funds totaling \$19 million: the Kennedy Avenue bridge over the Little Calumet River, Willowcreek Road extension, reconstruction of Central Avenue in Portage, and the reconstruction project on 45<sup>th</sup> avenue in unincorporated Calumet Township. Ty extended his appreciation to Representative Mrvan for these projects in Northwest Indiana.
- RAISE – Ty Warner noted this program was formerly the BUILD and TIGER grants. Mitch Barloga reported the \$23 million grant application for the completion of the Marquette Greenway trail was submitted on July 12, 2021. Mitch extended his gratitude to those who provided letters of support and Ty thanked NIRPC staff for their efforts in submitting this application.

Ty recognized Eman Ibrahim for her 15 years of service with NIRPC.

### **Finance & Personnel Committee (F & P) - Greg Stinson**

Greg Stinson reported the F & P Committee met this morning to review the financial reports, bank reconciliations, and claims registers for May. The F&P Committee favorably recommended the two action items below for consideration.

- NIRPC 2021 Budget Amendment #1 – Greg Stinson and Talaya Jones reported this amendment will be to reallocate \$75,000 of the planning communication budget line item to the planning contractual budget line item to cover a potential contract for the end of calendar year 2021.
- South Shore Clean Cities (SSCC) Contract – This annual contract is a vehicle to pass through congestion mitigation and air quality projects that have been applied for in the TIP. The contract total is \$438,000 and provides support to SSCC for Partners for Clean Air, helps reduce air quality emissions, and provides public education in the form of advertising and social media.

### **Technical Planning Committee (TPC) – Kevin Breitzke**

Kevin Breitzke reported the TPC met on July 13, 2021 and recommends the adoption of Resolution #21-14, FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #1. NIRPC staff also reported on the Marquette Greenway RAISE grant progress at the TPC meeting. For additional information on the RAISE grant, visit NIRPC's website at <https://nirpc.org/raise-grant/>. You can also contact Charles Bradsky at [cbradsky@nirpc.org](mailto:cbradsky@nirpc.org) with any questions. The TPC meeting scheduled on August 10 has been cancelled.

Charles Bradsky stated there were no public comments received on Resolution #21-14. The draft FY 2022-2026 TIP was submitted on February 15, 2021 and NIRPC awaits approval from INDOT, FHWA, and the FTA. Approval of the TIP is expected. There is one carryover bridge project and 64 new INDOT projects in this amendment.

Emergency Transit Amendment #15 to 2020-2024 TIP – At the request of the Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC), this amendment to the 2020-2024 TIP was created so they could write grants on four projects before the funding expired.

By virtue of the Full Commission of General Consent to allow all items to be Consent Agenda matters, George Topoll asked for a vote on the three matters below:

- Approval of NIRPC's 2021 Budget Amendment #1
- Approval of the South Shore Clean Cities Contract

- Approval of Resolution #21-14, FY 2022-2026 TIP Amendment #1

Hearing no objections, a motion was received by Michael Griffin and seconded by Jim Ton to adopt the matters on the consent agenda. Roll call was taken by Candice Eklund for these three matters. With Duane Arndt, Jeanette Bapst, Janet Beck, Geof Benson, Jim Biggs, Kevin Breitzke, Robert Carnahan, Joshleen Denham, Tom Dermody, Jon Derwinski, Daina Dumbrys, Bill Emerson, Michael Griffin, Richard Hardaway, Justin Kiel, Andrew Kyres, Sue Lynch, Sheila Matias, Wendy Mis, Matt Murphy, David Peeler, Jim Pressel, Jerome Prince, Rick Ryfa, Tom Schmitt, Greg Stinson, James Ton, and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, and no one voting in the negative, the motion passed.

#### **NIRPC Economic Development District Report – Denarie Kane**

Denarie Kane reiterated the launching of the *Recover NWI* Regional Revolving Loan Fund program. The Commissioners were sent a copy of the flyer for this program and NIRPC is asking for their assistance in posting it on their municipal websites. The flyer was also sent to the Local Economic Development Organizations (LEDO) in our three county area for their assistance with advertising. There are currently two applications being processed.

#### **INDOT – Adam Parkhouse**

Adam Parkhouse reported for Matt Deitchley. Adam reported INDOT is experiencing their busiest construction season in the history of their district. They have 264 projects, totaling \$225 million for roadways. All work being done on I-94 is on schedule and will maintain 2-way traffic flow. Adam also noted the second call for Community Crossings will remain open until July 30. Lastly, INDOT will be hosting a series of public information meetings. They launched a Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) study to try and manage congestion on the Borman Expressway. The in-person public meetings are scheduled for July 28 at the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Charter School in Gary and on July 29 at the Purdue University Northwest campus in Hammond at the alumni Hall, both from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Contact Adam Parkhouse or Matt Deitchley with questions.

#### **Other Business**

There were no other business announcements.

#### **Announcements**

Bob Carnahan announced there will be a town-wide yard sale in Cedar Lake on August 7 and the 2020 census data is scheduled to be released in August.

Michael Griffin commended Ty Warner and NIRPC staff for adding closed captioning to NIRPC's virtual meetings.

#### **Adjournment**

Hearing no other business, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m. The Executive Board will meet on September 16, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

*The livestream video recording of this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ6b3oDZ\\_QE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJ6b3oDZ_QE)*

## Environmental Management Policy Committee

NIRPC – Virtual Meeting

June 3, 2021

### Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's extended Executive Order 21-16. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item was provided for public comment, this was supported as well. A roll call was taken to motion and approve the agenda items.

Bill Emerson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

In attendance were Bill Emerson (Lake County), Lauri Keagle (SSCC), Leslie Thompson, Ashley Sharkey, Chandramouli Viswanathan (Purdue), George Topoll (Union Township), Tim Kingsland (Hobart), Kay Nelson (Forum), Carl Lisek (SSCC), Susan MiHalo (TNC) and Alex Olesker.

NIRPC staff present were Kathy Luther, Meredith Stilwell, Candice Eklund, Joe Exl, Kevin Polette, Scott Weber, and Flor Baum.

The meeting minutes of April 1, 2021 were approved on motion by Tim Kingsland and second by Chandramouli Viswanathan. A roll call was taken, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

There were no public comments.

Joe Exl presented on identifying wetland restoration within the Deep River – Portage Burns Waterway Watershed (DRW) and other agricultural land conservation opportunities. The 180 sq. mi. of coastal watershed is in northern Lake and Porter counties, draining into Lake Michigan. Funding was in part by the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program and other local funding. The tool used was the Agricultural Conservation Planning Framework; a GIS-based planning tool developed by the US Dept. of Agriculture. It uses spatial data to identify locations where landscape attributes are favorable for implementing certain conservation practices and helps prioritize locations susceptible to runoff and erosion. It also emphasizes soil conservation as the foundation to agricultural watershed management. 209 acres (pool) of nutrient removal wetlands were identified to store more than 580 acre-feet of water. Depressions as well as water and sediment control basins (WASCOBs) were identified as potential opportunities within the watershed. Another potential opportunity was runoff control. It identified grassed waterways, contour buffer strips, and water & sediment control basins. There are runoff risks associated with farm fields within the watershed and are classified from very high risk to low risk. All measures are voluntary and may not have an economic return for the farmer to implement. To help prioritize restoration opportunities within the watershed, there is a riparian assessment as part of the model. NRCS specs can be modified to have riparian zone plantings that incorporate trees. However, there may be a conflict along a regulated drain where entry is needed for maintenance. The next steps for NIRPC staff will be to incorporate this information into an update of the DRW management plan. Joe will meet with the Soil Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). He will also meet with land conservation partners to discuss findings and opportunities. Due to the COVID pandemic, these meetings had been postponed. The committee discussed the possibility of assisting with Deep River or other park departments. Contact Joe Exl at [jexl@nirpc.org](mailto:jexl@nirpc.org) for more information.

Kathy Luther and Joe Exl updated the committee on the Regional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory. NIRPC has hosted weekly check-ins with the team. ICLEI has given support in assisting communities with data collection and entry. June 1 was the official start date for interns and have been going through training videos and discussion groups. Interns have also been provided emails and phone numbers.

Lauri Keagle (SSCC) updated the committee on Green Fleets. Please click [here](#) to view the report. For more information, please visit [www.southshorecleancities.org](http://www.southshorecleancities.org) or contact Lauri at [lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org](mailto:lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org)

The next EMPC meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the NIRPC offices.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING  
COMMISSION FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE  
May 20, 2021 / Google Meet Virtual Meeting – 8:00 a.m.

Members Present

Greg Stinson, Richard Hardaway, Bob Carnahan, Justin Kiel, George Topoll

Staff and Others Present

Ty Warner, Talaya Jones, Kathy Luther, Lisa Todd, Stephanie Kuziela, Meredith Stilwell, Denarie Kane, David Hollenbeck, Wendy Mis

Call to Order

Chairman Stinson called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2021 meeting were presented. Bob Carnahan made motion and Richard Hardaway seconded to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken with Bob Carnahan, Justin Kiel, and Greg Stinson voting in the affirmative motion passed 3-0.

Review of Financial Status – April 2021 Budget vs Actual

Talaya Jones presented the April 2021 bank reconciliations for the NIRPC general account and the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) account.

Talaya Jones presented the April 2021 general fund financial reports. Total expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2021 were \$1,126,522 of the \$11,981,765 budgeted. Total general fund revenue for the period was \$433,843 of the \$3,574,659 budgeted.

Talaya presented the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities (CARES) Act financial reports, year to date April 2021. Total NIRPC CARES fund expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2021 were \$130,845 of the \$1,034,233 budgeted, with total CARES expenditures at \$1,205,187 of the \$4,717,013 budgeted. Total CARES revenue collected for the period is \$1,285,928 of the \$4,307,009 budgeted.

Approval of Claims Registers – April 2021

Talaya presented the April 2021 General Fund claims register totaling \$189,242.39 to the Committee for approval. Commission Carnahan asked for explanation for a payment to a consulting firm for the Lake County Restoration project. Bob Carnahan made motion and Justin Kiel seconded to approve the April 2021 General Fund claims register. A roll call vote was taken with Bob Carnahan, Justin Kiel, Greg Stinson and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, motion passed 4-0. The CARES Act expenditures register of claims totaling \$37,035.52 was then presented for approval. Bob Carnahan made motion and Justin Kiel seconded to approve the April 2021 CARES Act claims register. A roll call vote was taken with Bob Carnahan, Richard Hardaway, Justin Kiel, Greg Stinson and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 21-13 – Establishing a Policy for Electronic Fund Transfers and Online Banking

Talaya presented Resolution 21-13 to the Committee. The resolution allows for NIRPC to authorize Automatic Clearing House (ACH) and Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) for payments and deposits. Justin Kiel made motion and Richard Hardaway seconded to forward the resolution to the Commission with a favorable recommendation. A roll call vote was taken with Bob Carnahan, Richard Hardaway, Justin Kiel, Greg Stinson and George Topoll voting in the affirmative, motion passed 5-0



Personnel updates

Meredith Stilwell reported that NIRPC is in the process of filling the current job opening and interviews were held with Director of Transportation applicants.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



## RESOLUTION 21-16

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTING RELEASE OF THE LA PORTE COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA).**

**Whereas**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (hereafter referred to as “The Commission”) operates a Revolving Loan Fund for La Porte County under the Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce; and

**Whereas**, the Commission is in receipt of a letter dated February 2, 2021, from the EDA (attached to Resolution 21-16 as Exhibit “A”) inviting a request to release the EDA’s federal interest in an EDA revolving loan fund award; and

**Whereas**, the Revolving Loan Fund for La Porte County (hereafter referred to as “The RLF”) is potentially eligible to be released which will reduce the Commission’s administrative burdens and allow RLF award funds to be used for broader economic development purposes; and

**Whereas**, the La Porte County Revolving Loan Managing Board (hereinafter referred to as “The Board”) met on August 18, 2021, and recommends the release of the EDA’s federal interest in the RLF; and

**Whereas**, the Board recommends that the La Porte County revolving loan fund program continue operation upon approval by the Commission and EDA; and

**Whereas**, the Finance and Personnel Committee has reviewed the recommendations from the Board and recommends the same to the Commission; and

**Whereas**, the Commission supports the request to release EDA’s federal interest in the RLF as outlined in Exhibit “A”; and

**Whereas**, the Commission will consider execution of an Agreement, yet to be finalized, after the EDA makes a determination on the request to release EDA’s federal interest in the RLF.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Commission approves

- 1) the request to release the EDA's federal interest in the La Porte revolving loan fund program, and
- 2) the continuation of the La Porte County revolving loan fund program.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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George Topoll  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Richard Hardaway  
Secretary



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Chicago Regional Office**  
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**EXHIBIT A**

VIA EMAIL

February 2, 2021

Tyson Warner  
Executive Director  
Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission  
6100 Southport Rd  
Portage, IN 46368

Re: Invitation to request release of EDA's federal interest in EDA revolving loan fund award

The recently enacted Reinvigorating Lending for the Future Act (the Act) authorizes EDA to release its federal interest in certain Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) awards that have operated satisfactorily for seven years beyond disbursement of grant funds. By authorizing EDA to release its federal interest in certain RLF awards, the Act will reduce RLF recipient administrative burden and allow RLF award funds to be used for broader economic development purposes.

To request that EDA release its federal interest in an RLF award, you must submit to EDA a written request for release that includes the information below. If you seek a release of EDA's federal interest for more than one RLF award, this information must be submitted separately for each RLF award.

1. Your organization's name and contact information;
2. Identifying information for the RLF award, including the award number, date of award, federal investment rate, and evidence that final disbursement occurred more than seven years ago (if available);
3. Value of the RLF award (including the capital base and any available administrative income);
4. Proposed use of RLF award funds for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA, which may include continued operation of the RLF; and
5. Certification by your organization that it has complied with the terms and conditions of the RLF award.

Additionally, you must provide the following supplemental materials:

6. Resolution or letter from your organization's Board of Directors, or agency leadership if your organization is a public entity or otherwise does not have a Board of Directors, supporting the request to release EDA's federal interest and committing to using the RLF for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA in compliance with on-going restrictions required by the Act as articulated in the release agreement;

7. Final RLF Financial Report (Form ED-209) for the RLF award; and
8. Most recent Single Audit for your organization, if available. If a recent Single Audit is not available, the most recent audit or audited financial statements for your organization, if available.

EDA will review and evaluate requests for release of EDA's federal interest in an RLF award, and EDA may request additional information. If EDA determines that your RLF award is eligible for release of EDA's federal interest, the next step would be for EDA and your organization to execute an agreement to release EDA's federal interest in the RLF award. A sample release agreement is attached for your reference, although the exact terms of the agreement may vary based on the individual circumstances of your RLF award. Please review the terms of the agreement, including the requirement that any RLF award funds be used for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA. Your request letter will be included as an attachment to the agreement.

EDA plans to hold a webinar to share information about the release of EDA's federal interest in certain RLF awards. EDA will notify you of the event when scheduled. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this letter, please reach out to Catherine Canavan, EDA RLF Administrator, via email at [ccanavan@eda.gov](mailto:ccanavan@eda.gov).

Regards,

Susan Brehm  
Regional Director  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Chicago Regional Office

**AGREEMENT TO RELEASE THE EDA FEDERAL INTEREST IN A  
REVOLVING LOAN FUND AWARD**

THIS AGREEMENT is between the United States Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA) and [Recipient Name] (Recipient).

WHEREAS, EDA, pursuant to its authority under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. § 3121 *et seq.*), awarded to Recipient one or more grants to capitalize a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) bearing EDA award number(s) [NUMBER(S)] (the Award).

WHEREAS, EDA retains a federal interest in the Award and Recipient has submitted a written request that EDA release its federal interest in the Award consistent with the requirements of the Reinvigorating Lending for the Future Act (Pub. L. 116-192), attached hereto as Appendix A (the Request).

WHEREAS, EDA and Recipient agree that the current value of the RLF capital base is \$[AMOUNT], the federal investment rate is [PERCENT]%, and the federal share of the RLF capital base is \$[AMOUNT] (the Award Funds).

WHEREAS, EDA has determined that 1) more than seven years have passed since the final EDA disbursement to Recipient of funds under the Award, 2) Recipient has complied with the terms and conditions of the Award, and 3) Recipient proposes to use the Award Funds for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA.

WHEREAS, EDA agrees herein to release its federal interest in the Award and Recipient agrees herein to use Award Funds for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA.

NOW THEREFORE, EDA and Recipient agree as follows:

1. EDA's Release. EDA agrees to release its federal interest in the Award. EDA's reversionary interest in the Award will cease to exist as of the effective date of this agreement.
  - a. Recipient's use of Award Funds no longer needs to comply with, among other things, the following authorities:
    - i. OMB regulations at 2 CFR part 200, including the Compliance Supplement at Appendix XI.
    - ii. EDA regulations at 13 CFR chapter III, including the RLF-specific regulations at part 307, subpart B (including the requirement at 13 CFR § 307.14 to submit Form ED-209 RLF Financial Report to EDA).
    - iii. The terms and conditions attached to the Award, including the Department of Commerce's Standard Terms & Conditions, the EDA RLF Standard Terms & Conditions, and any Special or Specific Award Conditions.

- iv. The EDA-approved RLF plan or any related document governing administration of the Award.
  - b. This release of the EDA federal interest in the Award does not extend to or include a release of any other entity's interest in the RLF capital base, including another federal agency's interest in the RLF capital base. More specifically, if Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) were used as local share under the Award, this release of the EDA federal interest does not extend to or include a release of any HUD or USDA federal interest in the RLF capital base. If Recipient seeks a release of another entity's interest in the RLF capital base, including another federal agency's interest in the RLF capital base, Recipient must negotiate such a release with the other entity and EDA will not participate in that negotiation.
- 2. Recipient's Use of Award Funds. Recipient agrees to use Award Funds for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA.
  - a. Recipient shall not use Award Funds to construct schools, community centers, municipal buildings, or otherwise use Award Funds to carry out activities outside of the economic development purposes of PWEDA, nor shall Recipient use Award Funds to pay general costs of government.
  - b. Recipient shall not transfer Award Funds to a natural person, for-profit entity, or other entity ineligible for award under sections 3(4) and 209 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4) and § 3149). For the sake of clarity, Award Funds may be used to contract with for-profit entities for goods and services for one or more activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA and to operate an RLF that makes loans to for-profit organizations.
  - c. Award Funds must be used in a manner consistent with EDA's non-relocation policy. Specifically, Recipient shall not use Award Funds to induce the relocation of existing jobs within the U.S. that are located outside of a jurisdiction to within that jurisdiction in competition with other U.S. jurisdictions for those same jobs.
  - d. Award Funds must be used in accordance with section 602 of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3212). Specifically, Recipient shall ensure that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on projects assisted by Award Funds shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on similar construction in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor as provided by section 602 of PWEDA or as it may be amended in the future.
  - e. Recipient shall use Award Funds in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local law, including applicable non-discrimination law. Recipient may not use Award Funds for any purpose that would be prohibited by the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution if the Award Funds were expended directly by the Federal Government.
  - f. Recipient is not required by the terms of this Agreement to seek EDA approval or permission to use Award Funds for one or more activities that continue to carry

out the economic development purposes of PWEDA but that differ from the activities described in the Request, attached hereto as Appendix A.

- g. Recipient shall provide timely and accurate responses to EDA inquiries regarding Recipient's use of the Award Funds. Following the release of EDA's federal interest, EDA remains interested in working with Recipient to promote Recipient's RLF or other activities that continue to carry out the economic development purposes of PWEDA.
3. Enforcement. In the event that EDA determines that Award Funds have been used in a manner inconsistent with this agreement, EDA may require Recipient to return the misspent portion of the Award Funds to the Federal Government, which may include the establishment of a debt with the U.S. Department of the Treasury.
4. Indemnification. To the extent permitted by law, Recipient agrees to indemnify and hold the Federal Government harmless from and against all liabilities that the Federal Government may incur as a result of releasing EDA's federal interest in the Award.
5. Governing Law; Severability. This Agreement is governed by applicable federal law, if any, and if there is no applicable federal law by state law. The terms of this Agreement do not limit the rights EDA, its designees, successors, or assigns are entitled to under applicable federal or state law. In the event that any provision or clause of this Agreement conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Agreement that can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable.
6. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of EDA and Recipient with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, oral or written, with respect to such matters.
7. Authority. Recipient represents that (a) it has the power and authority to execute and perform this Agreement, (b) the execution and performance of this Agreement by Recipient have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other actions, (c) Recipient has duly and validly executed this Agreement, and (d) this Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against Recipient.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, EDA and Recipient have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their respective officers as of the date indicated.

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE,  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION**

**[RECIPIENT NAME]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**[NAME]**

Regional Director

**[CITY]** Regional Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Authorized Signatory Name]**

**[Authorized Signatory Title]**

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Date

Appendix A

[Attach Recipient's written request that EDA release its federal interest in the Award.]



## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: NIRPC Finance & Personnel Committee and All Commission Members  
FROM: Denarie Kane, Economic Development District Coordinator, NIRPC  
RE: ECONOMIC RESILIENCY PLAN CONSULTANT SELECTION and CONTRACT  
DATE: September 8, 2021

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was solicited on August 23, 2021, from five economic development/planning consultants. The five consultants were chosen based on scores from a prior solicitation requesting responses to a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). The scope of the work required for the Economic Resiliency Plan includes:

- Create and distribute a community needs survey regarding economic impact of the pandemic to be distributed to residents, businesses, and organizations in Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties.
- Aggregate and analyze quantitative and qualitative data from the survey. Extrapolate data for use in a regional short-term economic endurance strategy.
- Identify and contact relevant regional stakeholders.
- Facilitate 15-30 community meetings, organized roughly by industry/sector, with stakeholders regarding pandemic's impact on their respective organizations, industries, and communities.
- Aggregate and analyze qualitative data from community meetings. Extrapolate data for use in a regional long-term economic recovery strategy and a regional long-term resiliency strategy.
- Prepare written documents for a short-term economic endurance strategy, a long-term economic recovery strategy, and a long-term economic resiliency strategy which is to include broadband expansion to support economic development opportunities.
- Present the Economic Resiliency Plan at a Spring 2022 event.

Responses to the RFP are due at noon on September 10, 2021. After the scoring of the RFP responses, interviews will be conducted with the two top scoring consultants on the morning of September 14, 2021. A decision will be known after the conclusion of the interviews and prior to the meeting on September 16, 2021. The Finance & Personnel Committee and Commission will be advised of the choice at the meeting.

A draft contract has been requested from each consultant. This draft contract may or may not be used to develop the final contract. A request is being made of the Finance & Personnel Committee to recommend that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to negotiate the final terms of the contract in coordination with NIRPC's attorney. It is also requested that the Finance & Personnel Committee recommend that the Commission authorize the Executive Director to execute the final contract on behalf of the Commission in an amount not to exceed \$112,000.

## Technical Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 21-05 on February 25, 2021 extending the declaration of emergency, allowing such meetings pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item provided for public comment, this was supported as well.

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Committee members present were Kevin Breitzke (Porter County), George Topoll (Union Township), Dean Button (Hammond), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), David Wright (GPTC), Blossom Mabon, Beth West, Mike Jabo (Valparaiso), Beth Shrader (Valparaiso), and Kelly Wenger (NICTD).

Staff present were Mitch Barloga, Meredith Stilwell, Lucas Ecklund-Baker, Allen Hammond, Eman Ibrahim, Kathy Luther, Scott Weber, Kevin Polette, Candice Eklund, Charles Bradsky, Peter Kimball, and Flor Baum.

Others present were Tim Hollandsworth (INDOT), John Kennedy, Lauri Keagle (SSCC), Bryan Blazak (St. John), Jeff Huet (Schererville), Tom Schmitt (Schererville), Steve King (Merrillville), Don Oliphant (CBBEL), Timothy Werner (CIORBA), Nick Bellar (Winfield), Duane Alverson (Lake County), and Eric Wolverton.

The March 9, 2021 meeting minutes were approved on motion by George Topoll and second by Dean Button.

### Public Comments

No public comments to announce.

### Planning

Scott Weber presented on an update for the second amendment and conformity analysis to the *NWI 2050 Plan*, including the launch of the public comment period. NWI 2050 is our Region's long-range plan that was adopted in May 2019. The amendment is needed to fulfill federal requirements because of the latest NOFA that adds regionally significant projects. The four projects being affected by amendment 2 are as follows:

- INDOT project on US 41 is an existing project. The scope was never intended to go as far south to Lowell. The southern terminus that is in the *NWI 2050 Plan* is being edited up to approximately 135<sup>th</sup> Place in the Cedar Lake area instead of State Road 2 in the Lowell area. There is no cost affected.
- Main St extension project along the Munster/Dyer border into the Village of Linwood, IL is an existing project. The project was originally slated to be completed by the year 2030 in the *NWI 2050 Plan*. However, that will change to 2040.
- The Town of St. John's Cline Avenue gap project between 93<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 101<sup>st</sup> Ave is a new project that will be added to the *NWI 2050 Plan*.
- Porter County's Willow Creek extension project is also being added. This is an extension of an existing project in Porter County. The scopes southern terminus is being changed from State Road 130 to US 30. We are proposing to add CN funds in FY-26.

These changes will be released for public comment today and through April 8 for a 30-day period.

Scott also presented on Air Quality Conformity. This is required because NIRPC is a non-attainment area designated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for ozone. The four projects mentioned are among

others that are in the document. The Conformity Report document will also be circulated for public comment from March 9 through April 8.

### **Programming**

Charles Bradsky presented on the recommendation for Group 1 transit projects in the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A three percent annual increase in funding was proposed that is compounded annually. This gave us nearly \$2M in 2025 and \$2.5M in 2026. 2026 is not something that Federal Transit looks at, as their focus is on the four-year TIP. Only the year 2025 was balanced (2026 was not balanced). It was agreed on at the Transit Operators meeting that we would look at all received operating assistance and preventative maintenance in 2021 and start programming those numbers. In some cases, preventative maintenance was less in 2025 than in 2021. Also, in balancing the budget for 2025, the lesser amount was chosen. What is being proposed is just under \$1.5M over the \$14.4M that we have planned for 2025. If Federal Highway opposes the budget, GPTC's \$2.26M budget for new busses will be adjusted. It would continue to be a line item in the TIP. There was discussion on the Volkswagen funding towards busses. David Wright (GPTC) clarified that the funding is going busses that are currently in order, and not for 2025. There was discussion on the three percent increase. Kathy Luther stated there is Highway money that can be moved over to the Transit side as another possibility. The \$8 pilot operations and facility improvements line item is a potential CMAQ project. The \$8 is a placeholder for a continued plan on implementation of the project that will start this year with Federal funding. However, the \$8 line item will be moved to CMAQ. Beth Shrader (Valparaiso) stated that the assumption to choose the lesser amount to budget the Valpo bus lines is not ideal. By 2025 Valpo's expectation is that all the 80/20 (CMAQ/Fed) funding for the lines that will have been in service for three years will have been depleted. This does not allow them to maintain service levels. Charles advised that amendments can always be made starting in August. Another Transit Operators meeting will be held to explain the individual changes in the budget. Charles will also send the list of all transit projects to INDOT's review. The TIP adoption will also be out for public comment starting today.

On motion by David Wright and second by George Topoll the Technical Planning Committee accepted the transit program of projects as presented to go to public comment beginning today.

### **Topical Committee Reports**

Mitch Barloga reported on DNR Next Level Trails Program; Round Two Awardees. Three of the awards were given to northwest Indiana communities. There is \$29.6M available and is combined with \$21.9M of local match. This is all administered by the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR). 18 projects were funded out of the 93 applications submitted. The longest awarded project is 14.5 mi; the shortest awarded is .88 mi. Three of these projects are within the NIRPC area: Crown Point's Pennsy Greenway regional project, Portage's Marquette Greenway regional project, and Valparaiso's Vale Park West local project.

Eman Ibrahim reported on the Land Use Committee. The last committee meeting was held on January 7. There was discussion of roadway expansion and planning projects.

Scott Weber reported that the Surface Transportation Committee (STC) will meet in April instead of May to discuss final prerequisites for some of the projects that were agreed to.

### **Reports and Planning Partners**

Announcements and upcoming dates were shared with the committee.

### **Next Meeting**

The next Technical Planning Committee (TPC) meeting is slated for Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the NIRPC offices.

The meeting concluded at 11:06 a.m.



## **Public Comment Report**

### **Amendment #22-02 to the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission**

**Technical Planning Committee**

**September 14, 2021**

Amendment #22-02 of the 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program was released for a 21-day public comment period which began on August 19, 2021, and ended on September 9, 2021. The amendments were made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). No comments from the public were received during the comment period on the proposed amendments.

NIRPC did not receive technical comments from the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG). The Air Quality Complete date given by the ICG is August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All projects are found to be exempt from the Air Quality Conformity and non-regionally significant.



## RESOLUTION 21-17

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2022-2026 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 17 September 16, 2021

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana’s citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs are a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *NWI 2050 Plan*; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *NWI 2050 Plan*, is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs are developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and



**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2019 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Programs by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this sixteenth day of September 2021.

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George Topoll  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Richard Hardaway  
Secretary

<b>0901321</b>		(Ver ) 22-02	STATUS Deleted				
<b>Title:</b>	Intersection Improvement at ST1001					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	129th & Dickey Rd., 129th & Broad St.					<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>Project Type:</b>	Intersection or Intersection Groups	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt				
<b>County:</b>	Lake	<b>Limits:</b>	Primary Crossstreet: 129th, Secondary Crossstreet: Dickey Rd				

  

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
Region: Northwestern MPO						
Lead Agency: East Chicago						

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2022	Federal Special	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
2022	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000	\$0	\$1,250,000
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,250,000</b>
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Region: Northwestern MPO						
Lead Agency: East Chicago						

**1401034** (Ver 6) 22-02 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

**Title:** Roadway Improvement Program / Line of Sight Corrections; Access Management at Colorado St **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** North of US 30  
**Project Type:** Safety Upgrade **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Lake **Limits:** From US 30 to 78th St of Distance (mile) 0.25

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2022	HSIP Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$2,100,000	\$0	\$2,100,000
2022	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$233,333	\$0	\$233,333
<2022	Prior	\$391,190	\$879,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,270,190
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,333,333</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,333,333</b>
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**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** Hobart

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**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** Hobart

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2000835		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				FEDERAL
<b>Title:</b>	Railroad Crossing upgrade-Highway Ave					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Railroad Crossing upgrade-Highway Ave, Highland Norfolk Southern DOT # 545881V						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Railroad Protection	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Lake	<b>Limits:</b>					

  

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**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** INDOT

2000836		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				FEDERAL
<b>Title:</b>	Road/Rail crossing Update -Hart Rd/ 42 St					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Road/Rail crossing Update -Hart Rd & 42 St Highland Norfolk Southern RR , DOT # 545114U						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Railroad Protection	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Lake	<b>Limits:</b>	Nearest Crossstreet: Gordon Dr				

  

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**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** INDOT

1902632		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				STATE
<b>Title:</b>	District Lighting Project					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Repair Or Replace Lighting on Various Routes Throughout the LaPorte District						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Repair Or Replace Lighting	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Various	<b>Limits:</b>					

  

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2022	HSIP State	\$0	\$0	\$3,608,987	\$288,000	\$3,896,987
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<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,608,987</b>	<b>\$288,000</b>	<b>\$3,896,987</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** INDOT

2100552		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				FEDERAL
<b>Title:</b>	District Bridge Project (Rehabilitation)					<b>Route:</b>	N/A
<b>Description:</b>	Replace Superstructure, SR 53 over BEAVER DAM DITCH, 01.93 N of US 231						
<b>Project Type:</b>	Replace Superstructure	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt			<b>District:</b>	LaPorte
<b>County:</b>	Lake	<b>Limits:</b>					

  

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2022	NHPP Non Interstate	\$141,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$141,000
2023	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
2024	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
2025	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
2026	NHPP Non Interstate	\$0	\$0	\$1,289,200	\$0	\$1,289,200
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$141,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,304,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,545,200</b>
<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$141,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$1,304,200</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,545,200</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO **Lead Agency:** INDOT

2100287		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				STATE																																			
<b>Title:</b>	Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Revisions					<b>Route:</b>	N/A																																			
<b>Description:</b>	Statewide Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Safety Action Plan																																									
<b>Project Type:</b>	Safety Revisions	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt		<b>District:</b>	LaPorte																																				
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<b>Region:</b> Northwestern MPO				<b>Lead Agency:</b> INDOT																																						

**1902002** (Ver 5) 22-02 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

**Title:** Pavement Rehabilitation 3R/4R Park St **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** Pavement rehabilitation 3R/4R Park Ave from Furnace St to Erie St  
**Project Type:** Roadway Reconstruction/Rehabilitation **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Laporte **Limits:**

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2022	Local Fund	\$36,586	\$29,200	\$0	\$0	\$65,786
2022	STBG Mich City UZA	\$146,344	\$116,800	\$0	\$0	\$263,144
2023	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$172,000	\$0	\$172,000
2023	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$0	\$688,000	\$0	\$688,000
<2022	Prior	\$97,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,500
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$182,930</b>	<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>\$860,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,188,930</b>
<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$280,430</b>	<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>\$860,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,286,430</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO

**Lead Agency:** La Porte



**Previously Approved Version**

**1902002** (Ver 4) 22-00

**Title:** Pavement Rehabilitation 3R/4R Park St **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** Pavement rehabilitation 3R/4R Park Ave from Furnace St to Erie St  
**Project Type:** Roadway Reconstruction/Rehabilitation **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Laporte **Limits:**

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2022	Local Fund	\$0	\$29,200	\$0	\$0	\$29,200
2022	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$116,800	\$0	\$0	\$116,800
2023	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$172,000	\$0	\$172,000
2023	STBG Mich City UZA	\$0	\$0	\$688,000	\$0	\$688,000
<2022	Prior	\$97,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$97,500
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>\$860,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,006,000</b>
<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$97,500</b>	<b>\$146,000</b>	<b>\$860,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,103,500</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO

**Lead Agency:** La Porte

2101214		(Ver 1) 22-02	STATUS New Project				FEDERAL																																			
<b>Title:</b>	Central Ave Road Reconstruction					<b>Route:</b>	N/A																																			
<b>Description:</b>	Central Ave Road Reconstruction; from Willowdale Rd to Swanson Rd																																									
<b>Project Type:</b>	Pavement Reconstruction/Rehabilitation	<b>AQ Exempt:</b>	Exempt				<b>District:</b>	LaPorte																																		
<b>County:</b>	Porter	<b>Limits:</b>	Nearest Crossstreet: Swanson Rd																																							
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<b>Region:</b> Northwestern MPO				<b>Lead Agency:</b> Portage																																						

**2101168** (Ver 2) 22-02 STATUS Programmed **FEDERAL**

**Title:** Intersection Improvement Roundabout **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** Intersection Improvement - Congestion mitigation Roundabout at Randolph and 117th  
**Project Type:** Intersection or Intersection Groups **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Lake **Limits:** Nearest Crossstreet: 117th St

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2023	Local Fund	\$0	\$20,700	\$0	\$0	\$20,700
2023	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$82,800	\$0	\$0	\$82,800
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$126,000	\$0	\$0	\$126,000
2026	Local Fund	\$0	\$0	\$338,808	\$12,500	\$351,308
2026	STBG Chicago UZA	\$0	\$0	\$1,355,232	\$50,000	\$1,405,232
<b>2022-2026 TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$229,500</b>	<b>\$1,694,040</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$1,986,040</b>
<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$229,500</b>	<b>\$1,694,040</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$1,986,040</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO

**Lead Agency:** Winfield

**Previously Approved Version**

**2101168** (Ver 1) 22-01

**Title:** Intersection Improvement Roundabout **Route:** N/A  
**Description:** Intersection Improvement - Congestion mitigation Roundabout at Randolph and 117th  
**Project Type:** Intersection or Intersection Groups **AQ Exempt:** Exempt **District:** LaPorte  
**County:** Lake **Limits:** Nearest Crossstreet: 117th St

FED FY	REVENUE SOURCE	PE	RW	CN	CE	TOTAL
2023	Local Fund	\$20,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,700
2023	STBG Chicago UZA	\$82,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,800
2024	Local Fund	\$0	\$126,000	\$0	\$0	\$126,000
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<b>ALL YEARS TOTAL</b>		<b>\$103,500</b>	<b>\$126,000</b>	<b>\$1,694,040</b>	<b>\$62,500</b>	<b>\$1,986,040</b>

**Region:** Northwestern MPO

**Lead Agency:** Winfield

**Northwestern MPO TIP SUMMARY BY LEAD AGENCY**

	Prior	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	Beyond	Total
East Chicago	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000
Hobart	\$2,540,380	\$4,666,666	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,207,046
INDOT	\$0	\$5,365,117	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,289,200	\$0	\$0	\$6,769,317
La Porte	\$195,000	\$474,930	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,389,930
Portage	\$0	\$718,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$718,750
Winfield	\$0	\$0	\$207,000	\$252,000	\$0	\$3,513,080	\$0	\$0	\$3,972,080
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,735,380</b>	<b>\$13,475,463</b>	<b>\$2,027,000</b>	<b>\$262,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$4,802,280</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$23,307,123</b>



## RESOLUTION 21-18

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE CALUMET NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA BY CONGRESS.

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is the Council of Local Governments comprised of the communities of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, communities within the Calumet Region, bookended by the Indiana Dunes National Park and the Pullman National Monument, share nationally-significant natural, industrial, labor, and cultural heritage assets; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Park Service, National Heritage Areas are places where historic, cultural, and natural resources combine to form cohesive, nationally important landscapes; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 55 designated National Heritage Areas throughout the United States but Indiana has no such designation; and

**WHEREAS**, National Heritage Areas are created by Act of Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, National Heritage Areas have a demonstrable and studied economic impact and return on investment, including tourism and job creation, and do not affect private property rights; and

**WHEREAS**, National Park Service staff found in 2018 that the Feasibility Study for the Calumet National Heritage Area, developed with extensive public input, met all ten feasibility study assessment criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, a Management Plan for the Calumet Heritage Area was completed in April of 2021 by multiple regional partners, stressing collaboration for regional impact, heritage development, and connecting residents and visitors more strongly with the region's extraordinary natural and cultural resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission endorses and supports the creation of the Calumet National Heritage Area by Congress.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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George Topoll  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Richard Hardaway  
Secretary