



RESOLUTION 23-09

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 RAISE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE MARQUETTE GREENWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC), hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, is the regional Council of Local Governments (COG) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) of Lake, Porter, and La Porte County area; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, NIRPC released The Marquette Greenway Poster Plan, which was the first effort to detail an off-road multi-use trail from south Chicago to New Buffalo, MI; and

WHEREAS, since 2009, nearly \$109 million has been either spent, funded, or planned to develop the remaining segments of the proposed 58-miles of the Greenway and to date this has accounted for over 20 miles built and 35 miles funded; and

WHEREAS, NIRPC was awarded a Fiscal Year 2021 RAISE Grant in the amount of \$17,799,282 (RAISE Grant) for the completion of the Marquette Greenway; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Transportation has agreed to serve as the Recipient of the RAISE Grant and to pass the RAISE Grant funding through to NIRPC as a First-Tier Subrecipient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NIRPC board authorizes current NIRPC Executive Director Tyson Warner, or his successor, to execute an agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation and INDOT designating INDOT as the Recipient of the RAISE Grant and NIRPC as the First-Tier subrecipient to carry out the project with the Recipient’s assistance and oversight.


Richard Hardaway
Chairperson

ATTEST:


Sue Lynch
Secretary