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Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting (La Porte County)

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

1:00 p.m. CST at the Health Foundation of La Porte (140 E. Shore Parkway, La Porte)

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order by Chairman and Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2024
ACTION REQUESTED: Approval
- 3) Public Comments
Chair will recognize audience members who have signed up to comment on agenda items. Time is limited to 3 minutes per commenter.
- 4) Program of Projects Update
 - a) Update on FY 2025 Federal Funds
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
- 5) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Discussion (One-on-one meetings should be scheduled with NIRPC staff). Applications posted on the NIRPC website here: [Transportation Resource Oversight Committee \(TROC\) - La Porte County - State of Indiana](#)
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion
- 6) New Business
 - a) Possible meeting relocation to the NIRPC office.
ACTION REQUESTED: Discussion/vote
 - b) Consultant contracts; NIRPC will need to review and approve PE & CE contracts before awarding funds.
ACTION REQUESTED: Informational
 - c) Road Safety Audits are being finalized.
ACTION REQUESTED: Informational
 - d) Other new business not discussed earlier.
- 7) Adjournment
The next TROC La Porte Meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. and will be held at the Health Foundation of La Porte Conference Center.

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Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Jay Sullivan (La Porte County), Mitch Bishop (La Porte County), Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Tucker King (City of La Porte), Tim Werner (Michigan City), and Jake Dammarell.

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Stephen Hughes, Kevin Polette, Ann Weitgenant, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the TROC meeting held on February 20, 2024, were approved on a motion by Mitch Bishop and seconded by Craig Phillips.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Program of Projects (PoP) Update

After Charles Bradsky discussed the Program of Projects, no questions were asked. The committee members were encouraged to contact Charles with any questions or corrections.

Charles informed the committee that the USDOT has Approved NIRPC's Air Quality Conformity metrics and NIRPC's 2024-2028 TIP has been reviewed by both FHWA, FTA and INDOT. At the time of the meeting, it is waiting for signatures of the INDOT Commissioner's and the Governor's signatures. Following this the TIP will need the approval of the USDOT (FHWA & FTA) before it can go out for a 3-day public comment period before going into the STIP. Once it is in the STIP, NIRPC's 2024- 2028 TIP will be officially approved.

New Business

Charles reported the PoP will be updated to reflect the information discussed at the Local Quarterly meetings this month. The next TIP amendment will be recommended to the Executive Board at the August meeting.

New Administration Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Workshop

This workshop was held on February 29, 2024, and was well attended. If you could not attend or did attend and would like to review the materials again, you can now view a video of the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s166JbXGfBQ> and download workshop materials [HERE](#).

La Porte County Bridge #512

The committee discussed funding solutions for DES #2101149, La Porte County Bridge #512. The Michigan City urbanized area (UZA) receives \$2.8 million annually; the total cost of the bridge construction is estimated at \$4.6 million, (\$3.6 M federal) Currently this project is in FY 2025. Several options were discussed. It was decided that Mitch Bishop would contact INDOT to inquire if funding from the Local Bridge program is available because they have been receptive to partnering on bridge projects in the past when funding was available. Construction for this project could move to a later year to allow for funding availability.

Other Business

Charles Bradsky and Kevin Polette discussed the notification NIRPC sent last week regarding Road Safety Audits (RSAs). The notification included a link to a short survey to gather information from municipalities/counties to develop a list of locations needing an RSA. NIRPC will hire a consultant to perform the audits at high-crash locations throughout Northwest Indiana.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m. The next meeting scheduled on August 20, 2024, will be held at the Health Foundation of La Porte conference center at 140 East Shore Parkway in La Porte.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at [Transportation Resources Oversight Committee - LaPorte County 5-21-24 - YouTube](#)