

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
LaPorte County
Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Mitch Bishop (LaPorte County), Jay Sullivan (LaPorte County), Sylvia Martin (Michigan City), Shannon Eason (Michigan City), Skyler York (Michigan City), Nick Minich (City of La Porte), Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Beth West (City of La Porte/TransPorte), Doug Valmore, and Alex Olesker.

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 15, 2023, TROC meeting minutes were approved on motion by Shannon Eason and seconded by Nick Minich.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Program of Projects Update

Charles Bradsky discussed the Program of Projects (PoP) stating he funded all existing projects at 80%, as requested. fiscal years 2024, 2026, and 2027 currently have a deficit and fiscal years 2025 and 2028 have a surplus. Charles will be rebalancing the PoP so CN at 80% in the next NOFA. Charles noted that the 2024-2025 NOFA will fund PE, CE and RoW at 70% or 75% instead of 80% due to many projects having left over funding on their projects, which are lost funds.

Charles explained the reasoning that the 2024-2028 TIP has not been approved yet. The EPA assigned air quality numbers that NIRPC and three other MPO's in Indiana could not conform to. The EPA has assigned new numbers but goes through several layers of approval. This matter should be resolved Spring 2024, but changes to the STIP/TIP are on hold until approval is reached. Proactive measures are being taken so when approval is granted, things are advancing as quickly as possible. Charles noted the projects in the TIP before the amendment on July 25, are official. Charles is in communication with the FHWA about one sizable project and anybody had funding in 2024 and 2025 to see Charles.

Other New Business

The potential additional funding from the FHWA that Charles discussed at the meeting in August did not come to fruition. Charles received notification that the funds were for 2023 and would have expired on September 30, 2023.

Nick Minich informed Charles that DES #1902008 for various pavement projects should be cancelled. Des #1601867 is almost spent up and needs an additional \$114,267.40 (Fed) for CE.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2024.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at [Transportation Resources Oversight Committee - LaPorte County 10-31-23 - YouTube](#)