

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

November 10, 2020

Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04 and 20-09, extended by Executive Order 20-47. All persons were meeting remotely on a Google Meet 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.

Tom Schmitt called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. In attendance were Jeff Huet, Beth Shrader, Michael Duffy, Eric Wolverton, Jake Dammarell, Jill DiTommaso, Craig Phillips, Latent Csany, Lynn Gralik, Mark O'Dell, Amy Blaker, Greg Falkowski, Dean Button, Steve King, Gerald Swets, Michael Jabo, David Wright, George Topoll, Duan Alverson, Doug Brite, Dustin Anderson, Trisha Nugent, Robert Thompson, and Kevin Breitzke.

NIRPC staff present were Scott Weber, Kevin Polette, Candice Eklund, Peter Kimball, Charles Bradsky, Ty Warner, and Flor Baum.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the August 4, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Dean Button and second Steve King.

Review of NOFA Applications

Scott Weber reviewed the 2020 Notice of Funding Applications (NOFA) for New Roadways, and Roadway Improvements. Generally, the applications are similar to the Past NOFA. Please see below for the changes. There was a total of four New Roadways projects from four communities submitted. There was a total of 26 New Roadways projects from 16 communities submitted. However, three communities were not present. Scott reviewed the project scoring for each of the following projects. The scoring changes that were discussed and agreed on by the committee were made live by Scott. All supporting documentation discussed must be submitted to Scott Weber by November 20, 2020.

New Roadway Submissions:

- City of Hobart - 83rd Avenue Extension and Intersection Improvements. Funding request is \$4,767,840. The score of 53 remained unchanged.
- Porter County - Willowcreek Road - CR 700N to SR 130. Funding request is \$4,614,975. The self-score of 59 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 58. The STC score also reflected 58.
- Town of St. John - Cline Avenue Gap. Funding request is \$6,452,500. The self-score of 62 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 65. The STC score also reflected 65.

Roadway Improvements Submissions:

- City of Chesterton - Emergency Vehicle Preemption - Safety Improvements. Funding request is \$1,327,052. The self-score of 6 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 57. The STC score reflected 58.
- City of Crown Point - US 231 and Delaware Pkwy Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,451,250. The self-score of 64 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 57. The STC score reflected 58.
- City of East Chicago - Michigan Ave Reconstruction. Funding request is \$5,416,125. The self-score of 75 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 67. The STC score reflected 78.
- Town of Griffith
 - Broad St and Ave H Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,333,620. The self-score of 60 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 52. The STC score reflected 60.
 - Main St Reconstruction and Colfax St Roundabout and Multi-use Path. Funding request is \$3,766,000. The self-score of 64 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 61. The STC score reflected 63.
- City of Hammond
 - Columbia Ave Pavement Rehabilitation and ADA Compliance. Funding request is \$4,160,625. The self-score of 71 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 68. The STC score reflected 71.

- Summer St Reconstruction Phase 2. Funding request is \$3,285,000. The self-score of 73 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 6. The STC score reflected 71.
- City of Hobart - Colorado St Reconstruction and US 30 Intersection Improvement. Funding request is \$2,064,222. The self-score of 72 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 70. The STC score reflected 72.
- Lake County - Colorado St Bridge Replacement over Deep River. Funding request is \$1,045,625. The score of 44 remained unchanged.
- City of Merrillville
 - 57th Ave and Harrison St Roundabout. Funding request is \$2,010,760. The self-score of 59 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 51. The STC score reflected 56.
 - Mississippi St and 69th Ave Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,688,000. The self-score of 57 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 50. The STC score reflected 56.
 - Mississippi St and 79th Ave Dogbone Roundabout. Funding request is \$3,897,600. This includes the replacement of the existing signal light. The self-score of 67 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 65. The STC score reflected 67.
- Town of Munster - Main St Reconstruction. Funding request is \$4,558,000. The self-score of 76 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 70. The STC score reflected 77.
- Town of St. John - 93rd Ave Pavement Rehabilitation and Improvements. Funding request is \$7,210,000. The self-score of 68 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 64. The STC score reflected 70.
- City of Valparaiso
 - Lincolnway and Campbell Roundabout. Funding request is \$2,009,935. The self-score of 72 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 63. The STC score reflected 73.
 - SR 130 and 400 N Intersection Improvement. Funding request is \$1,786,125. The self-score of 65 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 67. The STC score reflected 69.
- Town of Winfield - Randolph St and 117th Ave Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,186,800. The self-score of 58 was adjusted by NIRPC staff to 46. The STC score reflected 56.
- The Town of Schererville withdrew their application for Kennedy Ave Phase 1 Bridge over CN/NS Railroads.
- The City of Merrillville forfeited interest unless enough funding remains for four (4) projects
 - Colorado St Reconstruction. Funding request is \$3,389,560.
 - Colorado St and Harms Rd Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,494,840.
 - Randolph St Reconstruction. Funding request is \$3,660,160.
 - Randolph St and 93rd Ave Roundabout. Funding request is \$1,300,320.

There was no other business to discuss.

The Surface Transportation Committee will meet on December 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to complete the NOFA Application Review.

Hearing no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.