

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
(La Porte County)
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Nick Minich (City of La Porte), Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Mitch Bishop (La Porte County), Shannon Eason (Michigan City), Dominique Edwards (Michigan City), and Luras Lopez Isabello (Michigan City).

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Ann Weitgenant, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The August 26, 2025, TROC meeting minutes were approved on motion by Craig Phillips and seconded by Mitch Bishop.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Program of Projects

Charles Bradsky noted that he emailed an updated Program of Projects listing to the committee before the meeting. There is \$453,008 in available funding for Fiscal Year 2026, which can only be allocated to existing projects.

New Business

- 5.1 New Question on the NOFA Application: Charles announced that the new NOFA application will include a new question regarding Commissioner participation in NIRPC Commission meetings. Additional points will be awarded for attendance. This policy will be discussed at the upcoming NOFA workshops and will take effect in January.
- 5.2 NOFA Improvement Working Group: Charles will schedule a January meeting for this working group to discuss and develop the attendance-based point policy. They will also discuss any other improvements for the next NOFA cycle, which is 2031-2032.
- 5.3 Request from City of La Porte for Additional Funds for Comprehensive Plan: Craig Phillips reported that the City of La Porte is developing a comprehensive plan, previously funded with federal dollars. During work on the transportation element, consultants encountered issues with the accuracy of the existing NIRPC travel demand model, which showed inconsistencies in traffic analysis zones and locations. It became evident that the existing model needed to be substantially modified, or a new model would need to be created. Charles stated that the NIRPC model was designed as a regional approach, not a block-by-block approach. The consultant, Lochmueller Group, can create a new model in consultation with NIRPC, for a total cost of \$162,880. Craig noted this plan would benefit La Porte County and all that borders it. Shannon Eason inquired about the remaining \$287,128 in funding for FY 2026 and its potential use. Charles explained that funds could either be loaned to Group 1 and

returned at a later time or allocated to transit. On motion by Mitch Bishop and seconded by Shannon Eason, the committee approved allocating \$162,880 to the City of La Porte to complete the travel demand component of the comprehensive plan.

- 5.4 Other New Business: Mitch Bishop reported the Union Mills project may need an additional \$130,000 if funding cannot be secured from Kathy Eaton-McKallip (INDOT). Charles will contact Kathy Eaton-McKallip to determine if INDOT can cover this amount.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2026.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at [TROC La Porte 11.18.25 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11.18.25)