

**Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
(La Porte County)
Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Minutes**

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Dominique Edwards (Michigan City), and Gianna Galante (Michigan City).

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Tom Vander Woude, Ann Weitgenant, Meredith Stilwell, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The April 29, 2025, TROC meeting minutes were approved on motion by Craig Phillips and seconded by Dominique Edwards.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Program of Projects

Charles Bradsky reported he is finalizing modifications to the Program of Projects and will send the updated document to the committee members today. The Polk Street project has been assigned DES #2501046, and the Lake Street project was assigned DES #2501047.

New Business

- In 2026, NIRPC will borrow a Data Bike from the Michiana Area Council of Governments (MACOG) to take a video of the bike paths. The bike is equipped with GPS and a camera. The video's findings will be shared.
- Effective January 1, 2026, Indiana Senate Bill 5 gives the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) the authority to close any purchase order without activity for 90 days. INDOT will be required to process the closure when given the direction.
- The Community Crossings Matching Grant program will now accept applications once per fiscal year. For FY 2026, the call for projects will be open from October 1 through 31. Starting in FY 2027, the application period will be in July each year. The maximum grant award has been lowered from \$1.5 million to \$1 million.
- The USDOT communicated that the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) was being revived. It's been available since 2012, but the new administration is making it more well-known. For larger projects, a loan can be taken out for the sponsors' portion. It will be a low-interest loan with five years to complete the phase. There will be no PE limit for ROW, and repayment can take 35 to 75 (in some cases) years.

- NIRPC is currently in the final phase of selecting Road Safety Audits from the 15 applications received. Three applications involved corridor studies, and some are on INDOT roads and will require their input and comments. A meeting with the sponsors will be scheduled after Labor Day, followed by fieldwork to collect traffic counts, turning movements, and a discussion of the intersections.

Other Business

There was no other business discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 18, 2025.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at [TROC La Porte 8.26.25 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8.26.25)