

Transportation Resource Oversight Committee Meeting
LaPorte County
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
Minutes

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live on YouTube. In attendance were Shannon Eason (Michigan City), Nick Minich (City of LaPorte), Craig Phillips (City of La Porte), Jerry Sullivan (Laporte County), Skyler York (Michigan City), and Beth West (City of La Porte).

NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Candice Eklund.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2022, TROC meeting minutes were approved on motion by Beth West and seconded by Jay Sullivan.

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Spending Plan Update

Charles Bradsky opened this discussion stating FY 2023 had a surplus of \$1.2 million, which they could loan to Evansville if approved. Evansville could repay \$1 million in 2024 and the remaining in 2028. There is a deficit of \$1 million in the spending plan for 2025 and a surplus of \$1.4 million in 2026.

Charles noted projects cannot move from year to year because at least 50% of the funding needs to be used for CMAQ, Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program, and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding categories. The City of La Porte feels they have a project that would qualify for PROTECT funding for \$25,000. A separate NOFA may be necessary for PROTECT funding. Currently, there are no HSIP projects in 2024 and 2026, with only one in 2025. With safety being more weighted and balanced for the 2024 NOFA applications, NIRPC will begin performing Safety Audits in 2024, which will include Group 1 and possibly Group 2.

Balancing Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026

Charles updated the spending plan live as discussions were held to balance fiscal years 2025 and 2026. On motion by Nick Minich and seconded by Shannon Eason, the TROC committee approved the discussions held to balance the spending plan in 2025 and 2026.

Other New Business

If any community has a project that would qualify for PROTECT funding, contact Charles.

The following projects below were also discussed at the Local Quarterly Meetings last week.

- DES 1902691 for Michigan City: Requested to accelerate CN funding from 2028 to 2025 for the Complete Streets project from Liberty Trail to Lake Avenue. There is \$250,000 in ROW funding in 2024. Total construction is \$1 million and is split into 2 phases.
- DES 1900831: CN funding has been moved from 2024 to 2025 for the Chessie Trail 2 project.
- DES 1902008 for City of La Porte: There is \$340,000 in 2024 for street paving or perhaps to move into other projects, per Nick Minich.
- DES 1902002 for City of La Porte: Park Street project is in 2025 and not requesting any funding.
- DES 2101143 for City of La Porte: Charles will review the spending plan for remaining funding.
- DES 1601867 for City of La Porte: Requested \$142,835 in federal funding due to Chessie Trail 2 not receiving full CE funding. Charles will review and contact Nick.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2023.

The livestream video recording for this meeting is available on NIRPC's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkA0GKpg15w>