

**Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee
Lake & Porter Counties
6100 Southport Road, Portage
February 25, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

In attendance were Dean Button (Hammond), Jeff Huet (Schererville), Blossom Mabon (Crown Point), Erik Hellmuth (Valparaiso), Jill Murr (Cedar Lake), Robert Thompson (Porter County), Sandy Kolb (Portage), Tim Werner (Michigan City/CIORBA), Jessica Spiess (LaPorte), Phil Gralik (Hobart). Tim Hollandsworth (INDOT), Dennis Cobb, Trisha Nugent, Eric Wolverton (ASI), Christopher Murphy (Structure Point), Jake Dammarell (BF&S), Kevin Breitzke.
NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky, Kevin Polette, and Flor Baum.
Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

On motion by Jill Marr and second by Jeff Huet, the November 26, 2019 and December 11, 2019 Lake and Porter meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Requests

Charles Bradsky noted that Change Order (CO) funding has priority over requests. However, the amount cannot exceed \$100,000 per project. The committee agreed to prioritize the CO requests and made the following plan:

- DES # 1601157 for 109th and Delaware in Crown Point currently there are no CE funds in FY-20. Therefore, they have requested \$193,500 for CE.
- DES # 1901948 for 113th and US 231 in Crown Point has been tabled.
- AJ Monroe requested a Change Order (CO) for \$128,000 to add a traffic signal back into the project for DES #0900080; Willowcreek Rd and Central Ave. Letting was in November.
- Portage also requested a CO for \$143,200 towards DES #0600754, Central Ave East. A.J. Monroe informed the committee that the city of Portage is returning \$200,000. A.J. requested for \$29,000 of the returned funds to be moved towards the Marquette Greenway Trail project.
- DES #1601159 for Valparaiso's Ransom Rd project has been **removed**. This is no longer a request.
- Merrillville's DES #1006787; Mississippi St, and DES #1901949; sidewalks along Broadway, have been tabled.
- Valparaiso has requested \$260,484 for DES #1902686 for Campbell St and Lincoln Ave Roundabout in Valparaiso.
- The City of Gary has requested \$61,894 in PE funds for DES #1802973; 15th Ave road reconstruction. Right of Way (RW) has not been cleared. The city of Gary has requested the remaining funds go to DES #1801738.
- The City of Gary has also requested \$160,00 in PE funds for DES #1801738; Complete Streets elements on US 12/20 and Lake Street.
- Dean Button requested a CO for \$81,426 on DES #1297017, Chicago Street. Phase 3 is complete. The City of Hammond had previously been approved for a CO of \$80,000.
- Last fall, Hobart requested \$90,000 CE for DES # 1592275.
- A motion was made by Jill Murr and a second by Dean Button to approve all aforementioned funding. The motion passes unanimously.
- In addition, an amended motion was made by Jill Murr and a second by Phil Gralik to table DES # 1901948 for 113th and US 231 in Crown Point, DES #1006787 for Mississippi St, and DES #1901949 in Merrillville. The motion passes unanimously.

New Business

Tim Werner from Ciorba Group presented on the practice of using Qualifications-based Selection (QBS). QBS can match the right person for the project and reduce cost.

Announcements

Charles informed the committee that there were technical difficulties while streaming the meeting.

Adjournment

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m. The next TROC Lake and Porter meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at NIRPC.