

## **Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee**

### **Lake & Porter Counties**

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room  
6100 Southport Road, Portage

November 28, 2017

### MINUTES

NIRPC Commissioner George Topoll called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included AJ Monroe, Dean Button, Trisha Nugent, Jeff Huet, George Topoll, Don Oliphant Mark O'Dell, Dennis Cobb, Adam McAlpine, Chris Moore and Joyce Newland via conference phone. Staff present included Trey Wadsworth, Kathy Luther, Charles Bradsky, Mitch Barloga, Gabrielle Biciunas, James Winters, Stephen Sostaric and Eman Ibrahim.

**Quarterly Tracking Meeting Review:** Charles Bradsky said one project might not go this year so STP funding is available. If anything can be accelerated into 2018, let him know.

#### **Draft Project and Scope Change Policies**

Mitch Barloga presented the updated policy. Prerequisites were outlined for new projects to be adhered to in order to be substituted for existing TIP projects. The project scope changes draft policy was also reviewed. Some wordsmithing changes were made by the committee.

The draft policies will be discussed at the LaPorte TROC meeting and Technical Planning Committee will make the final recommendations. On a motion by Jeff Huet and a second by Mark O'Dell, the committee voted to recommend the draft policies as amended to the Technical Planning Committee.

#### **Other Policy Clarifications**

- a. Meeting dates and frequency of meetings were discussed. The consensus was that the committee will meet monthly and cancelled if there is no business.
- b. With regard to change orders, the consensus was that they be brought to a meeting instead of via email for the sake of transparency.

#### **Amendments**

- a. Amendment #5 for Local Projects
  - i. Porter County is looking to accelerate the Bridge #62 project, moving it from 2019 to 2018.
  - ii. The Valparaiso Safe Routes to Schools construction phase project for \$86,640, DES #1500421, was not on the list and will be tabled for next TROC meeting on January 2.
  - iii. The CN award for Hammond HAWK signals was increased to \$192,991. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Jeff Huet, the committee voted to approve Amendment #5 as amended, including the Hammond project into the amendment.
- b. Amendment #6 for INDOT Projects

There was no discussion on the three projects and the committee voted to approve Amendment #6 on a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Dean Button.
- c. Amendment #7 for Transit

James Winters explained that the amendment was to include a maintenance/overall project for NICTD, which was inadvertently overlooked. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the committee voted to approve Amendment #7.

**Change Order Requests**

- Charles Bradsky explained that the purpose of the change order for DES #1400568 in Lake County was not federal funds but a utility reimbursement. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Dean Button, the committee voted to approve change order #5. Consensus of the committee was to table change orders #6 and #7 until the next meeting.

The next TROC Committee meeting was determined to be January 2, 2018, followed by a January 30, 2018 meeting. Hearing no other business, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

*A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at 219-76-6060 ext. 131 or email at [mthorne@nirpc.org](mailto:mthorne@nirpc.org) should you wish to receive a copy or a portion of it.*