

## **Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee**

### **Lake & Porter Counties**

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room  
6100 Southport Road, Portage

February 27, 2018

#### MINUTES

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Jeff Sheridan, Dean Button, Craig Hendrix, Jeff Huet, Mark O'Dell, Jake Damarell, Tim Burkman, Mark Gordish, Phil Gralik, Jeff Sheridan and Eric Wolverton. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone. Staff present included Charles Bradsky and Mary Thorne.

#### **Amendments**

- a) State – Amendment #12: INDOT is programming all projects into FY 2020-2021. They did all under construction in 2020. Will have almost another 100 for 2021-2022 to be programmed. Julie Ritzler provided the project list. INDOT has broken out all sub- and super-structure repairs. Charles will contact Julie Ritzler for bridge numbers. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to recommend INDOT's list of projects as amended to the Technical Planning Committee for its recommendation to the Board.
- b) Local – Amendment #10: SMFR is state matching funds that were relinquished from the SR 130 project in Valparaiso which will be used for the US 30 project. 1601146 in East Chicago is a bike trail. They are using a NIPSCO easement and not right of way. PE and ROW got carried over from the previous TIP; CE did not. Last month, TROC voted to change the project limits because the bridge will not be built due to safety concerns. A phase elimination or suspension would just be an administrative modification and not show up in an amendment unless it was over 50% of the total cost. It would also be removed from the TIP and will be moved in the spending plan to an out year. DES 1006787 for Merrillville was in a previous TIP. Charles will add all of the descriptions onto the final amendment before it goes to TPC and the Board. Once the e-TIP is online, everything should be clear. For DES 1601159 in Valparaiso, the \$23,400 will be moved to CE. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #10 as amended to the TPC for its recommendation to the Board.

#### **Scope Change Requests**

- a) 0710064 – 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and MLK Drive – Gary was not present was tabled to the next month.
- b) 1601897 – Hobart – Phil Gralik asked to table the road safety audits. He will get further information on to Charles by the end of the week.

#### **Additional Funding Requests**

- a) 1401045 – Hobart asked for an additional \$185,400 HSIP. The funds are available. We had almost \$10 million and set aside \$7 million for Munster for 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is moving into 2019 and also using another \$1 million for Merrillville preemption into 2020. It is benefitting 7 or 8 communities. Charles will send out an updated spending plan and TIP and get them on the website by next week. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Dean Button, the committee voted to recommend the additional \$185,400 be provided to Hobart.
- b) 1382659 – The Hammond Marquette Trail project was let in February. There is extra money in the spending plan. Joyce Newland said an eligibility determination is needed before moving funds.

Charles will talk to INDOT about that. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to recommend the additional \$41,600 be provided to Hammond.

- c) 1382601 – Valparaiso intersection improvement – an additional \$140,000 in federal funds was requested. The letting is in April. Construction will not occur until 2019 and is going out for bid in April based on the engineering estimated increase. This is STBG. With April and May lettings, when a project comes in it must be ready to go. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to recommend the additional \$140,000 be provided to Valparaiso.
- d) 0088990 – Lake County Bridge #36 over the Kankakee River. Engineers estimate an increase from \$1,874,000 to \$2,865,000 in total costs and Lake County is requesting an additional \$772,840 STBG1 funds. Charles is requesting deferral. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the committee voted to decline this funding request.
- e) 1601159 – Valparaiso Ransom Road safety project. Tim Burkman will get a letter to Charles to determine eligibility of adding a work phase. No action is needed at this time.

### **FY 20018-2022 Chicago UZA Spending Plans**

Charles said the spending plan will be updated and resent. He will seek clarification in answer to a question about the next call for projects.

There were no public comments received.

The next TROC meeting for Lake and Porter Counties will be March 27, 2018 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Jeff Huet and a second by Mark O'Dell, Charles Bradsky adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.