

## **Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee**

### **LaPorte County**

September 18, 2018

### **MINUTES**

In attendance were Cary Kirkham (LaPorte County), Justin Kiel (LaCrosse), Mitchell Bishop (LaPorte County), Jerry Jay Sullivan (LaPorte County), Tom MacLennan (LaPorte Transporte), Beth Shrader (City of La Porte), Nick Minich (City of La Porte) and Craig Phillips (Michigan City). NIRPC staff included Charles Bradsky and Candice Eklund.

Charles Bradsky called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Justin Kiel and second by Beth Shrader.

#### **FY 19-22 Spending Plan**

Charles Bradsky discussed the spending plan and stated the total available funds remaining for FY 2019 are \$599,815.82. Craig Phillips shared with the Committee that he will not be pursuing the safety improvements at the intersection of Wabash Street and U.S. Route 12 because it is not warranted.

#### **NOFA Guidelines / Instruction**

Charles Bradsky presented draft guidelines for the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) for the Fall of 2018. Many of the Committee members provided Charles with great feedback on the NOFA draft document. Charles Bradsky will reflect all modifications on the document, to include tracking of the changes, and distribute to the Committee next month (October) for further review and acceptance.

Charles Bradsky also talked about the new online application. The application will be available November 19, 2018 with a completion day by January 4, 2019. Charles suggested the Committee to ask any question or setup a meeting to insure their applications are created correctly.

#### **Other New Business**

In a prior meeting, Nick Minich mentioned that he talked with Sarah Ford about the approval process for INDOT amendments and if there were options of requesting funding for a project that was related to an INDOT project. Sarah stated INDOT LaPorte District does have some discretionary state funds that can be programed into projects. Currently most of these funds go towards curb ramps to bring these up to current American Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. A large chunk of this work is in smaller communities. Nick stated he will be submitting a prioritized listing of all ADA deficiencies to INDOT for the City of La Porte so when they work other projects, INDOT will attempt to address as many projects possible with the discretionary funding. He is encouraging others to do the same.

Justin Kiel inventoried the regulatory signs in LaCrosse for possible replacement. Charles Bradsky suggested Justin talk with Sarah Ford of INDOT regarding the 93 signs he wants to replace. It was suggested, that Justin needs to obtain an estimate for the purchase and installation of the signs .

#### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:23 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 1:00 pm.