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RE: Award of Federal Funds from the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

Congratulations! The Town of Cedar Lake has been awarded **\$ 1,495,115** in Federal Transportation Funds from the NIRPC (Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission) for the following project:

Founder Creek Multi-Use Trail

The following is the project scope required to be completed as a condition of this award letter (as described in the need & purpose in the town's application):

- Need: Residents need a non-motorized access from the town center of Cedar Lake to the NE and Lemon Lake, a Lake County Park
- Purpose: To complete the first link in a trail to connect Cedar Lake to Crown Point and Lowell by constructing a trail from the Town Center to Lemon Lake County Park in the NE of the town.

The project scope provided and all of the elements described must be completed with the project, regardless of what length, phasing, or cost is determined. All awarded projects will be carefully monitored to ensure that the project scope, as provided by the MPO, will be specifically completed.

Please understand that the award amount is contingent upon the availability of funding through Congressional Appropriations to the State of Indiana. Also, it is important to understand that these funds are a part of the Federal Highway Reimbursement Program, which is not a "Grant", thus no funds may be used until the documentation of payment for services is received. Additionally, no project activities conducted prior to a signed LPA-Consultant contract are eligible for reimbursement.

These funds, administered by the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), may only be used as reimbursement for those work items eligible within Federal Guidelines (unless instructed otherwise by the MPO). However, regardless of the actual phases awarded funding, Federal Guidelines and the INDOT Product Development Process (PDP) must be followed through all

phases of the project: Preliminary Engineering (PE), Right-of-Way (RW), and Construction (CN), which includes both Construction (CN) and Construction Engineering/Inspection (CE).

This funding award has been divided among the phases of the project. The following amounts may only be used on the phases identified below:

Total Project Costs: \$1,882,723.00

State Funding Year	Phase	Federal Funds	Required Local Match	Fed Funding Type
2026	PE	\$ 72,685.00	\$ 32,000.00	TA
	RW	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	N/A
2028	CN	\$ 1,422,430.00	\$355,608.00	TA
Total Award:		\$ 1,495,115.00	\$ 387,608.00	

This funding award must be obligated in the State Funding Year (SFY) identified above, which occurs July 1st to June 30th. Additional funding awards for this project may or may not be available, so the LPA should proceed as if the funds are not available. Any additional costs or cost increases in any phase of this project will be 100% responsibility of the LPA. Any non-participating elements of the project are not eligible for federal funds and therefore, will also be 100% responsibility of the LPA. This award may or may not include funding award for all phases of a project and there is no guarantee that additional funding awards will be available. Therefore, it is important to understand that upon acceptance of this award, if the project does not transpire into construction of the project, this funding award will be required to be paid back to INDOT, per FHWA Guidelines. Additionally, upon receiving a Notice to Proceed (NTP) from INDOT, monthly reimbursement requests must be submitted to INDOT to prove progress to FHWA on the project. The absence of regular reimbursement requests to INDOT proves inactivity and FHWA may close the project without recourse, at which time, the funding award will be revoked and the LPA will be required to pay back any reimbursements to INDOT.

Please Note: For this award, the total funds reimbursed cannot exceed eighty percent (80%) of the total project cost.

Each LPA receiving federal transportation funds will also be required to maintain a detailed project schedule (set at the Early Coordination Meeting with INDOT) to demonstrate your willingness to complete your project in a timely manner or the funding for your project will be withdrawn. This schedule will be established at the Project Scoping Meeting held with INDOT, the MPO, and the contracted consultant. Please Note: Once a letting date has been established, formal approval will be necessary from the MPO and/or INDOT for any changes to the letting date. It is important to note that any changes to the dates in the project schedule that precede the letting date will affect the letting date.

To maintain eligibility for this award of federal funds, the designated ERC for your community must maintain certification through INDOT. The ERC will be required to actively participate throughout the life of the project, maintain project records on behalf of the LPA, and direct the contracted consultant. The ERC and the contracted consultant will also be required to

attend Quarterly Tracking Meetings and follow the Quarterly Tracking Process as outlined by the policies of the NIRPC.

A hard copy of this correspondence will not be sent and it is advised that the ERC keep a copy for their records.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles J. Bradsky". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Charles Bradsky,
Transportation Projects Manager
NIRPC

Ecc: Ty Warner, NIRPC
Tom Vander Woude, NIRPC
Marcia Blansett, INDOT
Breanne Freese, INDOT