

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST:

This is an emergency request due to the Sagamore Parkway Trails bids which were opened on April 6th. While four bids were submitted, all of them were significantly higher than the engineer's estimate. The low bid was approximately \$850,000 more. The urgency in processing this TIP amendment is because INDOT needs the MPO Federal funding commitment quickly.

In order to fully fund the construction costs, APC staff identified three sources for additional federal funds. The first source was the unallocated FY 2022 IIJA funds in the amount of \$117,812. Since the Policy Board preauthorized APC to add these funds in case the bids came in higher, a TIP modification was processed on April 8th and they were added to the project.

The second source came from the additional FY 2022 IIJA funds that were allocated to the Morehouse Road project right-of-way phase and the amount was \$262,675. The County agreed to the transfer and a TIP modification was processed on April 8th to move them to the Trail project. These funds will be replenished in a future TIP amendment when we allocate our additional FY 2023 IIJA funds.

The last source is through a trade with the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission. They agreed to swap \$303,737 in FY 2022 Federal funds for the same amount that will be repaid back in FY 2023. We have identified the additional FY 2023 IIJA Federal funds for this repayment and this will be handled through a future TIP amendment. This emergency amendment is needed in order to program these NIRPC funds in the FY 2022 TIP.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of this emergency amendment to the Policy Board.