FY 2022-2026 TIP Additional Federal Funds Area Plan Commission Staff

Staff Report May 10, 2023

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST:

Through INDOT's monthly Federal funding obligation reports, we learned that our area has received an additional \$141,243 in FY 2023 federal funds. These additional funds became available after INDOT finalized their FY 2023 Local Sharing Agreement. It appears INDOT received more funding than anticipated, and some of these additional funds have been allocated to the MPOs. These funds must be obligated by September 20, 2023.

Because the window to obligate them is less than five months, APC staff looked at the projects where these funds could be added, and they are:

- 1) Yeager Road (construction phase),
- 2) Morehouse Road (right-of-way phase),
- 3) South 9th Street (right-of-way or engineering phases), and
- 4) Soldiers Home Road (engineering phase)

FUNDING STATUS OF THE FOUR PROJECTS:

The Yeager Road project was let for construction in March 2023. The low bid from Atlas Excavating Inc. was \$8,725,390, and the amount of federal funds obligated was \$5,638,190. That equates to a 64.6% federal funding share.

Currently, \$1,227,112 in Federal funds have been obligated to the Morehouse Road right-of-way phase. The current quarterly report shows the updated estimate is \$1,544,111 and the amount obligated equates to approximately an 80% federal funding share.

For the South 9th Street project, the current quarterly report shows an estimated January 2024 completion date for the environmental report. This is past the deadline when the funds must be obligated. For engineering, the updated engineering estimate is \$758,510 and \$581,264 has been obligated. This equates to a 76.6% federal funding share.

Finally, \$876,200 in federal funds have been obligated for the Soldiers Home Road engineering phase. According to the most recent quarterly report, the estimated total cost for engineering is \$1,196,172 and the amount obligated equates to a 73.3% federal funding share.

APC staff is requesting a discussion of the options and a recommendation about which project should receive the additional funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussing the four options and recommending one project to receive the additional funding.