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Regional Planning Commission

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Transportation Policy Committee
May 13, 2014 9:00 a.m.
NIRPC/Forum Building

AGENDA

1. Call to Order by Chairman, Opening and Announcements

- a) Pledge of Allegiance; Introductions
- b) Meeting Participation Survey
- c) **Action** on the minutes of the April 8 meeting (*Pages 1-4*)
- d) Public Comment on Agenda Items

2. Presentation

US Census Bike-to-Work Report – Mitch Barloga

3. Planning

- a) Transit Operators Planning Agreement Update – *Steve Strains*
- b) CRP Plan and TIP Update – *Mitch Barloga*
- c) Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update – *Mitch Barloga*

4. Programming

- a) HSIP Update – *Stephen Sostaric*
- b) **Action** on FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program – *Eman Ibrahim*
- c) **Action** on Amendment #18 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – (*Gary Evers*) (*Pages 5*)
- d) **Action** on Amendment #19 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program – *Gary Evers* (*Pages 6-7*)
- e) Quarterly Tracking Meeting Dates – *Amanda Pollard*
- f) **Action** on Federal Fund Exchange Program (FFEP) Policy – *Gary Evers*
- g) INDOT Funding Changes & Highway Project Production Schedules (Five-Year Funding Plans) – *Gary Evers*
- h) Local Federal-Aid Funding Policy Changes & Targeted Highway Project Solicitations for Fall 2014 – *Gary Evers*

5. Indiana Department of Transportation

Project Lettings Report – *Chris Reynolds* (*Pages 8-9*)

Illiana Update

6. Transit Operator Reports

- a) Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District

- b) Gary Public Transportation Corporation
- c) Other Operators

7. Local and Regional Transportation Projects

- a) Gary/Chicago International Airport
- b) Highways (state and local projects)
- c) Indiana Toll Road
- d) Non-motorized
- e) Port of Indiana
- f) Regional Development Authority
- g) Other

8. Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration

9. Planning Neighbors

- a) Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- b) South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- c) Southwestern Michigan Commission

10. Other Business, Public Comment, Staff Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- a) Other Business
- b) Staff Announcements
- c) Meetings at NIRPC unless otherwise indicated:
 - Executive Board – 9:00 a.m. May 15
 - Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee – 1:30 p.m. May 23
 - Local Government Assistance Committee – 9:00 a.m. May 30
 - Environmental Management Policy Committee – 9:00 a.m. June 5

The next Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

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Transportation Policy Committee Meeting

NIRPC Auditorium

April 8, 2014

MINUTES

Members Present

Jim Polarek, Stan Dobosz, Joe Simonetto, Tom McLennan, Deb Backhus, Claudia Taylor, David Wright, Bruce Spires, Art Biciunas, Robert Thompson, Frank Rosado, Jr., Jezreel Rodriguez, Mary Jane Thomas, Robert Zondor, Tyler Kent, Jeff Huet, Tom Vander Woude, Mitch Bishop, Joe Crnkovich and Reggie Arkell and Jerry Halperin via conference phone.

Guests

Jim Pinkerton, Jake Dammarell, Christopher Murphy, Brad Minnick, Rebecca Williams, Chris Reynolds, Mark Pittman, Tim Burkman, Ron Wiedeman, Ken Martin, Carole Carlson, Stephanie Smith, Michael Jabo, Chris Moore, A J Monroe, Clay Cates, Julia Surber, Glen Campbell, Lisa Shrader, Rudy Velasco and Keith Benman.

NIRPC Staff

Steve Strains, Mitch Barloga, Mary Thorne, Gary Evers, Eman Ibrahim, Jack Eskin, Kevin Garcia, Sarah Geinosky, Gabrielle Biciunas, Belinda Petroskey, Stephen Sostaric, Scott Weber, Ty Warner and Amanda Pollard.

1. Call to Order, Opening and Announcements

- a) Chairman Jim Polarek called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.
- b) The INDOT voluntary participation survey was available on the table.
- c) On a motion by Joe Simonetto and a second by Stan Dobosz, the minutes of the March 11 meeting were approved as submitted.
- d) There was no public comment.

2. Presentation

Tim Burkman, City of Valparaiso, presented on the roundabout system in Valparaiso. The five roundabouts have proven to be safer, greener and more efficient and cost-effective than traditional road systems such as clover leaves.

3. Planning

- a) Jack Eskin gave an update on a potential high speed rail initiative for service from Chicago to Detroit through a partnership between IDOT, INDOT and MDOT. Indiana's portion will fund engineering of existing right of way. Routes will be identified toward the middle of this year. Speeds would range from 110 in Michigan to 70 in Indiana.
- b) Mitch Barloga gave an overview of the I-65 added lane project and the Cline Avenue request. INDOT would widen I-65 between US 231 and SR 2 from 4-6 lanes with projected completion by December 31, 2019. The Cline Avenue Bridge project was presented at the last TPC meeting by American

Structurepoint. All prerequisites were satisfied. TPC actions sought are recommendation to the NIRPC board next week of the air quality conformity determination and an amendment to the CRP and TIP except for Cline Avenue.

- c) Stephen Sostaric reported on the more than 30 day public comment period for I-65 and Cline Avenue 2040 CRP amendment. Meetings were held in Merrillville and East Chicago with most of the interest being on the Cline Avenue project being a toll road. The report was available in the packet.
- d) Stephen Sostaric reported on the draft public comment report on the NICTD EIS for the South Shore expansion as well as a three-year demonstration grant for the "Triangle" transit service between Michigan City, LaPorte and Purdue North Central which will be up for action as Amendment #13. The Triangle is a joint partnership between the City of LaPorte, City of Michigan City, La Porte County and Purdue North Central for the service and one vehicle. Four public meetings were held; one in Munster and three in one day in Michigan City, La Porte and at Purdue North Central. There is a need for the Triangle Service. Recommendation to the NIRPC board for adoption next Thursday will be sought pending no adverse comments received before the comment period ends this Thursday.
- e) Scott Weber presented the Air Quality Conformity Determination for expansion of I-65 between US 231 and SR 2 and Cline Avenue. The determination complies with all federal requirements. All mobile source emissions of VOC and NO_x as well as PM_{2.5} are less than the Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets established in the Maintenance Plan included in the US EPA approved STIP for Lake and Porter Counties. On a motion by Joe Simonetto and a second by Joe Crnkovich, the committee voted to recommend the Air Quality Conformity Determination for approval by the NIRPC board.
- f) Mitch Barloga asked for recommendation of Amendment 4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan as explained in 3. b) above. On a motion by Joe Simonetto and a second by Phil Gralik, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #4 to the Comprehensive Regional Plan for approval by the NIRPC board.
- g) Eman Ibrahim presented the FY 2015-2016 Unified Planning Work Program which is required by MAP-21 planning regulations, the Clean Air Act of 1990 and USDOT. The program spans from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016. Elements of the program include Transportation law & regulations, MAP 21, safety, infrastructure condition, congestion reduction system reliability, freight movement and economic vitality. Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) under MAP-21 include ADA transition plans, Functional Classification Update, Pavement Management System, FTA Planning Emphasis Areas, Planning Environmental Linkages, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Environmental Justice, the role of the MPO in major capital investment planning for transit, livable and sustainable communities and Map-21 Performance-Based Planning. Priorities include the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan implementation, livable centers, a regional vision for transit, core community revitalization, regional planning and implementation, education, a Sustainable Communities Partnership, and performance measures and indicators. The planning budget for 2015 is \$3,599,267 and the budget for 2016 is \$456,500 less at \$3,142,767. Contact Eman for more information.

4. Programming

- a) Gary Evers described the three non-exempt INDOT I-65 added travel lane projects and the non-exempt East Chicago Cline Avenue Bridge replacement project in Amendment #11 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion by Joe Simonetto and a second by David Wright, the committee recommended FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #11 to the NIRPC Board for approval.
- b) Gary Evers described the six exempt INDOT projects and phases in Amendment #16 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion by Phil Gralik and a second by Joe Simonetto, the committee recommended FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #16 to the NIRPC Board for approval.

- c) Belinda Petroskey described the transit projects in Amendment #13 to the FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for the NICTD West Lake Corridor Environmental Impact Study, the "Triangle" Michigan City-LaPorte, Purdue North Central Transit Service for three-year demo operating assistance) and the expansion vehicle for the new transit service. Steve Strains commented that the Triangle Service was anticipated for many years and also a potential implementation project for NIRPC's Comprehensive Regional Plan. On a motion by Mary Jane Thomas and a second by David Wright, the committee recommended FY 2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #13 to the NIRPC Board for approval.

5. Indiana Department of Transportation

Chris Reynolds described the lettings for March, April and May which were included in the materials, noting that Contract R-30519 will let on April 9 and the last project listed for May is actually in Porter County. Projects for the July and August lettings should be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

6. Transit Operators Reports

- a) **NICTD** – Joe Crnkovich reported that March ridership was down 4/10 of 1% over March of 2013. Non-peak weekday service was down over last March but peak service was up 2%. The Dune Park and East Chicago Grand Calumet Bridge work will finish this spring. Five miles of overhead wire from the shops in Michigan City east will be replaced this year. The contract for the bridge replacement at North Point Road was awarded to JCI Bridge Group for \$1.2 million and will be replaced this fall with a two week outage. The Michigan City study is complete. The plan is done for Michigan City but actual construction work may not take place for a while. Interim repair to the street running will need to take place.
- b) **GPTC** – David Wright said February ridership was 1 or 2% below that of February 2013. The weather was still affecting ridership. The Lake Shore service starts in early May. On the Lake Shore South service, some mileage was cut out of the Purdue Calumet Loop to improve service to Highland with a target date of May 5. A public forum was held on March 21 on the Livable Broadway project and conversation led to some changes to the scope. An RFP is out and is due May 9 with pre-bids due on April 30. Go to www.gptcbus.com for more information.

7. **Local and Regional Transportation Projects** – No reports were given.

8. **Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration** – No reports were given.

9. **Planning Neighbors** – Tom Vander Woude of South Suburban Mayors and Managers reported that the Illinois-394/Illinois-1 corridor study from I-80 south to the proposed Illiana site kick-off was in March. The study of the 18-mile corridor study will take 18 months to complete. Information will be posted at [IL-394and IL-1corridorstudy.com](http://IL-394andIL-1corridorstudy.com). Also, the Southeast Commuter Rail Transit District just released a request for expressions of interest related to a study on southeast service Metra line at www.secrdt.com.

10. Other Business, Public Comment, Staff Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

a) Other Business:

Stephanie Smith of South Shore Clean Cities posted information at the table on the Green Fleet Program. SSCC is looking for communities wanting to green their fleet; two in each county, Lake, Porter and La Porte.

b) Staff Announcements:

- Mitch Barloga said in addition to NIRPC's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) solicitation, which runs until May 16, INDOT is putting out a call for projects for their TAP program for all urbanized areas in the state. Information will be sent out today.

- Steve Strains said all entities on US 30 may be interested in an upcoming meeting Thursday at 1 p.m. EDT in South Bend at the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce on the Indiana Lincoln Highway Byway Corridor Management Committee. The committee is being formed including the 11 counties located along US 30.
 - Steve Strains said NIRPC's committee structure is under review by the Board, with the review meetings chaired by NIRPC Vice-Chair and LaPorte Mayor Blair Milo. All committees, task forces, etc. are under review to examine membership, functionality, value, etc. The goal is to perhaps streamline committee structure and avoid duplication, in addition to increasing participation.
 - Steve Strains had some copies available of NIRPC's Planning Certification Review which was released in late December. He added that NIRPC is certified with one corrective action.
- c) The meeting schedule was provided in the materials. The Executive Board/Full Commission will meet on Thursday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m. at NIRPC. Cornucopia 2014 will be held on April 24 at the La Porte Civic Auditorium from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on May 1 at 9:00 a.m. at NIRPC.

The next Transportation Policy Committee meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 13 at NIRPC.

On a motion by Stan Dobosz and a second by Phil Gralik, Jim Polarek adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at the phone or email below should you wish to receive a copy of it.

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2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

Amendment #18 May 2014

Air Quality Exempt Projects

NEW INDOT Projects & Project Phases

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Year	Funds		
				Funds	Phase		Total	Non-Federal	
0600082	INDOT	I-94 Channel Realign And Reshape. Willow Creek under WBL, 0.9 miles E of I-90.	Add new project to TIP.	NHPP Interstat e	PE	2015	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000 \$ 10,000	
Location: Within City of Portage. This bridge also carries traffic over US 20. Length of Channel Work: About 53'.									
1172271	INDOT	I-94 Pipe Lining. About 0.13 mi W of Ict SR 149.	Add new project to TIP.	NHPP Interstat e	PE	2015	\$ 117,000	\$ 105,300 \$ 11,700	
Located within the Town of Burns Harbor.									
1400650	INDOT	Institution & Park Road Maintenance. At Indiana State Prison.	Add new project to TIP.	State	CN	2015	\$ 100,000	\$ - \$ 100,000	
Located in Michigan City.									
1400651	INDOT	Institution & Park Road Maintenance. From Mixsawbah Fish Hatchery to Kankakee River.	Add new project to TIP.	State	CN	2015	\$ 100,000	\$ - \$ 100,000	
Located in unincorporated LaPorte County SE of the City of LaPorte.									
1296938	INDOT	SR 2 Centerline Rumble Stripes Installation. From US 41 to I-65.	Add new project to TIP.	STP	CN	2016	\$ 90,000	\$ 72,000 \$ 18,000	
Located in unincorporated Lake County and the Town of Lowell. Length: About 8.75 miles.									

2014-2017 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

Amendment #19 May 2014

Air Quality Exempt Projects

NEW LPA Projects & Project Phases

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Funds			
				Funds	Phase	Year	Total	Federal	Non-Federal
1173427	Crown Point	Drainage Improvement: Broadway (SR 53) at 101st Ave. with Bike/Ped Component	Add new RW phase to TIP.	STP	RW	2015	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000
		Located about 0.7 miles W of I-65.			CN	2017	\$ 1,779,600	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,579,600
1383289	Porter County	Construct Brincka Garden Trail (at Intersection of Porter CR 425E and Furness Road).	Add new project to TIP.	Rec Trails Program	PE	2015	\$ 30,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,000
		Location: In unincorporated Porter County about 0.95 miles S of the intersection of US 12 and Broadway (Beverly Shores).			RW	2015	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000
1382220	LaPorte County	Johnson Rd Intersection Imp. At CR 500W/250 S.	Add new phase to TIP.	STP II	PE	2015	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000
		Location: Unincorporated LaPorte County about 1.03 miles W of I-80/90. Total estimated cost of completion is \$1.3 million.			CN	2016	\$ 137,500	\$ 110,000	\$ 27,500
1382594	Cedar Lake	Lake Shore Drive Intersection Improvements at Cline Ave. (Roundabout)	Add new phase to TIP.	STP I	RW	2016	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000
		Located about two miles E of US 41 on the northern shore of Cedar Lake.			CN	2017	\$ 1,725,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 1,625,000
1173429	Lake Station	Intersection Improvements: Central Ave @ Fairview. Funds are HSIP federal transferred to STP I.	Add new phase to TIP.	STP I	PE	2015	\$ 166,666.67	\$ 150,000	\$ 16,667

NEW LPA Projects & Project Phases

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal		Funds	
				Funds	Phase	Year	Total

Located 0.9 miles W of SR 51. Total estimated cost of completion is \$2.3 million.

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
INDOT - LaPorte District Letting

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\$6,877,365.02

Total Letting Cost:

OFFICIAL TABULATION OF BIDS RECEIVED

LAPORTE DISTRICT

FOR THE LETTINGS IN APRIL 2014

B-35554 Des:	1297848	Description: Route: Location: County:	Bridge Maintenance & Repair I-65 0.94 miles N of US 30 (73rd Avenue over I-65) Lake	Address Gary, IN	Phone 219-938-0860	Letting Date: 4/2/2014 SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$713,538.80
		CONTRACTOR:	ELLAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC.				
R-30519 Des: Des: Des:	0301112 1296690 1382331	Description: Route: Location: County:	Road Rehabilitation/Roadside Work, Other US 12 From US 41 to Schrage Avenue, 1.56 miles E of US 41 Lake	Address Griffith, IN	Phone 219-924-5900	Letting Date: 4/9/2014 SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$5,485,916.62
		CONTRACTOR:	WALSH & KELLY, INC.				
R-36496 Des:	1383058	Description: Route: Location: County:	Institution & Park Road Maintenance Park Road Westville Correctional Facility - Road from Main Gate to the Admin Bldg. LaPorte	Address Goshen, IN	Phone 574-875-5183	Letting Date: 4/2/2014 SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$91,013.18
		CONTRACTOR:	RIETH RILEY CONSTRUCTION				
R-16500 Des:	1383059	Description: Route: Location: County:	Institution & Park Road Maintenance Park Road Indiana Dunes State Park LaPorte	Address Goshen, IN	Phone 574-875-5183	Letting Date: 4/2/2014 SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$154,956.10
		CONTRACTOR:	RIETH RILEY CONSTRUCTION				
R-39935 Des: Des: Des:	1006731 1006699 1296173	Description: Route: Location: County:	Small Structure Replacement SR 2 0.56 mile W of jct US 6 1.43 miles W of jct US 6 1.19 miles W of US 6 LaPorte, Porter	Address Goshen, IN	Phone 574-875-5183	Letting Date: 4/2/2014 SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$386,714.55
		CONTRACTOR:	L G S PLUMBING, INC.				
R-33253 Des:	0810289	Description: Route: Location: County:	Intersection Improvement w/ Added Travel Lanes Local At Intersection of Abrogast Avenue and Avenue H Lake	Address Crown Point, IN	Phone 219-565-2177	Letting Date: 4/2/2014 LPA SOLD	AMOUNT OF BID \$639,215.77
		CONTRACTOR:	WALSH & KELLY, INC.				

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LAPORTE DISTRICT

FOR THE LETTINGS IN MAY 2014

R-32114 Des:	0600704	Description: Route: Location: County:	Road Rehabilitation US 30 From SR 51 to CR 250 W, 2.99 miles W of SR 2 Lake	Address Griffith, IN	Phone 219-924-5900	Letting Date: 5/9/2014
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**Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
INDOT - LaPorte District Letting**

R-34484 Des:	1173428	Description: Route: Location: County:	Road Reconstruction Local Kennedy Avenue reconstruction from 174th to 168th Lake	Letting Date: 5/8/2014 <input type="text" value="LPA"/>
R-35941 Des:	1297632	Description: Route: Location: County:	Concrete Pavement Restoration US 30 From Illinois State Line to US 41 Lake	Letting Date: 5/8/2014
R-35411 Des:	1173472	Description: Route: Location: County:	Road Reconstruction Local CR 950 W Road Reconstruction LaPorte	Letting Date: 5/8/2014 <input type="text" value="LPA"/>
NO PROJECTS IN THE JUNE LETTING				
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION <i>Driving Indiana's Economic Growth</i>				
LAPORTE DISTRICT				
T-34493 Des:	1173425	Description: Route: Location: County:	Traffic Signals, Modernization Local Upgrade signals at Calumet Avenue and Indian Boundary Road Porter	Letting Date: 7/9/2014 <input type="text" value="LPA"/>
B-34283 Des:	9962620	Description: Route: Location: County:	Bridge Replacement, Concrete Local Bridge #2 over the Kankakee River on Clay Street (Range Line Road) Lake	Letting Date: 7/9/2014 <input type="text" value="LPA"/>
R-35349 Des: Des:	1297646 1385603	Description: Route: Location: County:	Concrete Pavement Restoration/Install Loop Detector SR 912 From 1 mile N of I-94 to Ridge Road/ At River Road Lake	Letting Date: 7/9/2014
RS-35837 Des:	1297253	Description: Route: Location: County:	Bike/Pedestrian Facilities Local Marquette Greenway-Hammond Phase 3, Sheffield, 129th to Toll Road Lake	Letting Date: 7/9/2014 <input type="text" value="LPA"/>
T-35289 Des:	1172191	Description: Route: Location: County:	Raised Pavement Markings, Refurbished Various RPM's various locations in the LaPorte District Fulton, Jasper, LaPorte, Lake, Marshall, Newton, Porter, Pulaski, St. Joseph Various	Letting Date: 7/9/2014