

NIRPC COMMISSIONER NEW COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM

Per Committee Structure Adopted May 21, 2015

w/Proposed Descriptions & Committee Makeup to be discussed 7/16/15

MEMBER'S NAME: _____

Please indicate your order of preference by identifying your first preference as **1**, your second preference as **2**. You will be assigned to two committees, and your first preference will be met unless we need to "balance" the committees.

****** New Committee – meeting schedule is to be determined by Committee

NIRPC OPERATIONS

___ **Finance and Personnel** meets @ 8am on 3rd Thursday as needed to address Financial Oversight, Claims, Contracts, Budget Development, Personnel Policies and Human Relations Issues, Procurement

Committee Makeup: NIRPC Treasurer (chair), 9 Commissioners, Executive Director, Finance & Administration Staff, NIRPC Attorney

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) COMMITTEES

___ **Legislative Committee** meets on call to determine NIRPC positions on priority state and federal legislation across all NIRPC planning domains and topics of local interest.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (no limit) Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair. Governor's Appointee and Executive Director.

___ **Local Government Assistance Committee** usually meets @ 9 am on 5th Thursday of a month to provide a forum for sharing or learning best practices and issues related to local governments, provides training opportunity, explores funding opportunities, local problem solving.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary, no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 (if needed), including Chair; City/Town Managers, Planners, Engineers, Appropriate stakeholders and/or subject area experts as appropriate.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) COMMITTEES

(Functional/Financial Committees = \$\$)

(Topical/Review Committees = TT)

___ **(\$\$) Technical Planning Committee ****NEW******

(Combination of members of committees formerly known as the Transportation Planning Committee and the *Pathway to 2040* Implementation Committee) meets on

_____.

Receives funding request from Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees, provides funding recommendations to Full Commission/Executive Board regarding amendments to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), advises NIRPC on policies and programs related to federal transportation funding, ensures plans and policies related to transportation, environment and public participation and others are technically consistent with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements and the 2040 Plan, sets categorical funding targets and priorities for specialized policy committees allocating federal transportation funding for various programs.

Committee Makeup: 12 Commissioners (4 per county including Chair), Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; (Commissioner may send a staff representative), 3 transit operators (1 per county); Eligible Federal Transportation Funding recipients; 1 NWI Forum representative; 1 INDOT representative; 1 NICTD representative; FHWA/FTA representative (non-voting).

____ **(TT) (\$\$) Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees Group I and Group II** ****NEW**** meets _____ to submit project and subsequent funding requests for CMAQ, STP, TAP, HSIP – Groups I & II meet respectively to create consensus on division of projects and funding amongst stakeholders present, meets quarterly to provide oversight of progress of projects successfully added to the TIP.

Committee Makeup: Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; Stakeholder Commissioners for respective groups (Group I – Lake & Porter Counties or Group II – La Porte County), town/city/county planners; town/city/county engineers or other staff as applicable; non-voting members unless representing a Stakeholder commissioner; appropriate NIRPC staff.

____ **(TT) Environmental Management and Policy Committee** meets @ 9 am on the first Thursday of the month to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to the environment in NWI; provide regional convening body for complex environmental issues impacting NWI; recommend environmental policies and oversee development of funded environmental plans and programs.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; municipal environmental staff; industrial environmental staff; IDEM & IDNR; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; environmental advocacy groups; regional academic experts; regional private sector/individual subject area experts; NIRPC environmental staff.

____ **(TT) Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee (3PC)** meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to trails, complete streets, and non-motorized transportation.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; local planners; local park and recreation staff; park and trail advocacy groups; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; National Parks Service; NIRPC non-motorized staff.

____ **(TT) Land Use Committee** meets as needed to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to land use, smart growth and transit-oriented development; provides training on best practices to local governments; oversee development of Livable Centers Program; selects and recommends transportation projects for Creating Livable Communities funding program.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; local planners; smart growth advocates, NIRPC planning staff.

_____ **(TT) Rail Vision Workgroup/Freight** meets _____ to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to freight transportation planning, rail, freight-related economic development, high speed rail and rail crossing safety; advises NIRPC on freight transportation needs and freight-related economic development and policies.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; regional industries; railroads; Ports of Indiana; Economic Development(NWI Forum?); local planners.

[(TT) Transit Operators Roundtable meets monthly following the *Technical Planning Committee* meeting to negotiate allocation of federal transit funding between operators and select and recommend transit projects for funding.

Committee Makeup: Transit Operators (NICTD, Gary Public Transportation Corp, East Chicago Public Transit, North Township Dial-a-Ride, Opportunity Enterprises, Porter County Aging & Community Services, City of LaPorte Transit, Michigan City Transit, Valparaiso V-Line and ChicaGo Dash; South Lake County Community Services); NIRPC Transit Planner and Transit Oversight staff.]

_____ **(TT) Surface Transportation Committee **NEW**** meets to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to street and highway transportation; oversees development of Regional Transportation Plan elements relating to federal requirements and establishes selection criteria and recommends transportation projects for STP and HSIP funding.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair (if needed); municipal planners or engineers; INDOT; and NIRPC transportation planners.

MPO AND COG COMMITTEE

_____ **Outreach Committee (proposed)** meets on call to advise and receive direction from the *Technical Planning Committee* to oversee the Public Participation Plan and assist NIRPC staff with local and regional outreach.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; stakeholders

The NIRPC Commission

The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission normally meets @ 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October. There is typically not a November meeting, and the December meeting is ordinarily held on the 2nd Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. Quorum of Executive Board is 6; full Commission quorum is 27.

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