

Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage
September 12, 2017

MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, Geof Benson, George Topoll, David Wright, Tom MacLennan, Lyndsay Quist, Stephen Stofko and Beth Shrader. Others present included Jeff Huet, Robin Barzoni-Tilman, Jill Murr, Jake Dammarel, Joe Crnkovich, Claudia Taylor, Mark Gordish, Karie Koehneke, Dennis Cobb, Matt Deitchley, Thomas Silich, Lauri Keagle, Ismail Attallah, Zach Hurst, Jerry Siska, Eric Wolverton, Don Oliphant, Phil Gralik, and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland, FHWA and Kat Schoenherr, INDOT, participated via conference phone. Staff present included Kathy Luther, Gary Evers, Stephen Sostaric, Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby. The minutes of the July 11, 2017 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Tom MacLennan.

Presentation: Mitch Barloga presented on the Safe and Secure Transportation System goal of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan, and gave examples of strategies for improving safety on roads and trails, reducing flooding and improving safety and security of transit facilities.

Implementation Planning

Lyndsay Quist gave an update on Next Level planning for the Indiana Department of Transportation. A large number of products will be going into the Transportation Improvement Program in the amount of \$226.1 million through FY 2022, and that number will increase as future projects become identified. Most of the work in the state's \$4.7 billion Next Level Plan is on preventive maintenance under SB 1002, enacting a 20-year financing plan.

Programming

- Gary Evers presented Resolution 17-20, the second amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for local agencies. The projects went through the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee process, interagency consultation and no public comments were received. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by George Topoll, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Amendment #2 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.
- Gary Evers presented Resolution 17-21, the third amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for INDOT projects. Calling it the "Mother of all Amendments," Evers said there were 17 pages of projects, mostly preventive maintenance, for a total amount of \$9.79 million. The projects went through the TROC process, interagency consultation and no public comments were received. Geof Benson moved to recommend Resolution 17-21 to the Board for adoption, seconded by David Wright. Some of the committee members commented on INDOT having a comprehensive plan for alternate routes making sure traffic flow is as smooth as possible. Kevin Breitzke commented that there was a motion and second on the floor. The Technical Planning Committee unanimously recommended Amendment #3 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Kathy Luther said the Environmental Management Policy Committee met on September 7 and heard presentations from Lake Michigan Coastal on SepticSmart Week and Dr. Jennifer Fischer of IUN on technology for microbial source tracking. EMPC will ask for adoption by the NIRPC board of resolutions in support of SepticSmart Week and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park being designated an International Dark Sky Sate Park. Laurie Keagle added that South Shore Clean Cities applied for 14 dieselwise grants; results are forthcoming.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee met last month and heard presentations on Adaptive Strategies for Disabled Access from Zully Alvarado, Causes for Change and Jessie Renslow, Neighborhood Spotlight for Legacy Foundation. There will not be a meeting in September because of the MPO Conference. The next meeting will be on October 26.
- Tom MacLennan reported that the transit operators roundtable will not meet due to BusCon in Indianapolis and the subrecipient meeting is also canceled as NIRPC currently has no financial people on staff.
- Stephen Sostaric said the next Freight Committee meeting will be announced.
- Reporting for Scott Weber, Stephen Sostaric said the committee met last week and adopted bylaws, guidelines for asset management plans, roles and responsibilities, and data collection efforts. The committee will meet December 5 at 9 a.m.

Planning Partners:

- Federal Highway Administration – Joyce Newland said the public comment period from the certification review has ended. Their report should be forthcoming by December.

There were no comments from the public.

Emerging Trends: Mitch Barloga showed a brief video on Superblocks in Barcelona Spain, making city centers more pedestrian-friendly, thereby reducing air and noise pollution.

Announcements:

- Kevin Breitzke announced that NIRPC is hosting the Indiana MPO Conference this year. The conference allows the extended MPO staffs, as well as representatives from other state and local agencies, to share topics in current transportation planning practice. One day attendance is \$50 and two day is \$90 and the registration deadline is this Friday. The conference will be held at the Stardust Event Center in Michigan City and will feature a *PowerPlanningPalooza* and several mobile tours. Visit the NIRPC website for more information and the link to register.
- Laurie Keagle announced the Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive on September 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NIRPC. Contact Catherine at 219-644-3690 or cyoder@southshorecleancities.org for reservations.
- Kevin Breitzke announced the upcoming meetings at NIRPC.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is October 10 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by George Topoll and Tom MacLennan, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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