

Technical Planning Committee Meeting
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage
April 10, 2018
MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Lyndsay Quist, Joe Rurode, Tyler Kent, Will Farrellbegg, Dean Button and Stephen Stofko. Others present included Jerry Siska, Jeff Huet, Mark Gordish, Chris Moore, Jill Murr, Tim Werner, Lauri Keagle, Claudia Taylor, and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland of the Federal Highway Administration participated via conference phone. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Trey Wadsworth, Kathy Luther, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Dominique Edwards, and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby.

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Tom MacLennan and a second by Will Farrellbegg.

There were no public comments.

Implementation Planning

- Trey Wadsworth said the public comment period on the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program ran from March 5 to April 4. There were no comments received.
- Trey Wadsworth gave an overview of Resolution 18-08, the FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program. The largest task is the development of the 2050 Plan. On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by David Wright, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-08, the FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program to the Commission for adoption.

Programming

James Winters presented Resolution 18-09, Amendment 12 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for transit projects changes to projects originally submitted in the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion by Kelly Wenger and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-09, Amendment 12 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the Commission for adoption.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Kathy Luther said the joint Environmental Management Policy Committee and Urban Waters Partnership meeting was held last Thursday. Presentations were given on the 2050 Plan Development Milestones and the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee also heard a presentation on the 2050 Plan Development. The Committee will next meet on June 7 at 11 am.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will have a heavy agenda at their next meeting on May 8. Tom MacLennan said the Transit Triangle is in the midst of a 30 day public comment period for expanding hours. A public meeting will be held this Saturday at the Fire Department in Michigan City at 10:30 am and on April 19 at 5:30 pm also at the Fire Department.

- Trey Wadsworth said the Land Use Committee met on March 21 and heard a presentation from East Chicago about the Roxanna Transit Oriented Development site around the NICTD station as well as the 2050 Plan Development.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee met last Thursday and discussed the 2050 Plan, INDOT lettings, the upcoming construction season and a match program for grade separation, safety, etc. with applications this summer. The next meeting is scheduled for June 5.

Planning Partners:

Federal Highway Administration – Joyce Newland said the results of the certification review were issued. A report will be given to the Full Commission at its meeting next week. There was a corrective action on public participation. Trey Wadsworth introduced NIRPC's new public participation planner, Dominique Edwards, who is already working on the corrective action.

2050 Plan Development Milestones and 2040 Retrospective: Trey Wadsworth presented an overview of NIRPC's 2050 Plan Development. Input will be solicited at each committee meeting and at least four public outreach periods will be held. The plan will go before the NIRPC Commission for adoption in May 2019 and then to INDOT and USDOT.

Announcements:

- Lyndsay Quist said it is National Work Zone Awareness Week. Everyone should be mindful of our workers in work zones.
- Kevin Breitzke read the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is May 8 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 9:50 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.

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