

**Technical Planning Committee Meeting**  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage  
May 8, 2018  
MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, Geof Benson, George Topoll, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Kay Nelson, Susan Weber, Tyler Kent, Dean Button, Beth Shrader and Stephen Stofko. Others present included Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner, Jeff Huet, Chris Moore, Jake Dammarell, Doug Ferguson, 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, Gabrielle Biciunas, and Mary Thorne.

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

The minutes of the April 10, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Beth Shrader.

There were no public comments.

### **Implementation Planning**

Trey Wadsworth led the committee's review and discussion on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals. Many suggestions were submitted on wordsmithing. Staff will incorporate the suggestions from all NIRPC committees into the plan.

### **Programming**

Charles Bradsky presented Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for three local projects which were vetted and supported by the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Kay Nelson, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the Commission for adoption.

### **Topical Committee Reports:**

- Kathy Luther said the Environmental Management Policy Committee met last Thursday and provided input on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals. An update was given on the Status of USX Chromium Spill Settlement Agreement.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will next meet on June 7 at 11 a.m. to provide their feedback on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will meet today to provide their input on the 2050 Plan and also discuss the Human Services Coordinated Transit Plan. The steering committee will meet next week.
- Eman Ibrahim said the Land Use Committee will meet on May 16 to provide input on the 2050 Plan Visions and Goals, hear a presentation on the Marquette Action Plan and discuss how to plan sustainable growth for 2050.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee will meet on June 5 at 9 a.m. to discuss the 2050 Plan, discuss performance measures as relates to system maintenance. The Valparaiso University project presentation tomorrow is being filmed and will be shown at the June 5 meeting.

**Planning Partners:**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – Doug Ferguson reported that their draft 2050 Plan will be released for public comment from June 15 to August 14.

**Emerging Trends:** Two videos on food deserts were shown.

**Announcements:**

- David Wright said seven markets will be set up along the Broadway Corridor downtown, at Ridge and University Park beginning July 27. On May 21 adjustments to the Broadway Metro Express and shuttle will be announced. A regional transportation summit is being held May 17 and 18. For more information go to <http://gptcsummit.com> or 219-595-2688, or by emailing [info@gptcsummit.com](mailto:info@gptcsummit.com).
- Mitch Barloga said the bike maps are being updated every two years. The 2018 edition should be coming out the end of the month.
- Trey Wadsworth introduced Oscar Castillo, NIRPC's new GIS Planner.
- Kevin Breitzke read the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is June 12 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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