

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

September 6, 2018 – 9:00 – 10:40 am

Lake Michigan Room, NIRPC Office
6100 Southport Rd. Portage, IN 46368

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| 1.0 | Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance | 9:00 |
| 2.0 | Introductions | 9:05 |
| NIRPC Business: | | |
| 3.0 | Approval of Minutes – June 7, 2018
ACTION REQUESTED – Approval | 9:10 |
| 4.0 | Presentation: Performance Based Planning (PbP) Framework for 2050 Plan
<i>Scott Weber, NIRPC</i>
NIRPC staff will present and solicit feedback on a recommended approach for applying a performance-based planning (PbP) framework to NIRPC’s 2050 Plan. The minimum federal PbP requirements will be a part of the framework, but there will also be several new, much more robust PbP metrics that NIRPC plans to monitor. | 9:15 |
| 5.0 | Presentation: Programmatic Investment Approach for 2050 Plan
<i>Mitch Barloga, NIRPC</i>
NIRPC staff will present and solicit feedback on a recommended approach for allocating funding in the 2050 Plan and 2020-2024 TIP. The approach differs from prior Plans in that there are more clearly links funding allocations with the vision, goals, and a performance-based planning (PbP) framework being developed for the Plan and TIP that fulfills and exceeds the requirements for PbP by FHWA and FTA. | 9:35 |
| Main Event: | | |
| 6.0 | Presentation: Chicago Wilderness Visioning
<i>Kris Krouse, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Chris Mulvaney</i> | 9:55 |
| 7.0 | Presentation: Oak Ecosystem Project
<i>Chris Mulvaney, Chicago Wilderness</i> | 10:15 |
| 8.0 | Announcements | 10:35 |
| 9.0 | Next Meeting
The next meeting of the EMPC committee is scheduled for October 4, 2018 at 9 a.m. | |
| 10.0 | Adjournment | 10:40 |

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June 7, 2018

Minutes

Members/Guests: Bill Emerson, Jr., Collin Simick, Jacob Fenske, Sherryl Doerr, Jen Birchfield, Tim Kingsland, Sarah Nimetz, Leslie Dorworth, Elizabeth McCloskey, George Malis, Kathryn Vallis, David Wosonecki-Ellis, Susan Mihalo, Robert Verbik, Lauri Keagle, Jeff Loewe, Kris Krouse, Greg Towler, Peg Donnelly, Geof Benson and Brenda Scott Henry.

NIRPC Staff: Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Gabrielle Biciunas, Eman Ibrahim, Mary Thorne and Candi Eklund.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bill Emerson, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Kathy Luther introduced Candi Eklund, NIRPC's new Administrative Assistant.

NIRPC Business:

a) Approval of Minutes

On motion by Tim Kingsland and a second by Sarah Nimetz, the May 3, 2018 EMPC meeting minutes were approved as presented.

b) Review Comment Letter for US Steel Corporation

Kathy Luther presented the comments written for the Proposed Consent Decree-United States et al v. United States Steel Corporation. Comments were submitted on June 6, 2018. The comments focused on coordinating spill responses with local government. Further clarification on the proposed notification plan that US Steel Midwest put in that was part of the proposed Consent Decree. If state and federal agencies were going to pursue legal settlements, they should contact their local governments and give them the opportunity to participate.

Marquette Action Plan

Gabrielle Biciunas presented the lakefront Marquette Action Plan (MAP). The plan was initiated by Congressman Pete Visclosky to have a vision and a strategy in creating a local lakefront and a goal to increase the shoreline access to 75%. In 2000, the open active shoreline access was 33%. Phase 1 took place in 2005 and focused on reclaiming the areas between the Indiana / Illinois state line to Portage, achieving 44% of shoreline access. Phase 2 began in 2008 and extended the area to include Portage to Michigan, achieving 66%. With the implementation of the MAP, the accessible shoreline reached 76% in 2017. Gabrielle noted that there is now an average of one access point of accessible lakefront for every two miles within the 45 miles of shoreline.

The draft plan is currently in a public comment period from May 30 to June 28.

Deep River Dam Feasibility Study

Joe Exl provided an overview and a history of the Deep River Dam feasibility study. In 2016, with the help of many partners, a recommended action of the Watershed Plan was to evaluate potentially removing or modifying the existing structure. Grant funding from the Department of Natural Resources was secured to conduct the lakes and river enhancements program and Lake Michigan coastal plan. The reasons for the modifications were for safety, improved recreational opportunities and increased biodiversity.

Three public meetings took place to hear the public's concerns. Of the four options proposed, the fourth option, to construct a riffle, is being presented moving forward.

The next phase is to obtain preliminary cost estimates with a letter of support from the Little Calumet River Basin Commission. The total cost of the project would be \$1.25 to \$1.55 million dollars.

Announcements

The event announcements submitted will be distributed in an email to the committee.

Kathy Luther presented the award that NIRPC received for the 2018 Medium Metro Achievement in Recognition of its Greenway and Blueways 2020 Plan.

The meeting for July has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Environmental Management Policy Committee will be held on August 2, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Hearing no other business, Bill Emerson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Investment type prioritization method			CMAQ	HSIP	STBG	TA	5307	5310	5337	5339	
NIRPC committee responsible	Investment category NIRPC program name	Investment type eligible projects by FHWA/FTA rules	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	\$ available (m)	
			\$ 3.61	\$ 2.90	\$ 11.95	\$ 0.98	\$ 12.14	\$ 0.45	\$ 17.44	\$ 0.60	
			\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	\$ assigned	
			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program	\$ to program				
3.61	2.90	11.95	0.98	12.14	0.45	17.44	0.60				
Eligible?	Federal share	Recommended amount	Eligible?	Federal share	Recommended amount	Eligible?	Federal share	Recommended amount	Eligible?	Federal share	Recommended amount
3PC	Complete streets	Bicycle infrastructure	Y 80 -	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Bicycle/pedestrian signals (HAWK, ped count downs,etc.)	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Construct/install/maint. of signs at bike/ped xings in school zone	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Lighting	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	On-road trails (bicycle lanes)	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Safe routes for non-drivers	N	Y 90 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Sidewalks	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Traffic calming	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	Complete streets	Transportation projects for ADA compliance	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
3PC	Multi-use path	Off-road trails (non-recreational)	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	SRTS	SRTS coordinator	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	SRTS	SRTS infrastructure projects	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
3PC	SRTS	SRTS non-infrastructure projects	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Energy + fuels	Advanced truck stop electrification	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Energy + fuels	EV + NGV infrastructure	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Energy + fuels	Transit vehicle emission reduction (new or modification)	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N
EMPC	Environment	Air quality education	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Archeological activities for mitigation	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Contrib. to restore / enhance / create habitats + wetlands	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Devel of regional environ protect plans	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Mitigation banking	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Stormwater manage / control / prevent	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Vegetation management in ROWs	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
EMPC	Environment	Vehicle related wildlife mortality reduction	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
LUC	Quality of place	Divided hwy conversion to blvds	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
LUC	Quality of place	Historic preserve of historic transportation facilities	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
LUC	Quality of place	Inventory / control / removal of outdoor advertising	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
LUC	Quality of place	Turnouts / overlooks	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Congestion	Construct of minor collectors in same corridor as NHS route	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Congestion	Fringe + corridor parking facilities / programs	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Congestion	Intersection congestion improvements	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Congestion	Travel demand management strategies / programs	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Congestion	Congestion pricing development / implementation	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Freight	Surface transport infrastructure to facilitate port "linkages"	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Freight	Truck parking facilities	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	ITS	Intelligent Transportation Systems	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	ITS	Traffic monitoring / management / control	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	New infrastructure	New bridge/roadway/tunnel construction	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Data collection / software / equip for PbP system	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Devel / implement of PbP manage. program	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Protection for bridges including inspections	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Road safety audit	N	Y 90 -	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Safety data collection / analysis + improvement of data	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Transportation planning (general)	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Plan / asset mgmt	Transportation safety planning	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Conduct model traffic enforcement activity at rail/hwy xing	N	Y 90 -	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Construct. + operational improvements on high-risk rural rds	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Emergency communications equip / priority control systems	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Highway signs for retroreflectivity	N	Y 90 -	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Installation of brand new guardrails, barriers, + crash atten.	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Installation of rumble strips (not in conflict w/ bike/ped/ADA)	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Installation of skid-resistant surface at a location w/ crashes	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Installation of traffic control at location w/ high crashes	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Intersection safety improvements	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Pavement and shoulder widening to remedy unsafe cond.	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Promote/educate hwy safety matters + project to enforce law	N	Y 90 -	N 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Railway-highway grade crossings	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Removal of roadside obstacle	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
STC	Roadway safety	Roadway safety for vehicles	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / ADA	Complementary paratransit service	N	N	N	N	Y 90 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / ADA	Vehicles for accessible taxi, ride share, or vanpool	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / ADA	Wheelchair lifts, ramps, and securement devices	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / asset mnmt	Capital investment in existing fixed guideway systems	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N
TOR	Transit / asset mnmt	Fixed guideway rolling stock (new or existing)	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N
TOR	Transit / asset mnmt	Preventative maintenance	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / asset mnmt	Transit maintainance facilities	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N
TOR	Transit / asset mnmt	Transit vehicles	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N
TOR	Transit / cust experience	Improve signage / wayfinding	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / cust experience	Transit passenger facilities	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N
TOR	Transit / expansion	Approach roads for ferries	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / expansion	Ferry boats	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / expansion	Ferry terminals	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / expansion	Incremental cost of providing same day service/door-to-door	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / expansion	New fixed guideway systems (including BRT)	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / mobility mnmt	Mobility management / information technology systems	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / mobility mnmt	Travel training	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / mobility mnmt	Volunteer driver programs	N	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / operating	Operating assistance	N	N	N	N	Y 50 -	Y 50 -	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / operating	Operational support equipment / computer hard/software	N	N	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N
TOR	Transit / planning	Transit planning	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N	N	N
TOR	Transit / safety	Transit security	N	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	Y 80 -	N	N