

**Technical Planning Committee**  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage  
December 11, 2018  
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Will Farrellbegg, Kelly Wenger, Margot Sabato, Dean Button, Tom MacLennan, Doug Ferguson, Jessica Miller, Beth Shrader and David Wright. Others present included Julie Ritzler, Jerry Siska, Francisco Rosado, Jr., Michael Jabo, Lauren Orchard, Ismail Attallah, Andrew Steele, K-Todd Behling, Aj Bytnar, Jake Dammarell, Jill Murr, Terry Velligan, Chris Moore and Ron Wiedeman. Joyce Newland and Kay Nelson participated via conference phone. Staff present included Trey Wadsworth, Charles Bradskey, Scott Weber, Mitch Barloga, Dominique Edwards, Eman Ibrahim, James Winters, Peter Kimball and Mary Thorne.

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

The minutes of the November 11, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by George Topoll.

There were no public comments.

### **Implementation Planning**

Eman Ibrahim presented on the 2050 Plan draft strategies identification. The Committee reviewed the 31 strategies under the goals of Connected, Renewed United and Vibrant for the Our People & Leaders vision. Changes were made as follows:

#### Connected

- Technical Assistance - The Program/Plan listed will be changed to a Policy.
- Added Program/Plan: The Statewide Corridor Plan.
- Education & Awareness - Added Policy: Workshops where available, LTAP.
- Partnership - Added Policy: Include Cline Avenue Bridge Partners, Indiana Toll Road, other bridge partnerships, the RDA, One Region and other MPOs.

#### Renewed

- Education & Awareness - Added Policy: Training for new technical jobs to meet any new demand.  
Data: Demonstrate the positive impact of transit, add "alternative means of transportation" ...  
Other: Change "overcoming" to "accommodating".
- Partnership – Add Policy: Construction Advancement Foundation, local colleges, Quality of Life Council, One Region.

#### United

- Education & Awareness – Added Policy: Develop more social media opportunities.
- Legislative Initiative – Remove sustained effort. It is redundant as it is shown under Funding & Finance.

#### Vibrant

Kevin Breitzke said we may add an economic development component in the future. There was population loss of 1%.

No other changes were made.

### **Topical Committee Reports**

- Trey Wadsworth reported that the Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on January 10 at 9 a.m. to review environmental strategies.
- Mitch Barloga reported that the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee met last week to review non-motorized strategies and honor Rory Robinson, who is retiring from the National Park Service. He provided details on the \$90 million Next Level Trail\$ Indiana - Application + Workshops. The committee will meet on February 7, probably at 1:30 p.m.
- James Winters said the Transit Operators Roundtable will be held immediately following this meeting to review transit strategies.
- Eman Ibrahim said the Land Use Committee met to review quality of place strategies. The next meeting will be held on January 31 at 10 a.m.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee met last week to review 39 mobility strategies. Half of the review was completed. The committee will meet on January 3 at 9 a.m. to complete its review.
- Charles Bradsky said there is no December Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee meeting.

### **Planning Partners**

Doug Ferguson reported that Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's On to 2050 Plan was approved in October. Go to [www.cmap.illinois.gov](http://www.cmap.illinois.gov) for more information.

### **Announcements**

- The NOFA Workshop will be held today at 1 pm in the Lake Michigan Room.
- Kelly Wenger gave an update on the double tracking and West Lake Corridor projects.
- The Rail Crossing Task Force will meet on December 17 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room.
- Julie Ritzler introduced Jessica Miller, the new INDOT non-voting member of TPC, replacing Lyndsay Quist.
- Upcoming meetings were listed with updates provided. The Finance & Personnel committee will meet on January 17 at 8 a.m. in the Dune Room at NIRPC.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is January 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.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.