

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage
January 8, 2019
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Will Farrellbegg, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Jessica Miller, David Wright and Tyler Kent. Others present included Marcia Blansett, Breanne Freeze, Jeff Huet, Mark O'Dell, Claudia Taylor, Jake Dammarell, Ismail Attallah, Jill Murr, Aj Bytnar, Bob Thompson, Matt Gavelek, Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner. Staff present included Scott Weber, Mitch Barloga, Dominique Edwards, James Winters, Peter Kimball and Candi Eklund.

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

The minutes of the December 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

Mitch Barloga presented on Next Level Trail\$ Funding of \$90 million authorized by Governor Holcomb in state money allocated through tollways. It is an 80/20 match and the local share can be soft (in-kind, donations, etc.). The program will be administered by Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Funds are available for preliminary engineering, construction engineering, design and right of way. 501(c)3 groups are eligible. The deadline is February 15. Projects will be identified as regionally significant or locally significant and trails should be part of a regional or local comprehensive plan. Projects not eligible include railroad, water and sanitary, trail and bike paths, roads and alleys. Applications will be taken from January 1 to February 15. There will be more time during the second funding cycle around September. The application and more information can be found at www.in.gov/dnr/outdoor/9800.htm. Contact Mitch Barloga with any questions.

Marcia Blansett and Jessica Miller presented on the Community Crossings grant. Applications are open from January 7 through February 1. The deadline is 5 pm Eastern. The next round will be in July. The maximum per community is \$1 million yearly. Submit your applications early.

Scott Weber presented the public comment report and the Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #6 to include safety, pavement condition, bridge condition, system performance, freight, congestion and air quality performance measure targets. No comments were received during the 30-day period. On a motion by George Topoll and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion Amendment #6 to the Commission for adoption.

Mitch Barloga presented the public comment report and the FY 2019 UPWP Amendment #1, which will add \$360,000 in air quality public education funding for bike maps which was approved in July 2018. On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by George Topoll, the Technical Planning Committee recommended FY 2019 UPWP Amendment #1 to the Commission for adoption.

Programming

Scott Weber presented the public comment report and the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #19 to include safety, pavement condition, bridge condition, system performance,

freight, congestion and air quality performance measure targets. No comments were received during the 30-day period. On a motion by George Topoll and a second by Mark O'Dell, the Technical Planning Committee recommended FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #19 to the Commission for adoption.

James Winters presented the public comment report and the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18 for the addition of new projects and other changes as outlined in the amendment. Two public comments were received during the 30-day period. One did not require modification of the amendment. INDOT provided a comment on DES 1173780 that this was only an administrative modification. NIRPC agreed and adjusted the amendment accordingly. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by George Topoll, the Technical Planning Committee recommended FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #18 to the Commission for adoption. Clarification will be sought from Charles Bradsky on a Cedar Lake project which was discussed at the Transportation Resource and Oversight Committee.

Topical Committee Reports

- The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on January 10 at 9 a.m. to review environmental strategies.
- The Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet on February 7 at 1:30 p.m. Mitch Barloga showed a brief video on wind power facts.
- James Winters said the Transit Operators Roundtable will be held immediately following this meeting to review transit strategies.
- The Land Use Committee will meet on January 31 at 10 a.m.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee met last week and completed their review of the mobility strategies. The committee will next meet on February 5 at 9 a.m.

Planning Partners

No reports were provided.

Announcements

- The Commission meeting will be held on January 17 at 9 a.m. After the meeting, a bike share and scooter share event will be held in the lobby.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is February 12, 2019 at 10 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:55 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.