

Technical Planning Committee

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room

YouTube Recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OXzie6hBTLM&t=1692s>

October 4, 2022

Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll (Union Township), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Mary Tanis (Dyer), Lisa Shrader (INDOT). Also in attendance were Deb Backhus, Jeff Huet (Schererville), Ryan Lisek (DCI), and Courtney Anderson (Ciorba). Thomas Dow was present via telephone.

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, Eman Ibrahim, Meredith Stilwell, Candice Eklund, and Flor Baum.

On motion by George Topoll, second by Mark O'Dell, the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) approved the minutes of August 30, 2022.

There were no public comments.

Planning

Eman Ibrahim presented on Resolution 22-19, Adopting NIRPC Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Funding Program Eligibility, Supporting Report, and Scoring Criteria. NIRPC promotes a TOD with sustainable and safe operations of transportation for walking, rolling, biking, and transit use. The program aims to establish investment guideline, criteria, and project eligibility, as well as bring vitality and livability to transit station areas and corridors. Funding will be provided to 18 identified TOD areas, including the NICTD existing South Shore and future Westlake stations. Five bus stations in Gary, Merrillville, East Chicago, and Valparaiso will also be included. The TOD report was not presented. On motion by George Topoll, second by Mark O'Dell, the TPC voted to recommend Res 22-19 to the Commission for approval.

Programming

Charles Bradsky presented on Resolution 22-20, TIP Amendment 22-07. Res 22-20; Amendment 22-07 was released for a 21-day public comment that began on September 12, 2022 and ended on October 3, 2022. NIRPC did not receive any comments from the public or the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG). Documentation of the projects in amendment 22-07 were presented. There were five INDOT projects, one environmental mitigation project, two traffic management system projects, one trail project was added ROW (Michigan City), addition of PE funds (E. Porter County and LaPorte County), one new roadway safety project. Additionally, NIRPC had three projects on the Marquette Greenway Trail. Portage had CN funding move out a year, and the Town of Porter had a project added to The Dunes Learning Center. On motion by George Topoll, second by Mark O'Dell, the TPC voted to recommend Res. 22-20 to the Commission for approval.

Thomas Dow and Mitch Barloga presented on Resolution 22-21: FY 2023-2024 UPWP Amendment 1. The two changes to the UPWP are as follows:

- \$55K will be shifted to cover the cost of TIP software.

- \$50K will be shifted to cover the cost of GIS services.

On motion by George Topoll and second by Mark O'Dell, the TPC approved to recommend Res. 22-21 to the Commission.

Topical Committee Reports

The Next Order of Funding Availability (NOFA) workshop will be held on Wednesday, October 26 from 9 – 11:00 a.m. at the NIRPC building. Application deadline is November 18.

Reports from Planning Partners

Ryan Lisek (DCI) reported on reported on upcoming events and programs within NWI. Please visit www.drivecleanindiana.org for more information.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The next TPC meeting will be on November 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the NIRPC building.