



**COMMITTEE MEETING ~ NIRPC AUDITORIUM  
MAY 24, 2012  
MINUTES**

**MEMBERS & GUESTS** – Jan Dick, Bob Huffman, Jerry Rosko, Bruce Spires, Eric Ehn, Leslie Phemister, A J Monroe, Don Parker, Michele Bollinger, Matt Keiser, Brian Nicksch, Ron McAfee, Jake Dammarell, John Novacich, Chris Moore, Mark O’Dell, Jenny Orsburn, Walter Lenckos, Mark Heintz  
**STAFF** - Mitch Barloga, Bill Brown, Stephen Sostaric, Sarah Geinosky, Wenya Hou, Meredith Stilwell

Chairman Dick called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. with self-introductions.

**PED**

**SOUTH SHORE TRAILS - UPDATE.** The first bike to work event was an informational kiosk on the Erie-Lackawanna Trail on May 13<sup>th</sup>. On May 16<sup>th</sup> Ride of Silence, an event honoring bicyclist injured or killed in traffic accidents and raising awareness on share the road issues, was run by SST and a ride was held by the Bike Shop in Michigan City as well. The annual region ride is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, National Trails Day, and will run from Oak Ridge Prairie Park in Griffith to Portage Lake Front Park and back for a little over 40 miles. SST will help as Course Marshals and Advisors for two rides in mid-June; the Climate Cycle Ride and the Tour de la Shore. A SST display will also be a Bike the Drive, the Chicago ride which shuts down Lake Shore Drive the morning of May 27<sup>th</sup> for bicyclists. In 2011 24,000 bicyclists attended the event.

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL FY 12 CYCLE** – The FY 12 cycle applications are due to NIRPC by 4:00 p.m. on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Currently there are no applications submitted. LaPorte indicated they will be submitting an application.

**PEDAL**

**NWI GREENWAYS AND BLUEWAYS MAP 2012 – PICK EM’ UP!**  
The maps have been delivered and need to be picked up by each municipality.

**FEATURE PRESENTATION: Cool Trail Solutions**

Mitch presented a slide show derived mainly from the cool trail solutions section of the American Trails website ([www.Americantrails.org](http://www.Americantrails.org)). Some topics for which solutions were presented included signage, unique trail markings, ramp features, mid-block crossings, waterway challenges, roadway solutions, bridge treatments, separation of uses on trails, dealing with tree roots, detours, railroad protection, rails with trails, and art on trails.

**DISCUSSION ON REGIONAL PRIORITY CORRIDORS MAP AMENDMENTS**

During a previous meeting amendments to the priority corridor map were introduced to aid with future funding opportunities which led to a request for the information to be provided detailing how the priority corridors were established. Picking up from those conversations, a memo 2005 memo from Dennis Cobb was produced describing the rankings. Mitch indicated he had not the time to go through it in detail and recommended the Committee review the memo over the next month and send emails or bring back ideas for an in depth discussion at the June meeting. Mitch noted at this point there is no rush since TE funding has been postponed indefinitely and CMAQ and STP funding won’t be until 2012.

**PADDLE –**

**NWI PADDLING ASSOCIATION – UPDATE**

Don Parker announced a paddling event was held as part of the Little Cal Festival in Hammond with 40-50 participants.

## **GRAB BAG**

A humorous video on bike lane obstructions was shown.

Jan Dick announced course marshals are being sought for the July 14<sup>th</sup> bike route portion of the Valparaiso Triathlon. Valpo Pathways typically assists but could use extra people.

Valparaiso's 15 mile night ride is August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. Registration is open.

Chairman Dick also announced there was a great ride to work with Mayor Costas. The ride was from the YMCA in Valparaiso to the city park downtown.

Don Parker announced there is a night ride in Whiting and Hammond on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m. The ride will start at Wolf Lake Park and run down the new section of the Monon Trail that has yet to be built. Chris Moore from Nies Engineering stated bids for the new section of the Monon are due May 31<sup>st</sup> and hopefully construction will begin a couple weeks after that. The bid specifications require it has to be built before August.

Mitch announced the naked bike ride in Chicago on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Niksch announced August 3<sup>rd</sup> is the date of the 10 mile midnight bike ride in LaPorte. Details will follow.

Don Parker announced the Highland family ride being held on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Information can be obtained from the Highland Parks Department.

## **THE NEXT 3PC MEETING IS JUNE 28, 2012.**

Chairman Dick adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.