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Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission 6100 Southport Road Portage, Indiana 46368 (219) 763-6060

AGENDA

2040 CRP Steering Committee

June 16, 2011
9:00 AM at NIRPC

- 9:00 Welcome
- Introductions
 - Review Minutes of Previous Meeting
(*May 19, 2011 Minutes*)
(*May 19, 2011 Summary*)
- 9:05 Draft CRP Public Comments
- Report on Public Meetings
 - Review Comments Received (Mayor Oberlie & Gabrielle Biciunas)
(*Matrix*)
- 9:30 Recommendation to Endorse CRP
- Review Content of Plan
 - Transportation Finances (Gary Evers)
 - Plan Overview Presentation (Phil Hanegraaf)
 - Action
 - Committee Discussion
 - Public Discussion
 - *Action*
- 10:30 Next Steps (Mayor Oberlie & Steve Strains)
- Summary Document
 - September Meeting
 - Implementation
- 10:50 Other Business
- 11:00 Adjourn

Next Steering Committee Meeting: September TBD 2011 @ 9:00 AM at NIRPC

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**2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan
Steering Committee Meeting
NIRPC Auditorium
May 19, 2011
Minutes**

Members

K-Todd Behling, Geof Benson, AJ Bytnar, Robert Carnahan, Kathy Chroback, Dale Engquist, Rich Herr, George Malis, Richard Morrisroe, Kay Nelson, Sandy O'Brien, Charles Oberlie, Craig Phillips, Brian Poland, Mark Reshkin, Garry Traynham, Joe Wszolek

Guests

Keith Benman, Maria Guillen, Lisette Guillen, Steve Millick

Staff

Gabrielle Biciunas, Bill Brown, Kevin Garcia, Ryan Hicks, Eman Ibrahim, Hubert Morgan, Robert Niezgodski, Belinda Petroskey, Steve Strains, John Swanson, Tom VanderWoude,

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Charles Oberlie called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with self-introductions. The minutes and summary of the April 21 meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Kathy Chroback.

Environmental Justice

Hubert Morgan prefaced that an environmental justice workshop was held about a year ago with environmental justice community, FHWA, FTA and NIRPC staff. We committed to do within our plan not only the work that would benefit environmental justice communities but analyses to show that. NIRPC analyzed both constrained and unconstrained projects based on the vision created at the beginning of this process by the residents. Hubert read the definition of environmental justice: "Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, educational level, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws." NIRPC identified where people live, the infrastructure in place to get people around, mapped and identified environmental justice areas, major destinations and public transit available using Traffic Analysis Zone boundaries.

Kevin Garcia added that eleven performance measures of average number of jobs, shopping areas, colleges/universities, population close to hospitals, larger retail centers and average travel times for mandatory trips such as jobs, shopping, etc. looking at average 20 minute travel times from each TAZ to another TAZ. Kevin showed examples of the analysis process. Modeling was done to get comps for 2010 existing, 2040 fiscally constrained projects and 2040 fiscally unconstrained projects (bold visionary projects). The results showed similarities for both EJ and non-EJ areas. Both areas receive benefits. For EJ areas, at best they will receive their fair share. This assumes that bold policies and actions are taken by local communities and will result in revitalized urban communities and mixed use livable centers throughout the region.

Environmental justice is a social aspect of the plan. Physical conditions will produce exceptions. Revitalization of the inner city is key. NIRPC could look at similar health care facilities but it is not time-cost effective. In the project selection criteria, points will be given for servicing the EJ areas. We will present the analysis to the public in the region and to the feds and insure the urban core is revitalized and monitoring will be ongoing. Any decisions regarding population concentrations also analyze the costs of providing services. A lot of these decisions will be made by the local communities. NIRPC has an obligation to provide a sensible plan that we would hope the communities would use to implement their own plans. The project selection criteria are being implemented to help guide projects in the

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region. Education and training is critical for jobs in northwest Indiana. The focus should be to improve the quality of life across the region. The objective is to raise the quality of life of all residents of northwest Indiana. We are required by the feds to look at EJ areas and analyze the benefits and burdens. The projections in the EJ areas show that they remain the same from 2010 to 2040. A comment was that there were no innovative projects. Transit projects were not weighed into the first round. We need an aggressive plan for region-wide transportation. There are a lot of elements in the plan that can stop sprawl - the cost of services study in LaPorte, etc. should be done in all communities to see the true cost of sprawl.

The impact of the Porter Hospital move was discussed. At the time the hospital was planned, there was no policy at NIRPC. Now NIRPC has a process to influence or at least question the impact of decisions like this. The old hospital had some physical issues but with the 80/94 as an impetus, it is a business decision. It was noted that this may have an impact on existing businesses in the downtown Valparaiso area.

Draft CRP Public Comment

- *Comments Received* – Steve Strains said the comment period ends on June 3; we have not received a lot of comments to date. We have held a series of community meetings and public open houses which, while sparsely attended, were very productive in content. Comments may be submitted to Gabrielle Biciunas. The plan is on the website, and available in other formats. A committee member commented on the low turnout. Steve responded that we have used radio, TV, print, email, snail mail, and even Facebook to reach out to the public. There are 18 meetings scheduled throughout the 30 day comment period in the NIRPC three-county region. This plan represents what we have been hearing from a large number of people throughout the 2 ½ year process. Another committee member commented that NIRPC staff has made the effort to reach people; you can't make them come.
- *Chapter Discussion* –
Growth and Conservation: There should be a heavy reference on public transportation.
Environmental: The EMPC continues to look at this section. NIRPC should look at supporting new financial programs to assist in brownfield cleanup.
Human and Economic Resources: A comment that there is not enough environmental, EJ or even cost analyses for intermodal was answered that no project can be completed without environmental permitting and due diligence. Gary Chicago International Airport was discussed. There are some environmentally protected properties around the airport. Strategies should be developed to address talent retention and brain drain in the region. Most colleges and universities reported that graduate retention is about 75% to 85%. Valparaiso University did not report.
Stewardship and Governance: Add Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association to the list on page 9.
- Implementation: No comments were made on this section. Any comments should be submitted as soon as possible to Gabrielle Biciunas prior to the next steering committee meeting on June 16. Recommendation will be made at that meeting to the Board for adoption. It was noted that several members will be attending the NARC conference and will not be able to attend the steering committee meeting. Any other revisions to the plan will be out and on the website for review before the next steering committee meeting. Staff will be meeting tomorrow morning to review the comments received to date. Also, the website is now equipped for you to do a search to find specific topics more quickly.

Other Business

- Staff Announcements – none were given.
- Steering Committee Comments
Don Barden, owner of the Majestic Star Casino, passed away.
- Public Comments – None were given.

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Mayor Oberlie adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

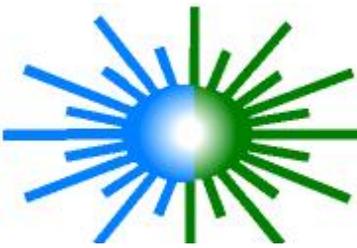
Handouts and materials provided:

- Agenda
- April 21 Meeting Minutes
- April 21 Meeting Summary
- Environmental Justice Analysis
- Public Comment Period Announcement

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at NIRPC should you wish to receive a copy of it.

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SUMMARY

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Chair Mayor Oberlie welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made by members and guests. Members reviewed and approved the April 21, 2011 minutes and summary as presented. The following are highlights from the meeting:

1. Environmental Justice:

- Hubert Morgan and Kevin Garcia provided a presentation on the purpose and method performed on Environmental Justice (EJ) benefits and burdens analysis.
- Definition of EJ was given and an explanation of technical analysis, performance measures used and the types of measures were discussed and graphed.
- Members discussed and provided input on the analysis and draft results.
- More detailed technical analysis and explanation will be included in the Plan.

2. Draft CRP Public Comments and Chapter Discussion:

- A few comments have been received.
- Half way through public comment period, ending June 3.
- Attendance to the public review meetings has been sparse.
- Members discussed involvement and participation of public meetings.
- Draft plan and schedule of public review meetings is available on NIRPC's website www.nirpc.org.
- Members discussed and provided additional comments and suggestions for each chapter.
- EMPC, TPC and the Land Use Committee have reviewed the draft Plan and continue to provide comments.

3. Next Steps:

- The Committee will consider endorsement of the Plan to NIRPC Full Commission at the June meeting.

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	<p>Comprehensive Regional Plan CRP Steering Committee June 16, 2011</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

<p>COMPREHENSIVE Regional Plan 2040 For Northwest Indiana</p>	<h2>Context - Role of the “MPO”</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regional Understanding → Perspective ● Consensus and Coalition Building ● Facilitating Regional Direction in Growth and Development ● A forum for regional leadership <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>

<p>COMPREHENSIVE Regional Plan 2040 For Northwest Indiana</p>	<h2>Traditional MPO Roles</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stewardship and Coordination ● Advise and Educate ● Advocacy – Environmental Justice, planning policy, etc. ● Federal and State programming ● Financial Resources and Services ● Data ● Research

<p>COMPREHENSIVE Regional Plan 2040 For Northwest Indiana</p>	<h2>Emerging Roles</h2>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Stronger focus on Guidance and Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broward County, Florida – Mobility Hubs • Charleston SC, Placemaking • Houston Texas, Subregional Planning Initiative <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>

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Broward County, FL

MOBILITY HUBS

Gateway Hub Concept
An element of the Gateway Hub concept is to create gathering places for people to access transit and other amenities.

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Charleston, SC

Our Region
Our Plan

Place-Made Type
Village
A village is a small settlement with a population less than 100 residents. A village is typically residential in character, but includes commercial services and some public facilities. The geographic scale and area of a village is small.

City	Population	Area (sq. mi.)
Charleston	1,500	0.5
North Charleston	1,200	0.4
West Charleston	800	0.3
East Charleston	600	0.2
South Charleston	400	0.15
West Charleston	300	0.1
East Charleston	200	0.08
South Charleston	150	0.06
North Charleston	100	0.04
West Charleston	80	0.03
East Charleston	60	0.02
South Charleston	40	0.015
North Charleston	30	0.01
West Charleston	20	0.008
East Charleston	15	0.006
South Charleston	10	0.004

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Houston, TX

Study Area 1
100,000+ People, 100+ Acres

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Houston, TX

SUBREGIONAL LIVABLE CENTERS

Subregional Planning Subarea
Recommendations: 100+ People, 100+ Acres

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What Else is Changing?

Sustainable Communities Initiative
Transportation Sec. La Hood (1/2010)

Sustainable Communities Initiative: Partners in Action

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Federal Livability Principles

- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Support existing communities
- Coordinate policies and leverage investment
- Value communities and neighborhoods

The nexus for implementation is at the regional level!

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Implementation

- FTA - Rulemaking on *New Starts* project criteria to replace hard-line performance standards
- FHWA – Livability in Transportation Guidebook
- FRA – Currently applying to projects on an as needed basis
- HUD – Awarded 100M in grants for both planning and implementation in 2010

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Are We Aligned?

Growth and Revitalization Vision
The Vision and Strategy Support all 6 Livability Criteria

To compete, we must Collaborate !

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Vision Concepts

Rural, Residential, & High Density



Focused Revitalization



Green Infrastructure

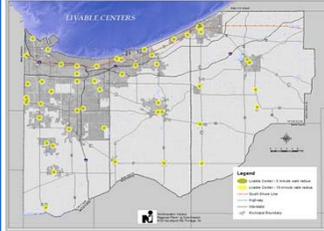


Growth and Infill



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Growth & Conservation Livable Centers/Rural Framework



Legend

- Livable Center: 1/4 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 1/2 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 3/4 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 1 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 1.5 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 2 mile walk radius
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- Livable Center: 8 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 8.5 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 9 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 9.5 mile walk radius
- Livable Center: 10 mile walk radius



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Transportation

- **2040 Plan promotes a multi-modal system supporting the Growth and Revitalization Vision**
 - Support urban investment and livable centers - project criteria
 - Maintain and expand local and regional public transportation
 - Local dedicated source of transit funding
 - Congestion management alternatives
 - Realize Gary Airport expansion and transit hub
 - Freight corridor and cargo oriented development
 - Implement non-motorized transportation - Ped, Pedal, Paddle

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Environment and Green Infrastructure

Challenges/Opportunities

- **Air Quality**
- **Water Quality**
- **Habitat, Wetlands, and Green Space**
- **Brownfields clean up and development**
- **Public Infrastructure**
 - Water supply
 - Wastewater treatment
 - Stormwater management
 - Parks and trails

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Environment and Green Infrastructure

Environmental Strategies

- **Green Infrastructure Network- Protect, Connect and Manage -**
 - Water-Wetlands – Forest – Parks - Trails
- **Revitalization and Livable Centers**



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Human and Economic Resources

- **Key Strategies**
 - Land use and multimodal transportation
 - Education and development
 - Develop emerging industry clusters, including job creation and green jobs
 - Transportation/ distribution/logistics
 - Advanced manufacturing
 - Technology and information technology
 - Professional and medical services

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Stewardship and Governance

- **Key Continuing Roles for NIRPC**
 - Planning, review and coordination
 - Funding allocation
 - Coordinate shared services
 - Advocacy and environmental justice
 - Education and communication
- **Challenges – to NIRPC and Local Government**
 - Multiple governments - individual programs and plans
 - Efficiency in public services
 - Shared basis for communication and collaboration
 - Social justice considerations not well integrated in decisions
 - On-going education and awareness



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Stewardship and Governance

- **Partnerships**
 - Many in place and need to be strengthened
 - New – Universities – Development Community
- **Plan and Policy Recommendations (27)**
 - Review new local comprehensive plans for consistency
 - Provide model ordinances
 - Regional watershed planning
 - Funding support for shared services, brownfields, etc.
 - Working group for core communities interests
 - Annual forum for CRP implementation
 - Local training
- **Legislative Priorities**

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Implementation

- **The Role of NIRPC**
 - CRP implementation – advance, support, monitor actions
 - Build coalitions
 - Funding and Finance
 - Education and Awareness
 - Local Assistance Programs – support, facilitate
- **Managing Progress**
 - CRP Implementation Committee
 - Performance Measures
- **Implementation Action Plan**
 - Develop a clear 5 and 10 year program



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