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<b>Upcoming TPC Deliverables</b>	
<b>New TIP 2018-2021</b>	<i>May 2017</i>
<b>I-65 &amp; US 30 Safety Plan</b>	<i>June 2017</i>
<b>Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan</b>	<i>June 2017</i>
<b>Human Services Transit Plan</b>	<i>Spring-Summer 2017</i>
<b>Super NOFA Solicitation</b>	<i>Summer 2018</i>
<b>Next CRP Approval</b>	<i>May 2019</i>

### **Technical Planning Committee**

March 14, 2017 9:00 a.m.

6100 Southport Road, Portage

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Call to Order by Chairman, Opening and Announcements**

- a) Pledge of Allegiance; Introductions
- b) Meeting Participation Survey
- c) **Action** on the minutes of the February 14 TPC meeting (*Pages 1-3*)

#### **2. 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Presentation: Goal 3 - Vibrant Region/Well-educated – Tina Rongers/Stephen Sostaric**

#### **3. Implementation Planning**

- a) Planning for VW Clean Diesel Settlement Funding – Carl Lisek/Kathy Luther
- b) **Action** on National Highway System Update – Scott Weber/Sarah Geinosky (*Pages 4-6*)
- c) I-65 & US 30 Safety Study – Design Options – Stephen Sostaric (Handout).

#### **4. Programming**

- a) FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, Air Quality Conformity, CRP Amendment #4 – West Lake and Double Tracking – Mitch Barloga
- b) Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee for Lake & Porter Counties – Gary Evers
- c) FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #34 – Gary Evers (*Pages 7-11*)

#### **5. Topical Committee Reports**

- a) Environmental Management Policy Committee (EMPC)
- b) Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee (3PC)
- c) Transit Operators Roundtable
- d) Land Use Committee
- e) Rail Vision/Freight Committee
- f) Surface Transportation Committee (STC)

## **6. Reports from Planning Partners**

- a) Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
- b) South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association
- c) Southwestern Michigan Commission
- d) Federal Highway Administration & Federal Transit Administration

## **7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

## **8. Emerging Trends Presentation –**

## **9. Other Business, Staff Announcements and Upcoming Meetings**

- a) Other Business
- b) Staff Announcements
- c) NIRPC Meetings
  - The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, March 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
  - The Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee for Lake and Porter Counties will meet on March 23 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
  - The Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet on Thursday, March 23 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
  - The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on March 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the NIRPC office.
  - The Surface Transportation Committee will meet on April 4 at 9 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
  - The Transportation Resource Oversight Committee for LaPorte County will meet on April 4 at 1 p.m. at LaPorte Parks Department.
  - The Lane use Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 19 at 10 a.m. in the Dune Room at the NIRPC office.

The NIRPC Office will be closed on Friday, April 14 in observance of the Good Friday holiday.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.

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## Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room  
6100 Southport Road, Portage  
February 14, 2017  
MINUTES

Vice Chair Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, David Wright, Julie Ritzler, Tyler Kent, Mark O'Dell, Tom MacLennan, Beth Shrader, Margot Sabato, Susan Weber, Stephen Stofko and Kay Nelson. Joyce Newland and Mary Enright participated by conference phone. Others present included Mike Yacullo, Joe Crnkovich, Deb Backhus, Jack Eskin, Shannon Eason, Skyler York, Aaron Borngraber, Ray Riddell, Dean Button, Dennis Cobb, Jake Dammarell, Jeff Huet, Don Oliphant, K-Todd Behling, Matt Deitchley, Claudia Taylor, Karie Koehneke, Bob Thompson, Lauren Orchard, Teri Dixon, Jerry Siska, Fred Williams, Tom Silich, Bruce Lindner, Ron Wiederman, Tom Regalado and Chris Moore. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Gary Evers, Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Amanda Pollard, Gabrielle Biciunas and Mary Thorne.

The survey was available at the table.

The minutes of the January 10, 2016 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Beth Shrader and a second by Kay Nelson.

**Presentation:** Kathy Luther presented an overview of the first goal of the 2040 Plan for a vibrant region – thriving economy and each objective of the goal showing NIRPC's role in implementation projects.

### Implementation Planning

- Joe Exl presented on the Deep River-Portage Burns Waterway Initiative implementation and cost-share with Section 319 funding of \$300,000. The deadline for submission is October and the cap is \$50,000 per project. Contact Joe Exl at NIRPC for more information.
- Mitch Barloga reported that approval of the Greenways + Blueways Plan Update has been delayed to receiving significant public comment, as well as public comment periods for the West Lake double tracking and Extension. The revised plan update will be ready for public comment in May and final approval in June.
- David Wright, Gary Public Transportation Corp. showed a YouTube sneak preview of a video promoting benefits of public transit in Northwest Indiana.

### Programming

- Gary Evers reported that the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee for LaPorte County met earlier this month. Reports were given from the operators and two lettings will close out the year.

- Gary Evers explained FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #34, changes to existing projects in Valparaiso, Michigan City and LaPorte County and deleting a Valparaiso project. The amendment was reviewed by the Interagency Consultation Group and no public comments were received. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by George Topoll, the Committee voted to recommend Amendment #34 to the Commission for adoption.

**Topical Committee Reports:**

- Kathy Luther reported that a live streamed presentation was made at the Environmental Management Policy Committee earlier this month.
- Mitch Barloga reported that the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee heard a presentation from Justin Kiel, LaCrosse Town Council. The town has a Complete Streets Policy. The committee will hear a presentation on plans for a bike share program from Valparaiso Parks at their meeting on February 24 at 1:30 p.m. The roll out is on April 19.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will meet this morning to continue to constrain the project selection.
- Eman Ibrahim reported that the Land Use Committee met last month and heard a presentation from the City of Gary on the Creating Livable Centers grant for the downtown, Horace Manna and Emerson areas. A summary of the plan is on the NIRPC website. There are plans to move from a polygon-based to a parcel-based data system which will give more accurate transportation modeling data.
- Mitch Barloga, reporting for Stephen Sostaric, said that the Rail Vision/Freight Committee met on February 7 to discuss structure and membership. The next meeting is in March.
- Scott Weber reported that the Surface Transportation Committee met last week and heard a presentation on the Indiana Toll Road construction, the 80/90 Push. In answer to a question by Dennis Cobb, Mitch Barloga said that Ty Warner is working with the legislators almost daily on the final rulemaking for performance based planning and staff will provide an update at the next Technical Planning Committee meeting.

**Reports from Planning Partners:**

- Teri Dixon reported that CMAP is doing a call for projects for CMAQ and TAP with a deadline of March 23. They are also beginning outreach on their 2050 Plan for climate change, technology, urban living, depleted public resources and economic restructuring.
- Susan Weber reported that the new Secretary of Public Transportation is Elaine Chao, who served as Secretary of Labor under President George W. Bush. The partial apportionment has been issued, and the full apportionment should be in May.
- Mary Enright reported that there will be a STIP meeting on April 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Central at INDOT's LaPorte District office.

**Emerging Trends:** James Winters showed two videos on Solar cell roofs and the application of this technology.

**Announcements:**

- Kathy Luther said IDEM's new Commissioner is Bruno Pigott.
- Kay Nelson will appoint an alternative as she will be in Washington next month.

Kevin Breitzke announced the upcoming meetings and noted the office is closed on February 20 in observance of Presidents' Day. The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be on March 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office. Hearing no other business, he adjourned the meeting at 10:10 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.*

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## **RESOLUTION 17-07**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES**

**March 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 470 establishes that the National Highway System (NHS), overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, consists of roadways vital to the nation's, and consequently Northwest Indiana's, economy, defense, and mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana is served by several major roads and highways already identified as being a part of the National Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana's roads and highways are subject to change in the type of traffic they serve and level of service they provide over time; and

**WHEREAS**, some of Northwest Indiana's roads and highways not heretofore identified as being a part of the National Highway System warrant inclusion on the National Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, some of Northwest Indiana's roads and highways previously identified as being a part of the National Highway System no longer warrant inclusion on the National Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the agency responsible for formally requesting changes to the Federal Highway Administration in the State of Indiana, is requesting the Commission to recommend any changes to the National Highway System in its metropolitan planning area; and

**WHEREAS**, staff to the Commission have examined the guidelines for determining eligibility and applicability for roads and highways to be included on the National Highway System; and

**WHEREAS**, staff to the Commission have conducted extensive dialog with Indiana Department of Transportation staff about candidate roads and highways in Northwest Indiana to change in their National Highway System inclusion status.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission's Technical Planning Committee reviewed the recommended changes to the National Highway System at its March 14, 2017 meeting and acted to recommend the Commission to recommend the changes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Commission officially recommends that the Indiana Department of Transportation request the Federal Highway Administration to make the changes here noted to the National Highway System in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this sixteenth day of March, 2017.

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Michael W. Griffin  
Chairperson  
ATTEST:

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Diane Noll  
Secretary

## Recommended Changes to NHS in Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties

Route Name	From	To	Request
37TH AV	Georgia Street	US 6	Remove From NHS
61ST AV	SR 51	SR 55	Remove From NHS
61ST ST	Hobart Rd	County Line	Remove From NHS
COUNTY LINE RD	SR 130	61st St	Remove From NHS
SR - 130 / Lincolnway	US 30	SR 51	Remove From NHS
EAST MICHIGAN BLVD	US 12	I-94	Remove From NHS
FRANKLIN ST	9th St	US-20	Remove From NHS
GRANT ST	US-12 / US-20	I-94/ I-80	Remove From NHS
MORSE ST	133rd Ave	131st Ave	Remove From NHS
PINE ST	US-12	9th St	Remove From NHS
RAMP 004A	Cline Ave Ramps at Inland Steel Overpass		Remove From NHS
RIDGE RD	Georgia Street	Calumet St	Remove From NHS
SR 149	US-12	SR-130	Remove From NHS
SR 152	I-80/ I-94	US-20	Remove From NHS
SR 2	Division St	US 30	Remove From NHS
SR 2	US-421	600 E	Remove From NHS
SR 212	I-94	US-12	Remove From NHS
SR 249	US-20	I-94	Remove From NHS
SR 312	US-41	SR-912	Remove From NHS
SR 51	US-6	US-30	Remove From NHS
SR 53	US-12/US-20	US-30	Remove From NHS
SR 55	Ridge Rd	US 231	Remove From NHS
SR 912	I-80/ I-94	Ridge Rd	Remove From NHS
US 12	State Park Boundary Rd	Porter LaPorte County Line	Remove From NHS
US 12	Rhode Island St	I-90	Remove From NHS
US 12	Lake Porter County Line	Tremont Rd	Remove From NHS
US 12	Porter LaPorte County Line	Michigan State Line	Remove From NHS
US 20	Us-12	Lake Porter County Line	Remove From NHS
US 20	Porter LaPorte County Line	I-94	Remove From NHS
US 20	Lake Porter County Line	Porter LaPorte County Line	Remove From NHS
US 231	US 41	I-65	Remove From NHS
US 421	US-20	I-94	Remove From NHS
WASHINGTON ST	9th St	Us-12	Remove From NHS
WEST LAKE SHORE DR	133rd Ave	132nd Pl	Remove From NHS
US 20	US-12	SR-912	Remove From NHS
CHICAGO AVE	SR-912	Industrial Hwy	Add To NHS
INDUSTRIAL HWY	Chicago Ave	Gary-Chicago Airport	Add To NHS
INLAND STEEL OPAS	SR-912	Arcelor Mittal Steel	Add To NHS
SR 2	US-20	St. Joseph County Line	Add To NHS
SR 39	Michigan State Border	I-90	Add To NHS
SR 49	SR-2	I-94	Add To NHS
SR 912	Guthrie Rd	Dickey Rd	Add To NHS
US 20	I-94	SR -2	Add To NHS
US 35	I-94	Starke County Line	Add To NHS
US 6	Calumet Ave	St. Joseph County Line	Add To NHS



**RESOLUTION 17-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE  
2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,  
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA  
AMENDMENT NO. 34  
March 16, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Northwest Indiana’s citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as “the Commission”, being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force’s Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this sixteenth day of March, 2017.

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Michael W. Griffin  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Diane Noll  
Secretary

**2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana**  
**Amendment #34 March 2017**

**New INDOT Projects**

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal Funds	Phase	Year	Funds Total	Federal	Non-Federal
1700406	INDOT	I-80/94 Interchange Modification @ I-65. (Sign Modifications & Changes to Pavement Markings)	Add New Project Phase	NHPP - Interstate	CN	2018	\$ 770,000	\$ 616,000	\$ 154,000

WB Lanes only. Reduce mainline lanes from 4 to 3 for 2.93 miles.

**Changes to Existing Local Projects/Project Phases**

1382601	Valparaiso	Construct Silhavy Rd Roundabout at LaPorte Ave	Add project to TIP (Advance CN from 2022) & Increase Award.	STBG I Chicago UA	CN	2018	\$ 4,448,451	\$ 3,558,760	\$ 889,691
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CN moved from 2022 to 2018.

1601869	Michigan City	Construct Singing Sands Trail Phase III (	Increase Federal Award	STBG II Mich City UA	PE	2017	\$ 863,025	\$ 690,420	\$ 172,605
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CN in 2020 or 2021. Cost to complete: \$6.8 million.

1601868	LaPorte County	Wayfinding Signage Plan/PE	Increase Federal Award	STBG II Mich City UA	PE	2017	\$ 43,750	\$ 35,000	\$ 8,750
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1400774	LaPorte County	ADA Sidewalk Improvements in Rolling Prairie, Hanna, & Union Mills	Increase Federal Award	TAP Mich City UA	PE	2017	\$ 47,500	\$ 38,000	\$ 9,500
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Cost to Complete: \$250,000. CN in 2018.

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal Funds	Phase	Year	Funds Total	Federal	Non-Federal
1382219	LaPorte County	Johnson Rd Intersection Improvements at CR 400 North.	Increase Federal Award	STBG II Mich City UA	RW	2017	\$ 70,550	\$ 56,440	\$ 14,110
				PYB Mich City UA	RW	2017	\$ 250,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 50,000
Cost to Complete: \$1.2 million. CN in 2019.									
1592640	LaPorte (City)	Sidewalk Replacement - Various Locations	Increase Federal Award (Post-Letting)	STBG II Mich City UA	CN	2017	\$ 459,073	\$ 367,258	\$ 91,815
1592419	Lowell	Sign Replacement: Regulatory & Warning	Increase Federal Award	HSIP Penalty Chicago UA	CN	2017	\$ 144,000	\$ 144,000	\$ -
1601150	LaPorte (City)	Purchase Alternative Fuel (Propane)	Increase Federal Award	CMAQ Mich City UA	PE	2017	\$ 73,808	\$ 59,046	\$ 14,762
1382219	Portage	Willowcreek Rd Intersection Improvements at Central Ave.	Increase Federal Award	CMAQ Chicago UA	RW	2017	\$ 68,750	\$ 55,000	\$ 13,750
				PYB Chicago UA	RW	2017	\$ 125,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000
1382657	Chesterton	PE for Environmental Mitigation Engineering & Testing	Increase Federal Award	TAP Chicago UA	PE	2017	\$ 18,750	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,750
1601845	Hobart	Alternative Fuel Purchase (CNG)	Change Year	CMAQ Chicago UA	PE	2017	\$ 47,894	\$ 38,315	\$ 9,579

DES	Sponsor	Project	Action Requested	Federal Funds	Phase	Year	Funds Total	Federal	Non-Federal
<b>Deleted LPA Projects/Project Phases</b>									
0900075	Valparaiso	Reconstruct Silhavy Rd from LaPorte Ave to Evans Ave. No Added Travel Lanes.	Remove from TIP (Delay project to 2022)	STBG II Chicago UA	CN	2018	\$ 3,587,600	\$ 2,870,808	\$ 716,792
CN moved from 2018 to 2022.									
1592340	Michigan City	Int Imp: Cleveland Ave @ Coolspring Ave	Eliminate Phase	STBG II Mich City UA	PE	2017	\$ 312,500	\$ 250,000	\$ 62,500
					RW	2019	\$ 187,500	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500
Eliminate Project from TIP & Remove from SPMS.									
1500324	Michigan City	Singing Sands Trail 2 (N Franklin St to Liberty Trail)	Eliminate Phase	TAP Mich City UA	RW	2017	\$ 312,500	\$ 250,000	\$ 62,500
Cost to Complete: \$2.1 million. CN in 2019. Length: 1.4 miles.									