

Meeting Report

Public Meeting on Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion, the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity

March 22, 2017

Hammond Civic Center, 2:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00

As part of the 30-day comment period for the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Amendment #4 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP) Update Companion, and air quality conformity, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) hosted five meetings throughout in the month of March. All meeting locations except one were accessible by fixed route public transportation.

Prior to the public comment period, notice was given to NIRPC's stakeholders and the local media that the public comment period was to commence, and the list of meetings was included. The information was also posted on the NIRPC website and NIRPC social media outlets were used to provide further notice.

The meeting was done in an open house format. A presentation was created for the series of meetings. The presentation was played on a continuous loop during the meeting. Informational boards were also displayed, with NIRPC staff available to help answer questions and collect comments. Staff from the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District was also available to help answer questions related to their projects. Comment cards were provided as well as information on how to provide comments after the meeting. This information was also provided at the end of the presentation. Computers were also made available to provide the opportunity for electronic commenting. Attendees were informed that their comments would be included in a comment report that would include staff responses at the end of the process and that the report would be publicly available.

Of the six meeting participants, one filled out the participant survey. The demographic results were as follows:

- Race
 - Other – 1
- Age
 - 45-54 – 1
- The respondent did not identify as a person with a disability.

Summary of comments received:

- Difficult understanding how the different items out for comment related

Issues identified and recommendations provided:

- **Issue:** Difficult understanding how the different items out for comment related
 - **Recommendation:** Staff explained the process and items, also made some changes in meeting materials to provide more clarity