

Surface Transportation Committee (STC) Meeting – June 6, 2017

Agenda

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – NIRPC Lake Michigan Room

- 1) Approval of May 2, 2017 Minutes (Chair)
- 2) 2017 Community Crossings Program Information (Chair)
- 3) Update on USDOT Performance Measure Rulemakings on Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance (Scott Weber)
- 4) Update on NIRPC's Participation in 2017-2019 Household Travel Survey (Scott Weber)
- 5) INDOT Letting Report (Lyndsay Quist)
- 6) Other business (Chair)
- 7) Public comment (Chair)
- 8) Adjourn (Chair)

Surface Transportation Committee Meeting
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
May 2, 2017

Tom Schmitt called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM with self-introductions. Present were Mike Yacullo, Ciorba; Zach Hurst, Indiana Toll Road; Mark O'Dell, Chesterton; Don Oliphant; Tim Burkman, Valparaiso; Michael Jabo, DLZ; Jeff Huet, Schererville; and Tom Schmitt, Schererville. Also present over the phone was Craig Heither, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP).

NIRPC Staff present was Scott Weber and Gary Evers.

Tom Schmitt asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and second by Tim Burkman, the minutes from the February 7, 2017 meeting were approved.

Scott Weber updated the committee on the 2017-2019 Regional Household Travel Survey. This will be an effort conducted jointly with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) to replace the old 2007-2008 Regional Household Travel Survey. Westat is the prime contractor with Quercus Consulting and WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff as sub-consultants to delivery this project by summer 2019. The pilot study will be conducted in Fall 2017, with core data collection in 2018, and perhaps into 2019. Data collection will have both a smartphone app or web browser option. Craig Heither confirmed that the Household Travel Survey will be a key part of getting data to calibrate the NIRPC travel model and provide other important analyses.

Scott Weber then led a discussion about recently passed HB 1002, the Indiana Road Funding Bill. The Bill would raise gas taxes, allocate more sales tax on fuels toward transportation-related funds instead of the General Fund. The Bill would fund INDOT's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) at a higher amount, and the specific purpose would be to centralize Local Public Agencies' Transportation Asset Management Plans into one database. Mike Jabo asked if the Bill would also change the Federal Funds Exchange Program to be \$1 traded in federal dollars for \$1 in state dollars, different from the \$1 in federal dollars for \$0.75 in state dollars that exists before the Bill is effective. Gary Evers later confirmed that this is true. Mark O'Dell asked if the money in the Bill would only be for surface transportation and not transit, and Scott confirmed this is the case. Gary Evers added that Ty Warner is the representative to the MPO Council on HB 1002, and the MPO Council plans to have guidance issued to MPOs and their representative local units of government by July 1. Tom Schmitt asked if we for sure know whether or not there will be more money flowing to local units of government, and Scott Weber responded that studies show the Bill would increase funding to local units of government by about \$1.8 billion over 7 years, but this barely keeps up with the anticipated costs of deferred operations and maintenance costs for the infrastructure. Tim Burkman asked what the anticipated timeline on the centralized Asset Management Plan is, and Scott Weber responded that he did not know, but that they have to give a progress report by the Fall 2017. Mike Jabo asked if there were plans to perpetuate the Community Crossings program. Scott Weber responded that it did not appear so in this legislation, but that does not mean the program would not be resurrected. It was later found that the continuation for the Community Crossings program is indeed in the Bill. Mike Yacullo mentioned that the Community Crossings program would continue, and that the program would likely be 80-20 for counties under 100,000 in population, and remain 50-50 for counties under 100,000 in population. It was later found that the program would be 75-25 for counties under 50,000 in population and cities/towns under

10,000 in population, but remain 50-50 for counties over 50,000 in population and cities/towns over 10,000 in population.

Scott Weber then discussed the U.S. DOT's Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) Initiative Grant opportunity. The ATCMTD is in its second year, and awards up to \$12 million on a 50-50 match, with applications due June 12. Types of projects eligible include Advanced Traveler Information Systems, Advanced Transportation Management Technologies, Infrastructure Maintenance Monitoring and Condition Assessment, Advanced Public Transportation Systems, Transportation Systems Performance Data Collection and Dissemination Systems, Advanced Safety Systems, Integration of ITS with Smart-grid and/or Alternative Fuel Distribution Systems, Electronic Pricing and Payment Systems, and Advanced Mobility and Access Technologies. Eligible applicants include State/Local governments, quasi-governmental agencies, MPOs like NIRPC, multi-jurisdictional consortia of academic/research institutions, or a joint application of any or all of these (encouraged). The Focus Areas for the ATCMTD grant are multimodal Integrated Corridor Management, installation of connected vehicle technologies at intersections and pedestrian crossing locations, unified fare collection and payment system across transportation systems and jurisdictions, freight community system, technologies to support connected communities, infrastructure maintenance monitoring and condition assessment, and rural technologies deployment. Last year's awardees were discussed, and Scott Weber noted that Northwest Indiana would not be the smallest area to receive an award. NIRPC would be happy to assist with any interested communities. Scott Weber brainstormed a freight community system with the Port of Indiana could be a high-impact application or possibly an integrated transit hub. Scott Weber mentioned recent NW Indiana successes with sharing resources around transportation technology advancements like the Lake County Signal Pre-emption project and the recent passage of HB 1144 authorizing Transit Development Districts around NICTD's current and future stations. Mark O'Dell asked if INDOT or the Toll Road would be an eligible entity, and Scott responded yes, and Zach Hurst responded the Toll Road would be in the same situation as NICTD, so yes. Mike Yacullo asked if the ATCMTD grant could be used to assist with the LaPorte County Economic Development corridor project, and Scott said if there was a specific advanced technology aspect, then yes.

Scott Weber updated the committee about the U.S. DOT's rulemakings about performance-based planning. The safety performance measure has not been delayed with INDOT facing a July deadline, but both the pavement condition and system performance rulemakings are delayed until at least May, with INDOT facing a November deadline at earliest.

Scott Weber gave the INDOT letting report. Jeff Huet noticed that INDOT was bundling projects into one letting listing, and the group commented that this practice may become more the norm. Jeff Huet commented that this practice makes it harder for communities, but that it will be a learning experience. Gary Evers commented that the SR-53 improvement project contains both an LPA and INDOT component, which is a revolutionary breakthrough in showing INDOT's willingness to cooperate closely with LPAs. Gary Evers commented that this committee will be important in prioritizing simple mill and resurface projects instead of full rebuilds. Gary Evers commented that exchanging federal for state funds will allow more flexibility for transportation spending, and Davis-Bacon regulations would not apply. NIRPC and both the TROC and STC committees will be key in deciding how to prioritize transportation funding at the local level.

Gary Evers reminded the committee to have lettings lined up by no later than March. Gary said "use it or lose it" may no longer apply, but ask Ty Warner for clarification. Tom Schmitt adjourned the meeting.

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INDOT - LaPorte District Letting**

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OFFICIAL TABULATION OF BIDS RECEIVED

Total Letting Cost:
\$26,231,209.72

FOR THE LETTINGS IN MAY 2017

LAPORTE DISTRICT

<p>B-35152 Des: 1006721 Des: 1006750 Des: 1173420 Des: 1500585</p>	<p>Description: Route: US 31, SR 149, SR 933 Location: US 31 at SBL at Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern (CFE) & 2 County Roads, 1.19 mile S of US 30 SR 149 at Bridge over Salt Creek, 4.90 miles N of SR 130 US 31 at NBL at Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern (CFE) & 2 County Roads, 1.19 mile S of US 30 SR 933 at Bridge over Baugo Creek, 3.86 mile S of SR 331 and 0.19 mile W of Elkhart County Line Marshall, Porter & St. Joseph</p>	<p>Bridge Deck Overlay US 31, SR 149, SR 933 US 31 at SBL at Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern (CFE) & 2 County Roads, 1.19 mile S of US 30 SR 149 at Bridge over Salt Creek, 4.90 miles N of SR 130 US 31 at NBL at Chicago, Ft. Wayne & Eastern (CFE) & 2 County Roads, 1.19 mile S of US 30 SR 933 at Bridge over Baugo Creek, 3.86 mile S of SR 331 and 0.19 mile W of Elkhart County Line Marshall, Porter & St. Joseph</p>	<p>Letting Date: 05/10/2017 SOLD</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR: JCI BRIDGE GROUP INC</p>		<p>Address LaPorte, IN</p>	<p>Phone 219-324-9393</p>
<p>AMOUNT OF BID \$1,351,976.39</p>			

<p>R-34439 Des: 0500462 Des: 1006636 Des: 1296298 Des: 1296299 Des: 1296446 Des: 1298454 Des: 1401032 Des: 1500064 Des: 1592716 Des: 1592717 Des: 1600580</p>	<p>Description: Route: SR 53, US 30, Local Location: SR 53 from 93rd Avenue to US 30 (Crown Point/Merrillville Corp Line) SR 53 from 61st Avenue to US 12 (4th Avenue) US 30 at Rhode Island Avenue, 0.4 mile W of I-65 US 30 at Mississippi Street, 0.4 mile E of I-65 US 30 at 0.65 miles E of I-65 SR 53 at IHB RR (abandoned) over SR 53, 0.6 mile S of US 12 Crosswalk Improvement from 33rd Avenue to 35th Avenue & Lighting from 25th Avenue to 45th Avenue US 30 from US 41 to SR 55 SR 53 from US 231 to 93rd Avenue SR 53 from US 30 to 61st Avenue SR 53 from 86th Place to 6th Street Install Bus Shelters Lake</p>	<p>HMA, Overlay, Intersection Improv. W. Added Turn Lanes, Bridge Removal, Surface Treatment SR 53, US 30, Local SR 53 from 93rd Avenue to US 30 (Crown Point/Merrillville Corp Line) SR 53 from 61st Avenue to US 12 (4th Avenue) US 30 at Rhode Island Avenue, 0.4 mile W of I-65 US 30 at Mississippi Street, 0.4 mile E of I-65 US 30 at 0.65 miles E of I-65 SR 53 at IHB RR (abandoned) over SR 53, 0.6 mile S of US 12 Crosswalk Improvement from 33rd Avenue to 35th Avenue & Lighting from 25th Avenue to 45th Avenue US 30 from US 41 to SR 55 SR 53 from US 231 to 93rd Avenue SR 53 from US 30 to 61st Avenue SR 53 from 86th Place to 6th Street Install Bus Shelters Lake</p>	<p>Letting Date: 05/10/2017 SOLD</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR: RIETH RILEY CONSTRUCTION</p>		<p>Address Gary, IN</p>	<p>Phone 219-977-0722</p>
<p>AMOUNT OF BID \$24,338,087.83</p>			

<p>RS-39657 Des: 1601186</p>	<p>Description: Route: Park Road Location: Lake Michigan DNR Headquarters County: LaPorte</p>	<p>Institution & Park Road Maintenance Park Road Lake Michigan DNR Headquarters LaPorte</p>	<p>Letting Date: 05/10/2017 SOLD</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR: RIETH RILEY CONSTRUCTION</p>		<p>Address LaPorte, IN</p>	<p>Phone 219-362-6178</p>
<p>AMOUNT OF BID \$49,666.50</p>			

<p>T-39766 Des: 1601747</p>	<p>Description: Route: Pavement Markings Location: Various County: District Interstate Pavement Markings Lake, LaPorte, Porter, St. Joseph, Jasper & Newton</p>	<p>Pavement Markings Various District Interstate Pavement Markings Lake, LaPorte, Porter, St. Joseph, Jasper & Newton</p>	<p>Letting Date: 05/10/2017 No Bids Below Engineers Estimate</p>
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<p>R-39944 Des: 1601818</p>	<p>Description: Route: HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance Location: Local County: Pavement Preventative Maintenance on various roads in the City of LaPorte LaPorte</p>	<p>HMA Overlay, Preventative Maintenance Local Pavement Preventative Maintenance on various roads in the City of LaPorte LaPorte</p>	<p>Letting Date: 05/10/2017 LPA SOLD</p>
<p>CONTRACTOR: RIETH RILEY CONSTRUCTION</p>		<p>Address LaPorte, IN</p>	<p>Phone 219-362-6178</p>
<p>AMOUNT OF BID \$491,479.00</p>			

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FOR THE LETTINGS IN JUNE 2017

NO PROJECTS IN THE JUNE LETTING

**Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
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FOR THE LETTINGS IN JULY 2017

<p>B-37990</p>		<p>Letting Date: 07/12/2017</p>
<p>Des: 1401577 Des: 1401578 Des: 1401643 Des: 1401644 Des: 1401579 Des: 1401580 Des: 1401581 Des: 1401582 Des: 1401585 Des: 1401586 Des: 1401561 Des: 1401590 Des: 1400287 Des: 1401564 Des: 1401565 Des: 1401566 Des: 1401567 Des: 1401568 Des: 1401569 Des: 1401570 Des: 1401571 Des: 1401572 Des: 1401573 Des: 1401574 Des: 1401575 Des: 1401576 Des: 1700616 Des: 1500582 Des: 1400286</p>	<p>Description: Route: Location:</p> <p>Bridge Deck Sealing, Small Structure Pipe Lining SR 25, US 421, SR 14, US 35, SR 110, US 31, SR 149 & SR 10 SR 25 over CR 400 W & WS RR; NB 3.96 miles south of SR 29 SR 25 over CR 400 W & WS RR; SB 3.96 miles south of SR 29 US 421- SR 25 over US 421 NB US 421- SR 25 over US 421 SB SR 25 over NS RR & WS RR Spur; NB, 3.47 miles South of SR 29 SR 25 over NS RR & WS RR Spur; SB, 3.47 miles South of SR 29 SR 25 over CR 50 (Kokomo Pike) NB; 0.64 mile East of SR 25 SR 25 over CR 50 (Kokomo Pike) SB; 0.64 mile East of SR 25 SR 14 - 0.65 mile West of US 231 over the Iroquois River US 35 - 2.45 miles South of US 6 over the Kankakee River SR 110 - 3.47 miles East of SR 117 US 31 - Plymouth Goshen Trail over US 31, 1.32 miles North of US 30 SR 149 - 1.64 miles South of Jct US 20 US 31 over E 1st Road; NB, 1.0 miles North of US 6 US 31 over E 1st Road; SB, 1.0 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Magun Arm Ditch; NB, 1.2 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Magun Arm Ditch; SB, 1.2 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Shively Ditch; NB, 0.76 mile North of SR 4 US 31 over Shively Ditch; SB, 0.76 mile North of SR 4 US 31 over Heston Ditch; NB, 3.25 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Heston Ditch; SB, 3.25 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Shidler-Hoffman Ditch; NB, 5.75 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Shidler-Hoffman Ditch; SB, 5.75 miles North of US 6 US 31 over Old US 31; NB, 3.9 miles North of SR 4 US 31 over Old US 31; SB, 3.9 miles North of SR 4 US 31 over Roosevelt Road; NB, 4.1 miles North of SR 4 US 31 over Roosevelt Road; SB, 4.1 miles North of SR 4 US 31 - 1.48 miles North of I-90 at US 31 NB/SB (Adams Road) SR 10 - 1.46 miles West of S Jct of Sr 10 and US 421</p>	<p>Counties:</p> <p>Carroll, Cass, Jasper, LaPorte, Marshall, Porter, St. Joseph & Starke</p>
<p>B-34008</p>		<p>Letting Date: 07/12/2017</p>
<p>Des: 1006634 Des: 1006756 Des: 1296981 Des: 1600026</p>	<p>Description: Route: Location:</p> <p>HMA Overlay Minor Structural, Bridge Replacement, Steel, Traffic Signal Modernization SR 51 SR 51 from US 30 to US 20 SR 51, SBL at Burns Ditch (Deep River), 2.95 miles North of US 6 SR 51, NB bridge over Burns Ditch, 0.55 miles South of US 20 SR 51 & Petro Truck Plaza Drive, 2.95 miles North of US 6 Lake</p>	<p>Counties:</p>
<p>T-38314</p>		<p>Letting Date: 07/12/2017</p>
<p>Des: 1500321</p>	<p>Description: Route: Location: Counties:</p> <p>Traffic Signals, New or Modernized Local Erie-Lackawanna Trail Crossing at Main Street (Flashing Beacon) Lake</p>	<p>Counties:</p>
<p>T-38315</p>		<p>Letting Date: 07/12/2017</p>
<p>Des: 1500322</p>	<p>Description: Route: Location: Counties:</p> <p>Traffic Signals, New or Modernized Local Hawk Pedestrian Crossing System at 45th Street Crossing & Erie Lackawanna Trail Lake</p>	<p>Counties:</p>
<p>T-39766</p>		<p>Letting Date: 07/12/2017</p>
<p>Des: 1601747</p>	<p>Description: Route: Location: County:</p> <p>Pavement Markings Various District Interstate Pavement Markings Various</p>	<p>County:</p>