

Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
6100 Southport Road, Portage

June 13, 2017

MINUTES

Vice Chair George Topoll called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Geof Benson, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Tom MacLennan, Beth Shrader, Margot Sabato, Lyndsay Quist, Susan Weber and Stephen Stofko. Others present included Ray Riddell, (SLCCS), Will Farrellbegg, Eric Wolverton, Deena Schriks, Jerry Siska, Jake Dammarell, Zach Hurst, Jeff Huet, Joe Crnkovich, Jack Eskin, Don Parker, Tyler Kent, Denarie Kane, Mark Gordish, Chris Moore, Don Oliphant, Claudia Taylor, Teri Dixon, Karie Koehneke and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone. Staff present included Kathy Luther, Gary Evers, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Sarah Geinosky, Gabrielle Biciunas and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby.

The minutes of the May 9, 2016 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Mark O'Dell.

Presentation: Eman Ibrahim presented on Goal 4, Planned Growth, of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan through strategies for urban renewal, mixed use and remediation.

Implementation Planning

- Consultants Ratio Architects and Butler, Fairman & Seufert presented on the draft I-65 & U.S. 30 Safety Plan detailing ways to make the corridor more accessible to pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists includes projects ranging from new trails, to pedestrian road crossings, to greenspace and native plantings.
- Eman Ibrahim said the draft plan is available on the NIRPC website. A 30 day public comment period on the plan runs from June 1 until June 30.
- Eman Ibrahim described Resolution 17-15, Amendment #1 to the FY 018 Unified Planning Work Program to update the Household Travel Survey, a transit needs analysis and performance based planning areas. The new budget totals \$3,214,762. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Beth Shrader, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Amendment #1 to the FY 018 Unified Planning Work Program.
- James Winters said the Greenways + Blueways Plan Update received some public comments and a presentation of the plan will be made next month with approval at a future date.

Programming

Gary Evers presented the State Fiscal Year 2017 closeout report. The Michigan City Urbanized Area has an unallocated balance of \$46,666.36, which INDOT has allowed us to carry over. The Lake & Porter

County Urbanized Area. Has an unallocated balance of \$159,309, which INDOT has allowed us to carry over.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Geof Benson said the Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on August 3 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.
- James Winters said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on June 22.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will convene following this meeting to discuss the project selection process update.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee met to discuss the Community Crossings Program. The deadline is July 14 at 5 p.m. Eastern. The next meeting is August 1.

Planning Partners:

- Teri Dixon said the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is continuing with public outreach for the On to 2050 Plan.
- Federal Highway Administration – Joyce Newland said the certification review is scheduled for July 18-20. There will be a public meeting on July 19 and a report will be given to the Full Commission at its July 20 meeting. Scott Weber will represent Indiana MPOs at a conference in Raleigh, North Carolina.

There were no requests for public comment.

Emerging Trends: James Winters showed a brief video on Self-Healing Concrete.

Announcements:

- Sarah Geinosky said the draft Marquette Action Plan on lakefront access is being finalized and will be available for comment by the end of the month.
- Kathy Luther said Purdue is catering and the Forum is providing beverages at the Open House on Thursday and asked that RSVP's be made.
- George Topoll announced the NIRPC meetings and events.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is July 11 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 10:25 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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