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Upcoming TPC Deliverables	
Greenways + Blueways Plan	December 2017
Super NOFA Solicitation	Fall 2018
Next CRP Approval	May 2019

Technical Planning Committee

October 10, 2017 9:00 a.m.
 Lake Michigan Room
 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 September 12 TPC meeting (*Pages 1-2*)

2. **Presentation - 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Presentation:** Goal: – Increased mobility, accessibility, and transportation options for people: Adaptive Strategies for Disabled Access – *Zully Alvarado, Causes for Change*

3. **Implementation Planning**
 - a) TIGER Grant – Marquette Greenway – *Mitch Barloga*

4. **Programming** (Placeholders only)
 - a) **Action** on Resolution 17-22, FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4 for Local Projects (*Pages 3-5*) – *Mitch Barloga*

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) 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 – *Corridor Planning for Livability and Mobility*

9. Other Business, Staff Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- a) Other Business
- b) Staff Announcements
- c) NIRPC Meetings/Events
 - The Land Use Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dune Room at the NIRPC office.
 - The Finance & Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dune Room at the NIRPC office.
 - The Executive Board will meet on Thursday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
 - The Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee meeting will meet on Thursday, October 26 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.
 - The Transportation Resource Oversight Committee for Lake and Porter Counties will meet on Tuesday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m. in the Dune Room at NIRPC.
 - The Transportation Resource Oversight Committee for LaPorte County will meet on Thursday, October 31 at 1:30 p.m. at City of La Porte Parks Department.
 - The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Room at the NIRPC office.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, December 5** at 9 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
September 12, 2017

MINUTES

Chairman 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, Geof Benson, George Topoll, David Wright, Tom MacLennan, Lyndsay Quist, Stephen Stofko and Beth Shrader. Others present included Jeff Huet, Robin Barzoni-Tilman, Jill Murr, Jake Dammarel, Joe Crnkovich, Claudia Taylor, Mark Gordish, Karie Koehneke, Dennis Cobb, Matt Deitchley, Thomas Silich, Lauri Keagle, Ismail Attallah, Zach Hurst, Jerry Siska, Eric Wolverton, Don Oliphant, Phil Gralik, and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland, FHWA and Kat Schoenherr, INDOT, participated via conference phone. Staff present included Kathy Luther, Gary Evers, Stephen Sostaric, Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby. The minutes of the July 11, 2017 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Tom MacLennan.

Presentation: Mitch Barloga presented on the Safe and Secure Transportation System goal of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan, and gave examples of strategies for improving safety on roads and trails, reducing flooding and improving safety and security of transit facilities.

Implementation Planning

Lyndsay Quist gave an update on Next Level planning for the Indiana Department of Transportation. A large number of products will be going into the Transportation Improvement Program in the amount of \$226.1 million through FY 2022, and that number will increase as future projects become identified. Most of the work in the state's \$4.7 billion Next Level Plan is on preventive maintenance under SB 1002, enacting a 20-year financing plan.

Programming

- Gary Evers presented Resolution 17-20, the second amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for local agencies. The projects went through the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee process, interagency consultation and no public comments were received. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by George Topoll, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Amendment #2 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.
- Gary Evers presented Resolution 17-21, the third amendment to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for INDOT projects. Calling it the "Mother of all Amendments," Evers said there were 17 pages of projects, mostly preventive maintenance, for a total amount of \$9.79 million. The projects went through the TROC process, interagency consultation and no public comments were received. Geof Benson moved to recommend Resolution 17-21 to the Board for adoption, seconded by David Wright. Some of the committee members commented on INDOT having a comprehensive plan for alternate routes making sure traffic flow is as smooth as possible. Kevin Breitzke commented that there was a motion and second on the floor. The Technical Planning Committee unanimously recommended Amendment #3 to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Kathy Luther said the Environmental Management Policy Committee met on September 7 and heard presentations from Lake Michigan Coastal on SepticSmart Week and Dr. Jennifer Fischer of IUN on technology for microbial source tracking. EMPC will ask for adoption by the NIRPC board of resolutions in support of SepticSmart Week and the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and Indiana Dunes State Park being designated an International Dark Sky Sate Park. Laurie Keagle added that South Shore Clean Cities applied for 14 dieselwise grants; results are forthcoming.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee met last month and heard presentations on Adaptive Strategies for Disabled Access from Zully Alvarado, Causes for Change and Jessie Renslow, Neighborhood Spotlight for Legacy Foundation. There will not be a meeting in September because of the MPO Conference. The next meeting will be on October 26.
- Tom MacLennan reported that the transit operators roundtable will not meet due to BusCon in Indianapolis and the subrecipient meeting is also canceled as NIRPC currently has no financial people on staff.
- Stephen Sostaric said the next Freight Committee meeting will be announced.
- Reporting for Scott Weber, Stephen Sostaric said the committee met last week and adopted bylaws, guidelines for asset management plans, roles and responsibilities, and data collection efforts. The committee will meet December 5 at 9 a.m.

Planning Partners:

- Federal Highway Administration – Joyce Newland said the public comment period from the certification review has ended. Their report should be forthcoming by December.

Public Comment:

There were no comments from the public.

Emerging Trends: Mitch Barloga showed a brief video on Superblocks in Barcelona Spain, making city centers more pedestrian-friendly, thereby reducing air and noise pollution.

Announcements:

- Kevin Breitzke announced that NIRPC is hosting the Indiana MPO Conference this year. The conference allows the extended MPO staffs, as well as representatives from other state and local agencies, to share topics in current transportation planning practice. One day attendance is \$50 and two day is \$90 and the registration deadline is this Friday. The conference will be held at the Stardust Event Center in Michigan City and will feature a *PowerPlanningPaloosa* and several mobile tours. Visit the NIRPC website for more information and the link to register.
- Laurie Keagle announced the Electric Vehicle Ride & Drive on September 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NIRPC. Contact Catherine at 219-644-3690 or cyoder@southshorecleancities.org for reservations.
- Kevin Breitzke announced the upcoming meetings at NIRPC.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is October 10 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Geof Benson and a second by George Topoll and Tom MacLennan, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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.

RESOLUTION 17-21

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE
FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 4
October 19, 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 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 FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 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 nineteenth day of October, 2017.

Michael W. Griffin
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Diane Noll
Secretary

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana
Amendment #04 October 2017

Local Projects/Project Phases

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1500221	Hammond	Chicago Ave ATL Phase I: IN/IL State Line to Marble St	Change Year (from 2021)	STBG I	CN	2020	\$ 11,750,000	\$ 9,400,000	\$ 2,350,000
1592420	Merrillville	Install Signal Pre-Emption Devices 1 & 2 (Combined) Phases	Increase Award	HSIP	CN	2019	\$ 3,503,813	\$ 3,153,432	\$ 350,381
0900075	Valparaiso	Silhavy Road Reconstruction (3R/4R): Evans Ave to LaPorte Ave.	Change Year (from 2022)	STBG I	CN	2019	\$ 4,448,451	\$ 3,558,761	\$ 889,690
1500421	Valparaiso	Construct Sidewalks in vicinity of Northview Elementary School (TAP SRTS)	Change Year (from 2019)	TAP	CN	2018	\$ 347,300	\$ 277,840	\$ 69,460
1382594	Cedar Lake	Lake Shore Drive Intersection Improvements @ Cline Ave (roundabout)	Change Year (advance from 2022)	STBG I	CN	2019	\$ 1,875,000	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 375,000
1600632	Gary PTC	CMAQ Demo Operating Assistance: Broadway Express Year #3	Change Year (advance from 2019)	HSIP	PE	2018	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 2,500
1601184	Valparaiso	CMAQ Demo Operating Assistance: V-Line Expansion to Porter Hospital	Change Year (advance from 2019, 2021, 2022)	CMAQ	FTA	2018	\$ 425,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 85,000
					FTA	2019	\$ 416,000	\$ 332,800	\$ 83,200
					FTA	2020	\$ 408,000	\$ 326,400	\$ 81,600
1592274	Highland	Signage on multiple trails, installed. Multiple LPA's	Change Year (from 2020)	TAP	CN	2019	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000