

Technical Planning Committee Meeting

NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage

March 13, 2018

MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Will Farrellbegg, Mary Tanis, David Wright, Lyndsay Quist, Kelly Wenger, Susan Weber, Robin Barzoni-Tillman, Mark O'Dell, Dean Button, Kay Nelson, Beth Shrader and Margot Sabato. Others present included Tom Schmitt, Bruce Lindner, Jerry Siska, Claudia Taylor, Jeff Huet, Ismail Attallah, Chris Moore, Andrew Steele, Laurie Keagle, Tim Werner and Tom VanderWoude. Joyce Newland participated via conference call. Staff present included Trey Wadsworth, Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, James Winters, Scott Weber and Mary Thorne.

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

On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by Robin Barzoni-Tillman, the minutes of the February 13, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved.

There were no requests for public comment.

Implementation Planning

- a) Mitch Barloga presented the Public Comment Report for the Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan, noting that there six comments received. None were regionally significant.
- b) On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Dean Button, the committee voted to recommend the Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan to the NIRPC Board for adoption.
- c) Trey Wadsworth presented the Public Comment Report for Amendment #5 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion adding the safety targets adopted by the Commission in January. No comments were received.
- d) On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #5 to the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Programming

- a) Trey Wadsworth presented the Public Comment Report for Amendment #9 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program adding the safety targets adopted by the Commission in January. No comments were received.
- b) On a motion by Kay Nelson and a second by Dean Button, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #9 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.
- c) Charles Bradsky presented Amendment #10 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for 17 local projects. Most of the projects were already in the

previous TIP and are being added back in to the FY 2018-2021 TIP. The amendment was vetted by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group and no public comments were received. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #10 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

- d) Charles Bradsky presented Amendment #11 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for two Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore projects and 11 INDOT projects. These are bridge preservation and maintenance projects. The amendment was vetted by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force's Interagency Consultation Group and no public comments were received. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the committee voted to recommend Amendment #11 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Topical Committee Reports:

- Kay Nelson said there were excellent presentations on brownfield initiatives and a grant redevelopment update at the Environmental Management Policy Committee meeting last week. Mitch Barloga said the committee voted to recommend the Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan for adoption.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee met last week and heard a presentation on NICTD's Bikes on Trains Program. The committee also voted to recommend the Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan for adoption. The membership will be surveyed for their preference in a meeting time. The next meeting is on April 5 with a time to be determined.
- James Winters said the Transit Operators will meet immediately following the TPC meeting to finalize criteria for the project selection process.
- Mitch Barloga said the Land Use Committee will meet on March 21 at 10 a.m. at NIRPC.
- Scott Weber said the committee will meet on April 3 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.

Planning Partners

- a) Joyce Newland said USDOT is reviewing NIRPC's FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and submitting comments to INDOT. A report will be provided next month on the certification review.

Emerging Trends:

Mitch Barloga showed a brief YouTube video on "*Right to Walk*".

Other Business, Staff Announcements and Events:

- Trey Wadsworth said the FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program is out for public comment through April 4. Action will be taken at the TPC on April 10 and the Full Commission on April 19.
- Kelly Wenger said the West Lake NEPA clearance has been let from FTA and the final Environmental Impact Statement was published in the Federal Register and is on NICTD's website.

- Mitch Barloga said an ADA 101 for Outdoor Recreation and Parks seminar hosted by Causes for Change and the National Park Service will take place on March 20 in the Lake Michigan Room at NIRPC. Registration is free; however, you must bring your own lunch.
- Mitch Barloga said the Marquette Greenway was not awarded a TIGER grant. An analysis provided by Trey Wadsworth showed that rural highway projects received the highest awards. It is not clear at this time if another round will be held. Kevin Breitzke thanked staff for their work.
- The upcoming meetings were announced. It was noted that the NIRPC office will be closed on Friday March 30.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be on April 10 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 9:48 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.