

**Technical Planning Committee Meeting**  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage  
July 10, 2018  
MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, Will Farrellbegg, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Dean Button and Beth Shrader. Others present included Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner, Jeff Huet, Chris Moore, Jake Dammarell, Chris Moore, Doug Ferguson, Claudia Taylor, David Clark, Eric Wolverton, Laurie Keagle, Tom VanderWoude, Ismail Attallah, Tim Werner, Francisco Rosado, Jr., Adam Higgins and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland of the Federal Highway Administration participated via conference phone. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Trey Wadsworth, Kathy Luther, Charles Bradsky, Scott Weber, James Winters, Peter Kimball and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby. The minutes of the May 8, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by Tom MacLennan. There were no public comments.

**Implementation Planning**

Trey Wadsworth presented the changes made to the goals and visions for the 2050 Plan based on feedback received in the last round of public engagement. He overviewed a matrix created by staff based on the feedback which featured plan focus areas of Economy and Place, Environment, Mobility and People and Leaders with visions of Connected NWI, Renewed NWI, United NWI and Vibrant NWI. Staff is working on data analysis and target measures needed to address the 16 critical paths identified in order to be in compliance with federal regulations and measure progress in achieving the goals and visions of the 2050 Plan. Staff will then revise the project selection criteria for the new NOFA and the next TIP. On a motion by Mark O'Dell and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the Committee voted to give their preliminary endorsement of the vision statements and critical paths as outlined in the matrix.

Mitch Barloga announced that NIRPC received an award for its Greenways+Blueways 2020 Plan from the National Association of Regional Councils.

Mitch Barloga said that the Marquette Greenway was not awarded a TIGER grant, but next Thursday, we are submitting it for the BUILD grant in the amount of \$23 million. Results will be announced in December.

Mitch Barloga announced a Complete Streets workshop will be held at NIRPC on July 20 from 9 am to 4 pm. There is a \$30 registration fee.

**Programming**

Charles Bradsky referenced the comment report for FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #13 for local projects and #14 for INDOT projects. One comment was received but there was no response to our request for clarification. The comment was not significant.

Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is for local projects which were vetted and supported by the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Resolution 18-11, Amendment 14 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is for INDOT projects for the State Transportation Program. There was one comment from ICG on DES #1700523. On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by Dean Button, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-11, Amendment 14 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

James Winters referenced the comment report for FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #15 for transit projects. No comments were received. The two GPTC projects were in a previous TIP and needed to be added to the current TIP. 5339 is FTA funding for bus and bus facilities for fixed route for capital projects only. On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by David Wright, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-12, Amendment 15 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the NIRPC Board for adoption

### **Topical Committee Reports**

- Kathy Luther said the Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet at 9 a.m. on August 2.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet on August 2 at 11 a.m.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will meet immediately after this meeting.
- The Land Use Committee will meet on August 15. A presentation will be given by Kelly Annoe, Legacy Foundation, on the *Around the Table* Report.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee will meet on August 7 at 9 a.m.

### **Planning Partners**

No Report.

**Emerging Trends:** A video was shown on future impacts to transportation of rideshare programs.

### **Announcements**

- David Wright said a hybrid option for fixed route did not produce expected ridership and the company is going out of business. New transit maps for GPTC and East Chicago Transit are available. A progress report for the Broadway Metro Express is available. Full day service on the Lake Shore South in Hammond and Highland is back.
- Laurie Keagle of South Shore Clean Cities said a VW Diesel mitigation workshop will be held next Tuesday at NIRPC from 9 am to 11 am. The event is free but registration is required.
- Charles Bradsky said the draft e-TIP is ready. LPA's should make any changes or recommendations to their projects. Amendments will now be done quarterly. TROC is the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, so both meetings will be held on July 24, Lake and Porter at 9 a.m. and LaPorte at 1:30.
- Trey Wadsworth introduced Peter Kimball who will handle freight and highway safety planning and data analysis.
- Kelly Wenger said the West Lake and double tracking projects are moving forward. Property acquisition will begin in the fall.
- Kevin Breitzke read the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is August 9 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. On a motion by Will Farrellbegg and a second by Tom MacLennan, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

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