

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage
September 11, 2018
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, remembering the victims of September 11 2001. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, George Topoll, Susan Weber, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Dean Button, Kay Nelson, Daryl Lampkins, Stephen Stofko and Tyler Kent. Others present included Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner, Laurie Keagle, Adam Moore, Jeff Huet, Doug Ferguson, Claudia Taylor, Akhtar Zaman, Ismail Attallah, Jake Dammarrell, and Karie Koehneke. David Wright participated via conference phone. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Kathy Luther, Trey Wadsworth, Charles Bradsky, Dominique Edwards, Lisa Todd, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Peter Kimball, Candi Eklund, Nathan Pasyk and Mary Thorne.

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

The minutes of the August 14, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Kay Nelson and a second by Tom MacLennan.

There were no public comments.

Presentation - Scott Weber presented on the draft Performance Based Planning (PbP) Framework for the 2050 Plan. The framework will break down how NIRPC will go beyond federal requirements using the 16 critical paths as outlined in the 2050 Plan matrix to achieve Northwest Indiana's vision. The Mobility plan focus area as it relates to the vision statements was examined at length for the committee. Staff will be looking at data metrics and measures, and baseline conditions to achieve increased or decreased performance targets by 2035 and 2050.

Feedback from the committee included getting more feedback from the Northwest Indiana Forum and trade unions on certification information and high school graduate retention information.

Presentation - Mitch Barloga presented on the draft Programmatic Investment Approach for the 2050 Plan and 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This enhanced approach will identify investment programs, evaluate the programs and size funding to each program based on regional priority, evaluate projects within all programs and then program the highest scored projects with available funding per program. While the usual approach is more straightforward, the enhanced approach will better utilize the flexibility provided by some funding sources. Benefits will be easier to quantify and demonstrate performance. The best scored projects will come from regionally significant programs. Examples of what the practice might look like were shown and the scoring process for the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was examined.

Feedback was solicited from the committee. Creating Livable Communities will probably be an applied layer. More information on project funding will be given later. Direct connections to our critical paths will be part of the criteria. The call for projects will be held in November to January. Staff will help LPAs with the scoring but they are making the decisions. We must be in compliance with federal requirements. Funding will be blended by program. Transparency and follow through are the goals here. The funding program will span five years to be in sync with INDOT's Notice of Funding Availability. NIRPC's planning majority is under state administration. There are crucial project types that are not on the list, like transit expansion and roadway resurfacing. Staff is still working on that. More information was gleaned at previous committee presentations and will be incorporated for discussion in October.

Implementation Planning

Dominique Edwards reported on the 2050 Plan pop up events which ended September 1. Over 900 responses were tracked across our influences and trends. The next series will take place in October.

Scott Weber explained the recommendation to the Technical Planning Committee to approve the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance Plan which must be submitted to FHWA by October 1st. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by George Topoll, the Technical Planning Committee voted to recommend the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance Plan to the NIR NIRPC Board for adoption.

Programming

Charles Bradsky presented the revisions to the Project Substitution & Scope Change Policies as revised last month. Suggestions included consistency in terminology in the use of programming rules and prerequisites, and changing the nine bulleted rules to nine numbered rules. These policies will sunset eventually. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the committee voted to recommend the Project Substitution & Scope Change Policies to the Full Commission at its next meeting.

Topical Committee Reports

- The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on October 4. The first hour will be to discuss the Performance Based Planning Framework and Programmatic Investment Approach. The second part of the meeting will feature information from the EPA regarding the chromium spill. The EPA will develop a Northwest Indiana response plan for environmental emergencies. Invitations will go out to the municipalities and county emergency managers.
- A presentation will be made on LimeBikes on September 28 at NIRPC at 9 a.m.
- The Transit Operators Roundtable will meet immediately following this meeting. The roundtable will again meet twice between now and November to discuss the Coordinated Transit Plan and Transit Asset Management Plan.
- The Land Use Committee met last Wednesday. The next meeting is October 3 at 10 a.m.
- The Surface Transportation Committee met last Tuesday to see the two presentations featured today and will again meet on October 2 at 9 a.m.
- The Lake & Porter Transportation Resource and Oversight Committee will meet on September 18 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.
- The LaPorte Transportation Resource and Oversight Committee will meet next Tuesday at 1:30 at the City of La Porte Parks Department.

Planning Partners

Doug Ferguson announced that the CMAP *On to 2050* launch will be held on October 10 at Millennium Park from 10 a.m. to noon.

Emerging Trends: Due to time constraints, no video was provided.

Announcements

South Shore Clean Cities is hosting a National Ride and Drive event today at NIRPC.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is October 9 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 11:00 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.