

**Technical Planning Committee**  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage  
October 9, 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, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Margot Sabato, Dean Button, Kay Nelson, Tyler Kent, Julie Ritzler, and David Wright. Others present included Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner, Jerry Siska, Frank Rosado, Jr., Laurie Keagle, Chris Moore, Jeff Huet, Doug Ferguson, Claudia Taylor, Jill Murr, Ismail Attallah, Jake Dammarrell, and Dennis Cobb. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Trey Wadsworth, Charles Bradsky, Dominique Edwards, Lisa Todd, Scott Weber, Eman Ibrahim, Peter Kimball, Allen Hammond and Mary Thorne.

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

The minutes of the September 11, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Kay Nelson and a second by Dean Button.

There were no public comments.

Presentation – Dominique Edwards presented on the 2050 Plan drivers and influences of Northwest Indiana's future. Summer pop-up events concluded September 1. Feedback was received from over 900 people ranging in age from 5 to 75. The fall series of pop up events began last week and goes through October 20. Visit [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org) for more information.

Presentation - Mitch Barloga presented on the revisions to the new Programmatic Investment Approach for the 2050 Plan and 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with changes made from input received from the topical committees. The first part of the approach will be the scoring of the project types, the second part will be the scoring of the programs. A sample score sheet was shown as well as the formulas for scoring. Programs and funding allocations will be determined through November and project selection will take place from November to January. Program scoring will be presented to this committee in November for recommendation to the Board and the NOFA solicitation package will be ready for a late November call for projects. Discussion followed. Contact Mitch Barloga with any questions or comments.

### **Implementation Planning**

Scott Weber described the reasons for an amended Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Performance Plan, noting the changes to the targets for peak hours of excessive delay per capita (PHED) and Non-single occupancy vehicle travel (Non-SOV). On a motion by Kay Nelson and a second by George Topoll, the committee voted to recommend the amended CMAQ Performance Plan to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

Lisa Todd presented on the transit asset management group plan for small transit providers as required by the Federal Transit Administration for sub-recipients. The plan is required to be in place by October 1 and the required condition assessment must be completed before September 30, 2019. On a motion by Margot Sabato and a second by George Topoll, the committee voted to recommend the transit asset management group plan to the NIRPC Board for adoption. Contact James Winters with questions or for more information.

## **Programming**

Charles Bradsky reported that a 30-day public comment period was held on FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #17 from August 30 through September 30. No comments were received.

Charles Bradsky presented Resolution 18-14, FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #17 for INDOT and local projects. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by David Wright, the committee voted to recommend Resolution 18-14, FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #17 to the NIRPC Board for adoption.

## **Topical Committee Reports**

- The Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee did a programmatic approach exercise at its meeting last week. Governor Holcomb has set \$90 million for trails throughout the state.
- Allen Hammond outlined the Transit ADA Inventory including bus stops, in its ADA transition plan. The goal is to verify that an operator or its community has an inventory of barriers and a prioritization schedule for removal of those barriers. The deadline for starting the assessment is December of 2018. Contact Allen Hammond for more information.
- The Surface Transportation Committee met last Tuesday to hear presentations from Dominique Edwards on 2050 outreach and from Mitch Barloga on the programmatic approach. Feedback was provided by the committee. The next meeting date will be finalized shortly.
- The Lake & Porter Transportation Resource and Oversight Committee will meet on October 23 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.
- The LaPorte Transportation Resource and Oversight Committee will meet next Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. 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**

- Kevin Breitzke congratulated NIRPC for winning the outstanding project award for the Greenways+Blueways Plan at the MPO Conference.
- Mitch Barloga said the Environmental Management Policy Committee will reconvene tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. to continue their exercise on the programmatic approach.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is November 13 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:45 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.