

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

### Additional Scoring Criteria Session

NIRPC - Lake Michigan Room

November 8, 2018

Minutes

**Members/Guests:** Bill Emerson Jr., Jan Bapst, Lauri Keagle, Susan Mihalo.

**NIRPC Staff:** – Kathy Luther, Mitch Barloga, Joe Exl and Candice Eklund

The scoring criteria session began at 1:00 pm

#### **Presentation: 2020-2024 TIP Programmatic Approach & Scoring Criteria**

Mitch Barloga began the scoring session acknowledging the efforts Kathy Luther and Joe Exl made in creating and consolidating the programs from the meeting on November 1, 2018.

Kathy Luther and Joe Exl reviewed the excellent feedback given by the committee at the meeting held on November 1<sup>st</sup> and updated the program scoring sheets to reflect their feedback. They created one program for Environment and one program for Air Quality by condensing the original seven EMPC programs and eliminating redundancies. Susan Mihalo requested the 2040 and 2050 plan implementation matrices be sent to her.

Kathy Luther and Joe Exl discussed each of the criteria's for the two condensed programs. The group appreciated and agreed on the equation Kathy built into the criteria for the AQ-Vehicle Emission reduction program for the Clean Air Act standards. Joe discussed possibly not having a measurable criteria for the Economic Generation category due to the difficulty in locating a useful conversion calculator when quantifying educational management to stormwater projects. The group recognized the category being difficult to measure and worked towards a feasible goal. Kathy Luther explored possible options and located a measurable mechanism through the Center for Neighborhood Technologies (CNT) website. The conversion tool offers a green values stormwater toolbox on their website. After entering the required criteria, the tool would provide specific results of cost savings and environmental benefit. Kathy will further investigate the criteria for this program. After a group discussion, Jan Bapst offered a measurable criteria statement that received consensus by the group.

Mitch Barloga remarked that with the EMPC committee completing their program scoring, the scoring for each topical committee had been successfully completed and will be reflected in the funding application. The application will be available on NIRPC's website November 23, 2018 and the deadline to submit applications will be January 11, 2019.

Kathy Luther briefed the group of the draft Funding Targets information sent out November 7, 2018 and to be reviewed by the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) on November 13, 2018. The draft Funding Targets for the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Air Quality is \$1,450,000 for the Chicago UZA (Lake and Porter Counties) and \$450,000 for the Michigan City UZA (LaPorte County). The draft Funding Target for Environment is \$350,000 for the Chicago UZA.

These funds will be awarded with a local match of 20%. Bill Emerson inquired how it could be possible to obtain additional environmental funding, to which Kathy Luther replied, "these projects are only eligible under the small dollar amount transportation alternatives program. The amount targeted for environment now is based on past projects".

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 2:40 with the completion of the program scoring criteria. The next EMPC meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018.