

Technical Planning Committee
Lake Michigan Room, Portage, IN
March 3, 2020 10:00 a.m.
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Self-introductions. The meeting was streamed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/RdF59G9dgSo>

Committee members present were Kevin Breitzke, Mark O'Dell, George Topoll, Dean Button, Kay Nelson, Jessica Miller, Beth West, Robin Barzoni-Tillman, and Kelly Wenger.

Others present were David Wright, Jake Dammarell, Christopher Murphy, Doug Ferguson, Sandy Kolb, Lauri Keagle, Steve King, Jeff Huett.

Staff present were Mitch Barloga, James Winters, Scott Weber, Kevin Polette, Charles Bradsky, Dominique Edwards, Kathy Luther, Peter Kimball, and Flor Baum.

The minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting were approved on motion by Kay Nelson and a second by Robin Tillman.

Public Comments

Key Nelson The second round of the VW trust fund application process will be posted this month.

Planning

The presentation for Resolution #20-05, Title VI Program was removed.

Scott Weber presented on the Congestion Management Process (CMP). NIRPC is Federally required to administer a CMP for Northwest Indiana, since it is a region greater than 200,00 people. A CMP is a framework for managing congestion in a way that suits users' expectations. The final draft of the CMP will be presented to the Commission in May to officially adopt the document.

Scott also conducted an anonymous polling, with present members, with a focus on objectives and strategies of the CMP.

Programming

Charles Bradsky presented on the Programming highlights from the Transportation Resource Oversight Committee (TROC). TROC met in December and made changes to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The changes will be out for public comment, and the amended changes will be in April.

Topical Committee Reports

Kathy Luther reported on the Environmental Management Policy Committee (EMPC). An executive order was declared from Governor Holcomb, regarding the Lake Michigan shoreline erosion to assist in Lake Michigan Shoreline relief. Lauri Keagle mentioned that materials for the emissions testing educational event can be found on the website.

Mitch Barloga shared with the committee the next scheduled Ped, Pedal, and Paddle Committee (3PC) meeting will be on March 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Scott Weber stated the next scheduled Surface Transportation Committee (STC) meeting will be on May 5, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Other Business, Staff Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

James Winters presented on Emerging Transportation Trends, providing an overview of innovative transportation-related best practices and policies. Two videos on microtransit were presented to the committee.

Announcements and upcoming dates were shared with the committee.

Next Meeting

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be on April 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in NIRPC's Lake Michigan Room. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.