

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
April 5, 2022
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call. The recorded meeting can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/NbAkfCKvqu4>.

In attendance were Kevin Breitzke, David Wright (GPTC), George Topoll (Union Township), Jessica Miller (INDOT), Lauri Keagle (DCI), Tom Schmitt (Schererville), Jeff Huet (Schererville), Kay Nelson (Forum), and Deb Backhus.

NIRPC staff present were Charles Bradsky, Thomas Dow, Kevin Polette, Scott Weber, Kathy Luther, and Flor Baum.

The meeting minutes of March 1, 2022 were approved on motion by David Wright, second by Kay Nelson, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

There were no public comments.

Planning

Thomas Dow presented on Resolution 22-12, updating the 2022 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the counties of Lake, Porter, and LaPorte. NIRPC has \$552,748 in PL and 5303 funds available from FY-20 that need to be programmed in the UPWP so they can be expended prior to June 30, 2022. On motion by Kay Nelson and second by David Wright, with an update to the amendment to include full descriptions of acronyms used within the amendment, the TPC approved to recommend Res. 22-12 to The Commission for approval.

Thomas Dow gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update NWI 2050. NIRPC is federally required to update the MTP every four years. The last update was adopted on May 5, 2019. Key requirements to an MTP for NIRPC is to plan 20 years ahead, address all modes of surface transportation, land use, environmental, environmental justice, and economic impacts of transportation decisions.

Programming

Charles Bradsky presented on Resolution 22-11, Amendment 20-22.45. Amendment #20-22.45 of the FY 20-24 and FY 22-26 TIP was released for a 21-day public comment period that started on March 11 and ended on April 1. No comments were received. The project is to install safety upgrades at railroad crossings in multiple locations within Lake, Porter, and La Porte County. On motion by Kay Nelson and second by George Topoll, with an update to the amendment to include full descriptions of acronyms used within the amendment and A clerical update will be made to the Public Comment Report, the TPC approved to recommend Res. 22-11 to The Commission for approval.

Topical Committee Reports

Kathy Luther reported on the Environmental Management Policy Committee (EMPC). A Climate Action Planning Task Force is being formed to provide input and assist in development of the plan. TPC member are encouraged to join the task force. Please contact Kathy at kluther@nirpc.org for more information.

Reports from Planning Partners

Lauri Keagle (DCI) reported on events and programs. Please visit <https://files.constantcontact.com/b4f049b7201/421310dd-29e4-4201-a6ed-576c59c5233c.pdf?rdr=true> to view the complete details of the Drive Clean Indiana report. Please contact Lauri at lkeagle@drivecleanindiana.org or visit www.drivecleanindiana.org for more information.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next TPC meeting will be on May 3, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the NIRPC building.