

Surface Transportation Committee

Dune Room

August 23, 2022

Minutes

Jim Pressel and Jeff Huet called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

In attendance were Jim Pressel, Jeff Huet (Schererville), Gerald Swets (St. John), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), George Topoll (Union Township), Toney Kesikecich, and Dean Button (Hammond).

NIRPC staff present were Scott Weber, Kevin Polette, Peter Kimball, and Flor Baum.

On motion by Mark O'Dell and second by George Topoll, the committee voted to approve the May 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

There were no public comments.

Scott Weber presented on Resolution 22-17: Establishing Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Traffic Congestion Performance Measure Targets. The *NWI 2050 Plan* and FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program must be amended to reflect the establishment of 2-year and 4-year Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Traffic Congestion performance measure targets. Changes to the NWI 2050 Plan are as follows:

- The Performance Measure for Percent of non-single occupancy vehicle travel in the Chicago, IL-IN urbanized area has been amended to reflect, "31.4% by 2019, 31.9% by 2021, 32.4% by 2023, and 32.6% by 2025 (unified targets for the entire Chicago, IL-IN Urbanized Area)."
- The Performance Measure for Peak hours of excessive delay per capita in the Chicago, IL-IN Urbanized Area has been amended to reflect, "No more than 15.4 by 2021, 15.6 by 2023, and 15.9 by 2025 (unified targets for the entire Chicago, IL-IN Urbanized Area)."

Changes to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program are as follows:

- The Performance Measure for the Percent of nonsingle occupancy vehicle travel in the Chicago, IL-IN urbanized area has been amended to reflect, "at least 31.4% in 2019, 31.9% in 2021, 32.4% in 2023, and 32.6% in 2025."
- The Performance Measure for Peak hours of excessive delay per capita in the Chicago, IL-IN Urbanized Area has been amended to reflect, "no more than 15.4 in 2021, 15.6 in 2023, and 15.9 in 2025."

On motion by Dean Button and second by Mark O'Dell, the STC voted to recommend Res. 22-17 to the Technical Planning Committee.

Peter Kimball and Scott Weber presented on the Safety Update for 2nd Quarter 2022 Crashes 4/1 – 6/30), and Travel Time Reliability, Truck Travel Time Reliability, and Congestion Performance Measures Update for 2nd Quarter 2022. The data collected for Lake, LaPorte, and Porter County totaled 6343 reported collisions can be found on the NIRPC website: <https://nirpc.org/2040-plan/mobility/safety/>

Peter spoke on the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Opportunity Update. Applications are due October 4. It is encouraged to use NIRPC as a resource for mapping components, eligible projects, and overall questions.

Scott also spoke on the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for New Projects Update. The NOFA will be release in the fall of 2022. The STC will have a focus on intersection safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation reconstruction, railway highway grade separation crossings, intersection congestion improvements, and bridge replacement rehabilitations or reconstructions. For more information, please contact Scott at Sweber@nirpc.org.

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The next STC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the NIRPC building.