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Technical Planning Committee

Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Zoom Info

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Meeting ID: 897 6018 0775 Passcode: 424933

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Agenda

1. Call to Order by Chairman

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting (pp. 1 - 2)
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL

2. Public Comment on Agenda Items

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be limited to 3 minutes. Commenters must indicate their wish to comment on the sign in sheet.

3. Planning

- 3.1. Resolution 21-19: Adopting Safety Performance Measure Targets for 2022
Adoption of Indiana state performance targets for safety (pp. 3 - 5).
ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMENDATION to Executive Board/Full Commission for Approval
- 3.2. Regional Transportation Plan Update (p. 6) – ***Due May 16, 2023***
- 3.3. Next Level Trails Funding – Due December 1st

4. Programming

No items this month.

5. Topical Committee Reports

Various committees are invited to report out on their meetings.

- 5.1. Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee (3PC)
- 5.2. Land Use Committee (LUC)
- 5.3. Surface Transportation Committee (STC)
- 5.4. Transportation Resources & Oversight Committee (TROC)

6. Reports from Planning Partners

- 6.1. Southshore Clean Cities

7. Other Business

- 7.1. Emerging Trends Video
- 7.2. Staff Announcements

7.3. Upcoming NIRPC Meetings:

- Finance and Personnel Committee – November 18, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.
- NIRPC Full Commission Meeting – November 18, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
- Transportation Resources Oversight Committee (TROC) Lake and Porter Meeting – November 23, 2021 @ 9:00 am
- TROC La Porte Meeting – November 23, 2021 @1:00 pm

8. Next Meeting

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the NIRPC offices.

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC – Virtual Meeting
September 14, 2021
Minutes

This meeting was convened as an electronic meeting, pursuant to Governor Holcomb’s extended Executive Order 21-26. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction and supported the public’s ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item was provided for public comment, this was supported as well. A roll call was taken to motion and approve the agenda items.

Kevin Brietzke called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a roll call.

In attendance were Bryan Blazak (St. John), Jake Dammarell (BFS), Kevin Brietzke (chair), Jessica Miller, Steve King (Merrillville), Kelly Wenger (NICTD), Emily Nayder (SSCC), David Wright (GPTC), Tim Werner (CIORBA), Chris Murphy (Structurepoint), Eric Wolverton (Structurepoint), and George Topoll (Union Township).

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, Meredith Stilwell, Candice Eklund, Kevin Polette, Scott Weber, Thomas Dow, and Flor Baum.

The meeting minutes of July 13, 2021 were approved on motion by David Wright and second by Kelly Wenger. A roll call was taken, and the committee voted unanimously to approve.

There were no public comments.

Planning

Peter Kimball and Scott Weber presented on the. Census Assessment. The assessment compared the 2010 population with the 2020 population within The NIRPC Region. Collectively, population for all three counties has increased by 1.6%. Lake County’s population has increased by .5%, Porter County has increased by 5.4%, and LaPorte County has increased by .9%. Further detail within the NIRPC Region was presented, using the census tracts that captured the growth within the three counties. The changes in the municipalities within The Region were also presented. The Industrial core in Lake County and Northwest Porter County experienced the most decline. Saint John and Crown Point experienced an influx in population. Municipal Population density change was discussed. Northern core communities, such as Hammond, Highland, and New Chicago had the densest population in our Region. The percentage of minority by census tract, will help to determine the locations of environmental justice (EJ) and be re-evaluated. The Census Bureau will release new urban area boundaries for the Chicago and Michigan City areas. NIRPC will adjust the urban area boundaries for Federal Highway purposes. The Census Data will be available on the NIRPC website. Contact Peter or Scott for more information.

Programming

Charles Bradsky presented on Resolution 21-17, Amendment #22-02 to FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). No public or technical comments were received during the 21-day public comment period, which began on August 19, and ended September 9. All projects were found to be exempt and non-regionally significant from the Air Quality Conformity. NIRPC is

waiting for Federal Highway (FH) and Federal Transit Agency approval. Any projects that have phase changes in 2022 or 2023 are in the current STIP. Charles delineated INDOT and local projects. On motion by George Topoll and second by David Wright, the Technical Planning Committee approved to recommend Resolution 21-17 to The Full Commission.

Topical Committee Reports

Mitch announced 3PC hosted a micromobility webinar on August 31. A recording is available on NIRPC's YouTube channel. The next Ped Peddle and Paddle meeting is slated for October 7.

Reports from Planning Partners

Emily Nader (SSCC) reported on events and programs. Please click [here](#) for complete details of the South Shore Clean Cities report. Visit www.southshorecleancities.org or contact Lauri at lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.



RESOLUTION 21-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURE TARGETS FOR 2022

November 18, 2021

WHEREAS, Northwest Indiana's citizens require a safe, efficient, effective, resource-conserving regional transportation system that maintains and enhances regional mobility and contributes to improving the quality of life in Northwest Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as "the Commission", being designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lake, Porter and LaPorte County area, has established a regional, comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing (3-C) transportation planning process to develop the unified planning work program, a transportation plan, and a transportation improvement program to facilitate federal funding for communities, counties, and transit operators, and to provide technical assistance and expertise to regional transportation interests; and

WHEREAS, the Commission performs the above activities to satisfy requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the *NWI 2050 Plan* and FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program are products of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act of 2015 requires the Commission to adopt annual safety performance measure targets; and

WHEREAS, the FAST Act of 2015 requires, within 180 days of the state department of transportation adopting targets, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to either adopt the targets of the state department of transportation or develop their own targets; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Department of Transportation adopted its safety performance measure targets on August 31, 2021, and the Commission finds that the Commission should support the Indiana Department of Transportation's targets; and

WHEREAS, the *NWI 2050 Plan* and FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program must be amended to reflect the updated safety performance measure targets; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the *NWI 2050 Plan* and *FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program* brought about by this amendment fit the criteria of a technical amendment according to the *Engage NWI* plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby adopts safety performance measure targets for 2022 by making the following changes to the *NWI 2050 Plan* and *FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program* in a manner consistent with the definitions of a technical amendment as defined in *Engage NWI* and as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this eighteenth day of November, 2021.

George Topoll
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Richard Hardaway
Secretary

Changes to the *NWI 2050* Plan:

Page Number	Performance Measure	Original Text	Amended Text
175	Number of fatalities	“90 in 2021 in order to support the state target of no more than 817.3”	“102 in 2022 in order to support the state target of no more than 876.0”
176	Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	“0.776 in 2021 in order to support the state target of no more than 1.006”	“0.830 in 2022 in order to support the state target of no more than 1.076”
176	Number of serious injuries	“421 in 2021 in order to support the state target of no more than 3,311.4”	“347 in 2022 in order to support the state target of no more than 2,998.2”
177	Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	“3.677 in 2021 in order to support the state target of no more than 4.088”	“3.306 in 2022 in order to support the state target of no more than 3.675”
177	Non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities	“58 in 2021 in order to support the state target of no more than 393.6”	“40 in 2022 in order to support the state target of no more than 344.5”

Changes to the FY 2022-2026 Transportation Improvement Program:

Page Number	Performance Measure	Original Target/Desired Trend	Amended Target/Desired Trend
28	Number of fatalities	“no more than 817.3 in 2021”	“no more than 876.9 in 2022”
28	Rate of fatalities per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	“no more than 1.006 in 2021”	“no more than 1.076 in 2022”
28	Number of serious injuries	“no more than 3,311.4 in 2021”	“no more than 2,998.2 in 2022”
28	Rate of serious injuries per 100 million vehicle miles traveled	“no more than 4.088 in 2021”	“no more than 3.675 in 2022”
28	Non-motorized serious injuries and fatalities	“no more than 393.6 in 2021”	“no more than 344.5 in 2022”

Preliminary Schedule for LRTP Update

