

Surface Transportation Committee Meeting  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room  
October 2, 2018

Christine Cid called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Present were Christine Cid, Lake County Council; George Topoll, Union Township Trustee; Jeff Huet, Town of Schererville; Mark Gordish, City of Hammond; David Wright, Gary Public Transportation Corp.; Denny Cobb, First Group Engineering; Jake Dammarell, Butler, Fairman & Seufert; and Vince Epps, Metric Environmental.

NIRPC staff present were Mitch Barloga, Scott Weber, Dominique Edwards, Peter Kimball, and Mary Thorne.

There was no public comment.

On a motion by George Topoll, seconded by Mark Gordish, the September 4, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation – Dominique Edwards presented on the 2050 Plan drivers and influences of Northwest Indiana’s future. Summer pop-up events concluded September 1. Feedback was received from over 900 people ranging in age from 5 to 75. The fall series of pop up events begins this week and goes through October 20. Visit [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org) for more information.

Presentation - Mitch Barloga presented on the draft 2050 Plan and TIP Programmatic Approach Program Scoring revisions based on committee input. Program scoring was reviewed by the Committee and points were changed live as needed based on consensus of the group. Ten sets of project criteria were examined. At the November meeting, project sizes and funding mechanisms will be examined. The NOFA will be out in late November. Submissions are due in January.

George Topoll took over as Chair as Christine Cid had to leave.

Scott Weber gave updates as follows:

- There was a discrepancy in the CMAQ performance measures. The amended plan will go to the Technical Planning Committee for recommendation to the Board for approval.
- The 2018 Household Travel Survey was sent out and digital travel time collection is being performed. The survey will be released in December.

The next Surface Transportation Committee meeting will be held at 9 a.m. on November 6, 2018.

Hearing no other business, George Topoll adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.