

NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
August 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes / NIRPC Dune Room – 8:40 a.m.

Members present

Austin Bonta, Bob Carnahan, Anthony Ferraro, David Phelps, Courtney Parthun, Denise Ebert

Staff and others present

David Hollenbeck, George Topoll, John Matwyshyn, Ty Warner, Meredith Stilwell, Tom Vander Woude, Lisa Todd, Darin Sherman, Mitch Barloga

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Austin Bonta called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Contract: Marquette Greenway Supplemental Agreement 3

Mitch Barloga presented Supplemental Agreement 3, explaining that the amendment is necessary due to the extended 15-month FHWA approval period for Amendment 2. As a result of the delay, the right-of-way assessments lapsed and reassessments are now required. The additional work will increase project management costs, and funds must be reallocated to allow Butler, Fairman and Seufert, Inc. to begin the reassessments. The lump-sum fee increase for this work is \$56,515.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$1,017,270.00. No new funding is being added; existing funds are being reallocated. The project is anticipated to begin letting in early 2027. Attorney Hollenbeck noted that the contract had cleared legal review. Commissioner Ferraro asked whether federal partners had been engaged regarding the 15-month approval period and suggested doing so in the future if they had not been contacted. It was noted that coordination had occurred with both Senator Mrvan's and Senator Young's offices. On motion by Anthony Ferraro and second by David Phelps, the Marquette Greenway Supplemental Agreement 3 was favorably recommended to be presented to the NIRPC Executive Board for approval.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.