

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, Portage, IN
March 12, 2019
Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Committee members present were Kevin Breitzke, Diane Noll, Mark O'Dell, Dean Button, Michael Griffin, David Wright, Tom MacLennan, Kelly Wenger, Will Farrellbegg, Margot Sabato and Jessica Miller.

Others present were Tom Schmitt, Doug Ferguson, Craig Phillips, Jerry Siska, Jill Murr, K-Todd Behling, Katie Lemon, Frank Rosado, Jr., Michael Jabo, Claudia Taylor, Bruce Lindner, Laurie Keagle, John Novacich, Don Oliphant, Chris Moore and Beth Shrader.

Staff present were Trey Wadsworth, Mitch Barloga, Charles Bradsky, Dominique Edwards, Scott Weber, Peter Kimball, Eman Ibrahim and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available.

The minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting were approved on a motion by Dean Button and a second by Will Farrellbegg.

There were no public comment requests.

Trey Wadsworth reported that Amendment #2 to the Unified Planning Work Program will be brought to the committee at the April 9 meeting.

Scott Weber presented on the Performance-based Planning Framework which will be included in the draft NWI 2050 Plan. These measures will be done by NIRPC as well as other stakeholders. NIRPC will be able to track implementation progress of the plan and allocate resources to areas lagging in implementation progress and further convey transparently with the public. An example was provided. Brief discussion followed. On a motion by Michael Griffin and a second by Will Farrellbegg, the Technical Planning Committee voted to recommend the Performance-based Planning Framework to the Board for inclusion in the draft Northwest Indiana 2050 Plan, The Plan will go out for public comment on April 1st.

Eman Ibrahim made a brief presentation on the NWI 2050 Plan Draft Strategies which were reviewed by the committees and put out for public comment ending February 22. Two comments were received regarding more transit and emphasizing partnerships. There are 335 strategies. Brief discussion followed. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Mark O'Dell, the Technical Planning Committee voted to recommend the NWI 2050 Plan draft strategies to the Board for inclusion in the draft Northwest Indiana 2050 Plan. The Plan will go out for public comment on April 1.

Charles Bradsky announced that Group 1 and Group 2 projects for the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program will be considered further. Group 2 is completed. The

TIP is almost final and staff is waiting to hear from one Group 1 community and technical comments from Federal Highways and Federal Transit. Any revisions will be reviewed at the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee meetings on March 26 and communicated back to the committees before going out for public comment along with the NWI 2050 Plan on April 1. It will then come back to TPC in May. No action was required.

The topical committees will be meeting next month.

Doug Ferguson reported that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning MPO Committee will meet on Thursday on the O'Hare Express Service and the South Lakefront Framework Plan.

Mitch Barloga reported that several communities applied for the Next Level Trails grant. There was \$140 million in applications for an initial \$25 million pot.

Committee meetings at NIRPC were reviewed:

- The Finance & Personnel Committee will meet on March 21 at 8:30 a.m.
- The Executive Board will meet on March 21 at 9 a.m.
- The Surface Transportation Committee will meet on April 2 at 9 a.m.
- The Transit Operators Roundtable will meet on April 2 at 10:40 a.m.
- The Environmental Management Policy Committee will meet on April 4 at 9 a.m.
- The Land Use Committee will meet on April 4 at 10:39 a.m.
- The Ped Pedal & Paddle Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on April 4.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting will be held on April 9 at 10 a.m.

Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.