ADA Public Hearing

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Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
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What is NI RPC?

- Creation of the Federal Government to coordinate use of highway and public transit funding

- Designated as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) by Governor (Defines responsibilities for planning and programming of transportation funds)

- Designated as a Council of Governments by state law (limits members to elected officials only)

- Same state law added duties to include environmental and economic development planning.
WHO IS NIRPC

- Every City and Town in Lake, Porter and La Porte Counties has one appointment

- Every County Council and Board of Commissioners has one appointment

- All 3 County Surveyors have an appointment

- The Porter County Townships of Union and Porter each have an appointment

- The Governor has one appointment

- The Transit Operators have one appointment
HOW ARE DECISIONS MADE AT NIRPC?

- Citizen Working Groups and Task Forces are formed to make recommendations to the Commission’s Policy Committees
- Standing Policy Committees are Transportation, Environmental Planning, and Economic Development
- Standing Policy Committees make final recommendations to NIRPC Board of Commissioners
HOW PUBLIC BUS AND DEMAND RESPONSE TRANSIT ARE FUNDED IN NORTHWEST INDIANA

- Federal Support from Federal Transit Administration (FTA Section 5307 Funds)
- State Support (Line item in budget, previously Public Mass Transit Fund from sales tax)
- Local Support from fares, municipal property taxes, other federal programs, county economic development income tax, county budgets (property taxes)
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS 2013

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)

North Township
$640,000

GPTC
$1,424,602

Valparaiso Dash
$260,000

Section 5337 State of Good Repair

NICTD
$12,377,938
OTHER FEDERAL FUNDS (Page 2)
2013

New Freedom

SLCCS
$120,000

PCACS
$85,000
WHO GETS THE FEDERAL PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDS (FTA Section 5307) (2013)

- NICTD: $3,600,000
- GPTC: $4,421,986
- ECPT: $483,087
- North Township: $139,938
- TransPorte: undetermined
- NIRPC: $296,900
- SLCCS: $309,437
- V-Line and DASH: $447,000
- OE: $207,492
- PCACS: $260,004

? (Sub-grantee administration)
WHO ARE NIRPC’S SUB-GRANTEES?

- East Chicago Public Transit
- North Township Dial-A-Ride
- South Lake County Community Services
- Opportunity Enterprises
- Porter County Aging and Community Services
- Valparaiso V-Line and DASH
- La Porte TransPorte
HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

- Sign up to receive direct notice of meetings and activities
- Attend meetings, volunteer for a task force or working group
- Express your opinions and share ideas – NIRPC is on Facebook and Twitter!!
- Encourage attendance and community participation by sharing rides
- Contact us anytime at nirpc@nirpc.org
Thank You

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