NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
FULL COMMISSION/EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 23, 2015, 9:00 A.M.
Sycamore Hall, Woodland Park, 2100 Willowcreek Road, Portage, Indiana

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Blair Milo, Chair  9:00 a.m.

II. Appointment to the Commission – Dave Hollenbeck  9:01 a.m.

III. Presentation: Bikes on Trains Presentation – William Otter and Dan Schulte of Quandel Consultants, Inc.  9:02 a.m.

IV. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2015 Full Commission Meeting  Pages 1-4  9:20 a.m.

V. Report of the Chair – Blair Milo  Pages 5-14
   a) Discussion on Committees  9:21 a.m.

VI. Report of the Executive Director – Kathy Luther, for Ty Warner  9:35 a.m.
   a) Staff Service Awards

VII. Finance & Personnel Committee – Roosevelt Allen, Jr.,  Pages 15-19
    a) 2015 Budget Amendment  Page 18
    b) Procurement Recommendation  Page 19

VIII. Transportation Policy Committee – Stan Dobosz  Pages 20-35
     a) Action on Resolution No. 15-17 Amendment #2 to the FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program  Pages 20-22
     b) Action on Resolution No. 15-15 Amendment #1 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program  Pages 23-28
     c) Action on Resolution No. 15-16 Amendment #2 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program  Pages 29-35

IX. Northwestern Indiana Economic Development District – Roosevelt Allen, Jr.  10:00 a.m.

X. INDOT, Rick Powers, La Porte District Director  10:05 a.m.

XI. Other Business  10:10 a.m.

XII. Public Comment  10:15 a.m.

XIII. Announcements  10:20 a.m.

XIV. Adjournment  10:25 a.m.

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NIRPC Full Commission/ Executive Board Meeting
NIRPC/Forum Building, Portage, IN
May 21, 2015

Minutes

Chairwoman Blair Milo called the meeting of the Full Commission to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief stretch session.

Executive Board Members present included Roosevelt Allen, Jr., Anthony Copeland, Don Ensign, Michael Griffin, Blair Milo, Rich Murphy, Bob Schaefer, Greg Stinson and Jim Ton.

Other Commissioners present included Geof Benson, Kevin Breitzke, Tom Clouser, Jon Costas, Bill Emerson, Jr., Karen Freeman-Wilson, Richard Hardaway, Richard Ludlow, Roger Miller, Jim Murphy, Diane Noll, Jean Poulard, Lori Reno, Jeremy Rivas, Chris Salatas, Tom Schmitt, Joe Simonetto, Joe Stahura, Ron Stallings, George Topoll, Jamal Washington.


Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 16, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Greg Stinson and a second by Rich Murphy.

Report of the Chair:

- Blair Milo reported on the committee structure and graphic. The process would not change; however, a more specific definition of the committees and the participation on these committees would be made. The handout provided to the Commission identifies NIRPC as both a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and a Council of Governments (COG). It identifies the various committees, their purpose and makeup. The graphic shows how projects submitted by stakeholders would advance through the various Topical Committees, then to the Technical Planning Committee and ultimately going to the Commission for final adoption. Geof Benson motioned to approve the committee structure as presented by Blair Milo; Jean Poulard seconded; motion carried.
• Blair Milo reported that she received a letter from a Lake Station resident regarding a proposed roundabout in Lake Station. She referred to a fact sheet prepared by staff which provided the background of the proposed project, scopes of work, revenue information, the financial impact on the residents, and information on local responsibility. Contact Christopher Murphy, American Structurepoint, with any questions.

Report of the Executive Director:
• Ty Warner reported that HB 1164 has passed, changing the wording of the NIRPC legislation regarding the use of census figures for weighted voting to the “last decennial census” effective July 1st. He thanked Bill Fine, Ed Soliday, Jim Arnold, Rick Niemeyer and Lonnie Randolph for their work in getting this bill signed.
• On Tuesday, Congress passed an extension of the “highway bill” to maintain funding for transportation projects for another two months, with long-term funding to be worked out.
• Several staff members attended the American Planning Association conference in Seattle, and NIRPC’s Executive Director participated in a pre-conference panel to outline NIRPC’s Creating Livable Communities program.
• The build-out of the NIRPC offices are now underway and construction will take place over the next three months. Meeting locations will be announced as they are scheduled.
• Geof Benson was presented with a Leaders as Heroes award from the South Shore Leadership Center.
• Ty Warner presented Watershed Planner, Joe Exl, with an award for completing five years of service at NIRPC.

Transportation Policy Committee:
• Joe Simonetto reported that the committee met on May 12 and heard several updates from staff. Stephen Sostaric referenced the Public Comment Report adding that there were no modifications needed.
• Resolution 15-11, the Air Quality Conformity Determination, was summarized by Scott Weber, who said the Transportation Policy Committee voted to recommend the Air Quality Conformity Determination to the full Commission for adoption. All VOC and NOx emissions were less than the Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets established in the State Implementation Plan for Lake and Porter Counties. On a motion by Kevin Breitzke and a second by Greg Stinson, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 15-11, the Air Quality Conformity Determination between the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan as updated, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program and the Indiana State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.
• Resolution 15-12, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion was described by Mitch Barloga. He read a memorandum from the Pathway to 2040 Committee that provides the bulleted highlights of the plan update. On a motion by Kevin Breitzke and a second by Michael Griffin, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 15-12, the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan Update Companion.
• Resolution 15-13, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program highway projects were described by Gary Evers and the transit projects were described by Belinda Petroskey. Gary Evers noted that the total project investment exceeded $1 billion, a first for NIRPC. There were a number of capacity expansion products included in the TIP, including a new...
interchange in La Porte County at US 20 and SR 2. Total local funds is about $208 million. New local projects will be added in later this year from the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Belinda Petroskey said an administrative modification was made to amend in the FY 2015 projects. It is not yet known as to whether or not the transit operators will get 100% of their apportionment. Grants have not yet been applied for. On a motion by Kevin Breitzke and a second by George Topoll, the Commission voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 15-13, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program.

- The next meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee will be announced.

**Indiana Department of Transportation:** Rick Powers reported that pothole repairs have reduced I-94 eastbound to one lane. Pavement preservation will take place in July and August. Mowing is underway. There are some safety issues on US Highway 20 going into Chesterton. Jim Ton said SR 49 between I-94 and I-90 is in rough shape. People are driving out of lanes to avoid the potholes and is causing hazardous driving conditions. Jon Costas made a plea for infrastructure investment. Cities need the tools from the county to deal with their own roads. Tom Schmitt said the intersection of US 41 and US 30 is in bad shape. Lack of pavement striping is also an issue. Karen Freeman-Wilson urged the Commission to contact their legislators. Blair Milo said 60 Minutes did a report on crumbling infrastructure in the US.

Blair Milo had to leave the meeting; she passed the gavel to Vice Chair Jim Ton.

**Finance & Personnel Committee:** Committee Chair Roosevelt Allen, Jr. reported that the committee met this morning. Two items are being recommended for action.

- Procurement recommendations for a feasibility study for Portage and Hobart Transit to be paid at an 80/20 match with Federal Transit Authority Funds and the two agencies in an amount not to exceed $150,000. On a motion by Joe Simonetto and a second by Jon Costas, the Commission adopted Procurement #15-14.

- Roosevelt Allen, Jr. described proposed budget amendments to add $10,000 to the 2014 budget for data collection counters to be added to the Blueways & Greenways 2020 Plan. The second amendment is to add $12,000 for signage standards development and trail identification markers. The budget amendment was approved by the Executive Board on a motion by Michael Griffin and a second by Bob Schaefer.

- Roosevelt Allen, Jr. reported that he had an entrance conference with the State Board of Accounts. They will conduct an audit of our transit, highway planning and MPO program and the projected completion date is June 30.

**Northwest Indiana Economic Development District (NWIEDD):**

Roosevelt Allen, Jr. reported that Matt Reuff is in the process of updating the CEDS working go get district designation from the EDA.

**Other Business:** No other business was brought forward.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:**
• Tim Sullivan said all of his questions were addressed by Chairwoman Milo in the fact sheet on
the Lake Station roundabout that was handed out.
• Josie Collins said all of her questions were addressed by Chairwoman Milo in the fact sheet
on the Lake Station roundabout.
• Ruben Mendez of Lake Station said research showed that 8.3 crashes per year would be
avoided; however, there is a barrier and therefore, no accidents could take place. He also
said that there are many areas that children frequent near the site and their safety would be
jeopardized if the roundabout was built. He asked that this issue be tabled and put on a
referendum in November.
• Jim Nowacki, Gary, commented on the US 12/20 improvements in Gary and asked that
comments and complaints by residents be taken under advisement.
• Ed Paralta, Lake Station, commented that the roundabout should be tabled to a November
referendum. Jim Ton responded that NIRPC has no legal authority to place items on the
ballot.

Announcements:
• Diane Noll said Wanatah is celebrating their sesquicentennial next month and there are some
brochures available.

Hearing no other business, on a motion by Greg Stinson and a second by Roosevelt Allen, Jr.,
Jim Ton adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

A Digital MP3 of this meeting is filed. Contact Mary Thorne at the phone or email below should you wish
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individual’s income is derived from any public assistance program.
$ = Committee makes decisions on Federal Funding Transportation Projects

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NIRPC – Two for the Price of One

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Regional Transportation Planning required for federal transportation subsidies.
- Maintain planning documents and processes required under federal transportation programs
- Programming the federal transportation dollars to local projects

Council of Governments (COG)

Planning, Programming, Policy for
- Transportation
- Economic Development
- Environmental
- Coordinative Management Process with all member units
  Assist in planning programs of member units

Committees: NIRPC Operations, COG Functions & MPO Functions

NIRPC Operations

Finance and Personnel Committee

What does it do?
- Oversees routine NIRPC operations such as budget preparation, claims, HR functions, contracts, etc.

Who is on it?
- NIRPC Treasurer (Chair)
- 9 Commissioners - Voluntary membership; Quorum made up of majority of attendees, but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
- NIRPC Executive Director, Finance and Administration Staff
- NIRPC Attorney

Nominations Committee

What does it do?
- Negotiate a slate of officers for recommendation to the full Commission the following year

Who is on it?
- Current year’s chair, immediate past chair and one member of the Executive Board and the Executive Director

Appointed by the NIRPC Chair

For Discussion 7/23/15
COG Committees
Legislative Committee

What does it do?
- Determines NIRPC positions on priority state and federal legislation across all NIRPC planning domains and topics of local interest

Who is on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
- Governor’s Appointee
- Executive Director

Local Government Assistance Committee

What does it do?
- Provides a forum for sharing or learning of best practices and issues related to local governments, provides training opportunity, explores funding opportunities, local problem solving

Who is on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum of majority of attendees with no less than 3 in attendance (if needed)
- City/Town Managers, Planners, Engineers
- Appropriate stakeholders and/or subject area experts as appropriate

MPO Committees
Functional/Financial Committees = ($$)
Topical/Review Committees = (TT)

($$) Technical Planning Committee **NEW** (Combination of the artists formerly known as the Transportation Planning Committee and the 2040 Implementation Committee)

What does it do?
- Receive funding requests from Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees
- Provide funding recommendations to Full Commission/Executive Board regarding amendments to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
  - Consider if projects requested/recommended from the Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees support implementation of the 2040 Vision
- Review program applications and evaluate against NOFA allocations
- Advise NIRPC on policies and programs related to federal transportation funding.
- Delegates and instructs Policy Committees on transportation funding solicitations

For Discussion 7/23/15
• Ensures plans and policies related to transportation, environment, and public participation, and others are technically consistent with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements and the 2040 Plan
• Sets categorical funding targets and priorities for specialized policy committees allocating federal transportation funding for various programs

Who is on it?
• 12 Commissioners (4 per County, including Chair); Quorum of majority of attendees with no less than 3 in attendance
  • Commissioner may send a staff representative in his/her stead
• 3 Transit Operators (1 per County) Eligible Federal Transportation Funding recipients.
• 1 NWI Forum Representative
• 1 INDOT Representative
• 1 NICTD Representative
• FHWA/FTA Representative(s) – non-voting

(TT) ($$) Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees (Group I and Group II)
(***Newly Formalized***)

What does it do?
• Submits project and subsequent funding requests for CMAQ, STP, TAP, HSIP
  • Groups I & II meet respectively to create consensus on division of projects and funding amongst stakeholders present
• Meet quarter to provide oversight of project progress for projects successfully added to the TIP

Who is on it?
• Stakeholder Commissioners for respective groups (Group I/Lake & Porter Counties or Group II/La Porte County); Quorum is majority of Commissioners in attendance
• Town/City/County Planners, Town/City/County Engineers or other staff as applicable; non-voting members unless representing a Stakeholder Commissioner
• Appropriate NIRPC Staff

(TT) Environmental Management and Policy Committee

What does it do?
• Explore topics, policies, programs, and regulations relevant to NWI such as
  • Air Quality
  • Water Quality and Watershed Planning
  • Biodiversity and Conservation
  • Ecosystem Services and Green Infrastructure
  • Brownfields
  • Energy
• Provide regional convening body for complex environmental issues impacting NWI
• Recommend environmental policies and oversee development of funded environmental plans and programs
• Advise NIRPC on MPO required Environmental Mitigation program
- Establish selection criteria and recommend transportation projects for special environmental categories eligible for transportation funding including:
  - CMAQ Public Education, Diesel Retrofit, and misc. air emission reduction projects
  - Transportation Alternatives Stormwater, Wildlife Mitigation, and Invasive species management

Who is on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
- Municipal environmental staff
- Industrial environmental staff
- IDEM & IDNR
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- Environmental Advocacy Groups
- Regional Academic experts
- Regional private sector/individual subject area experts
- NIRPC Environmental Staff

(TT) Ped, Pedal, and Paddle Committee (3PC)

What does it do?
- Explore topics, policies, programs, and regulations relevant to Trails, Complete Streets, and non-motorized transportation.
- Advise NIRPC on policies and programs related to non-motorized transportation development
- Provide training on best practices to local governments relating to trails, complete streets, and non-motorized transportation.
- Oversees development of the regional Ped and Pedal Transportation Plan, Trail Priority Map, and Blueways (Water Trail) projects

Who is on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
- Local planners
- Local Park and Rec. staff
- Park and Trail Advocacy Groups
- Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
- National Parks Service
- NIRPC non-motorized staff

(TT) Land Use Committee

What does it do?
- Explore topics, policies, programs, and regulations relevant to land use, smart growth, and transit oriented development.
- Advise NIRPC on land use planning, demographics, GIS, and other data programs
- Provide training on best practices to local governments relating to sustainable development, smart growth, land use, livable communities, and related topics.
- Recommend land use policies and over-see development of Livable Centers Program
• Establish selection criteria, select, and recommend transportation projects for Creating Livable Communities funding program

Who is on it?
• Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
• Local Planners
• Smart Growth Advocates
• NIRPC Planning Staff

(TT) Rail Vision Workgroup/Freight

What does it do?
• Explore topics, policies, programs, and regulations relevant to freight transportation planning, rail, freight related economic development, high speed rail, and rail crossing safety.
• Advise NIRPC on freight transportation needs and freight related economic development and policies to implement freight elements of the regional transportation plan.
• Act as convener for local communities and stakeholders pertaining to rail and highway interactions and issues.

Who is on it?
• Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
• Regional Industries
• Railroads
• Port of Indiana
• Economic Development?
• Local planners

(TT) Transit Operators Roundtable

What does it do?
• Negotiate allocation of federal transit funding between operators
• Select and recommend transit projects for funding

Who is on it?
• Transit Operators
  o NICTD
  o Gary Public Transportation Corp
  o East Chicago Public Transit
  o North Township Dial A Ride
  o Opportunity Enterprises
  o Porter County Aging Community Services
  o City of LaPorte Transit
  o Michigan City Transit
  o City of Valparaiso V-line & ChicaGo Dash
  o South Lake County Community Services
• NIRPC Transit Planner and Transit oversight staff

For Discussion 7/23/15
What does it do?
- Explore topics, policies, programs, and regulations relevant to street and highway transportation.
- Oversees development of Regional Transportation Plan elements relating to requirements including:
  - Congestion Management
  - Intelligent Transportation System
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - Pavement Management System
  - Performance Based Planning
- Advise NIRPC on policies to implement the plan elements listed above.
- Establish selection criteria and recommend transportation projects for STP and HSIP funding.

Who is on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum of majority of attendees with no less than 3 in attendance (if needed)
- Municipal Planners and/or Engineers
- INDOT
- NIRPC Transportation Planners

MPO and GOG Committee
Outreach Committee – Proposed! Advises and receives direction from TPC

What will it do?
- Oversees the Public Participation Plan
- Assists NIRPC staff with local and regional outreach

Who should be on it?
- Commissioners (voluntary and no limit); Quorum made up of majority of attendees but no less than 3 in attendance (including Chair)
- Stakeholders?

For Discussion 7/23/15
NIRPC COMMISSIONER NEW COMMITTEE PREFERENCE FORM
Per Committee Structure Adopted May 21, 2015
w/Proposed Descriptions & Committee Makeup to be discussed 7/23/15

MEMBER’S NAME: ____________________________

Please indicate your order of preference by identifying your first preference as 1, your second preference as 2. You will be assigned to two committees, and your first preference will be met unless we need to “balance” the committees.

** New Committee – meeting schedule is to be determined by Committee

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NIRPC OPERATIONS

___ Finance and Personnel meets @ 8am on 3rd Thursday as needed to address Financial Oversight, Claims, Contracts, Budget Development, Personnel Policies and Human Relations Issues, Procurement

   Committee Makeup: NIRPC Treasurer (chair), 9 Commissioners, Executive Director, Finance & Administration Staff, NIRPC Attorney

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) COMMITTEES

___ Legislative Committee meets on call to determine NIRPC positions on priority state and federal legislation across all NIRPC planning domains and topics of local interest.

   Committee Makeup: Commissioners (no limit) Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair. Governor’s Appointee and Executive Director.

___ Local Government Assistance Committee usually meets @ 9 am on 5th Thursday of a month to provide a forum for sharing or learning best practices and issues related to local governments, provides training opportunity, explores funding opportunities, local problem solving.

   Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary, no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 (if needed), including Chair; City/Town Managers, Planners, Engineers, Appropriate stakeholders and/or subject area experts as appropriate.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) COMMITTEES

(Functional/Financial Committees = $$)
(Topical/Review Committees = TT)

___ ($$) Technical Planning Committee **NEW**

   (Combination of members of committees formerly known as the Transportation Planning Committee and the Pathway to 2040 Implementation Committee) meets on ____________________

   Receives funding request from Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees, provides funding recommendations to Full Commission/Executive Board regarding amendments to the
Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), advises NIRPC on policies and programs related to federal transportation funding, ensures plans and policies related to transportation, environment and public participation and others are technically consistent with Federal Transportation Planning Requirements and the 2040 Plan, sets categorical funding targets and priorities for specialized policy committees allocating federal transportation funding for various programs.

**Committee Makeup:** 12 Commissioners (4 per county including Chair), Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; (Commissioner may send a staff representative); 3 transit operators (1 per county); Eligible Federal Transportation Funding recipients; 1 NWI Forum representative; 1 INDOT representative; 1 NICTD representative; FHWA/FTA representative (non-voting).

--- *(TT) **($$) Transportation Resource and Oversight Committees Group I and Group II* ---

**NEW** meets _________ to submit project and subsequent funding requests for CMAQ, STP, TAP, HSIP – Groups I & II meet respectively to create consensus on division of projects and funding amongst stakeholders present, meets quarterly to provide oversight of progress of projects successfully added to the TIP.

**Committee Makeup:** Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; Stakeholder Commissioners for respective groups (Group I – Lake & Porter Counties or Group II – La Porte County), town/city/county planners; town/city/county engineers or other staff as applicable; non-voting members unless representing a Stakeholder commissioner; appropriate NIRPC staff.

--- *(TT) Environmental Management and Policy Committee* ---

meets @ 9 am on the first Thursday of the month to explore topics, polices, programs and regulations relevant to the environment in NWI; provide regional convening body for complex environmental issues impacting NWI; recommend environmental policies and oversee development of funded environmental plans and programs.

**Committee Makeup:** Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; municipal environmental staff; industry environmental staff; IDEM & IDNR; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; environmental advocacy groups; regional academic experts; regional private sector/individual subject area experts; NIRPC environmental staff.

--- *(TT) Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee (3PC)* ---

meets at 1:30 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to trails, complete streets, and non-motorized transportation.

**Committee Makeup:** Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; local planners; local park and recreation staff; park and trail advocacy groups; Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore; National Parks Service; NIRPC non-motorized staff.

--- *(TT) Land Use Committee* ---

meets as needed to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to land use, smart growth and transit-oriented development; provides training on best practices to local governments; oversee development of Livable Centers Program; selects and recommends transportation projects for Creating Livable Communities funding program.

**Committee Makeup:** Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; local planners; smart growth advocates, NIRPC planning staff.

--- *(TT) Rail Vision Workgroup/Freight* ---

meets _________ to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to freight transportation planning, rail, freight-related economic
development, high speed rail and rail crossing safety; advises NIRPC on freight transportation needs and freight–related economic development and policies.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; regional industries; railroads; Ports of Indiana; Economic Development (NWI Forum?); local planners.

(TT) Transit Operators Roundtable meets monthly following the Technical Planning Committee meeting to negotiate allocation of federal transit funding between operators and select and recommend transit projects for funding.

Committee Makeup: Transit Operators (NICTD, Gary Public Transportation Corp, East Chicago Public Transit, North Township Dial-a-Ride, Opportunity Enterprises, Porter County Aging & Community Services, City of LaPorte Transit, Michigan City Transit, Valparaiso V-Line and Chicago Dash; South Lake County Community Services); NIRPC Transit Planner and Transit Oversight staff.]

(TT) Surface Transportation Committee **NEW** meets to explore topics, policies, programs and regulations relevant to street and highway transportation; oversees development of Regional Transportation Plan elements relating to federal requirements and establishes selection criteria and recommends transportation projects for STP and HSIP funding.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair (if needed); municipal planners or engineers; INDOT; and NIRPC transportation planners.

MPO AND COG COMMITTEE

Outreach Committee (proposed) meets on call to advise and receive direction from the Technical Planning Committee to oversee the Public Participation Plan and assist NIRPC staff with local and regional outreach.

Committee Makeup: Commissioners (voluntary and no limit). Quorum minimum of 3 including Chair; stakeholders

The NIRPC Commission
The Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission normally meets @ 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd Thursday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, and October. There is typically not a November meeting, and the December meeting is ordinarily held on the 2nd Thursday @ 9:00 a.m. Quorum of Executive Board is 6; full Commission quorum is 27.

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Meeting Agenda

Thursday
July 23, 2015
8:00 a.m.

Woodland Park
Portage, Indiana

1. Call to Order
2. Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2015
3. Review of Financial Status
4. Approval of Claims Register
5. Procurement Recommendation
6. Budget Amendment Transfer Between Categories
7. Contract Time Extension Amendments
8. Report on Subrecipient Compliance
9. Accounting Software Update
10. Building Improvement Update
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

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FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

June 18, 2015
NIRPC Offices
Portage, Indiana

Members Present
Roosevelt Allen, Jr.
John Bayler
Geof Benson
Jeff Freeze
Richard Hardaway
Greg Stinson

Members Absent
Dave Decker
Jeff Dekker
Diane Noll
Jim Ton
David Uran

Staff and Others Present
Ty Warner
Angie Hayes
Kelly Wenger
David Hollenbeck

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Roosevelt Allen, Jr.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Geof Benson, seconded by Greg Stinson, the Committee approved the minutes of the May 21, 2015 meeting.

Review of Financial Status

Angie Hayes presented the Budget to Actual with Cash Variance and General Fund Expenditures reports to the Committee. The General Fund Expenditure report shows an overage in promotional expenses for environmental programs due to some program changes. A budget revision will be presented once the environmental department has determined the final program amount required. At this time there are no other cash issues to report. The total General fund expenditures for the period ending May 31, 2015 are at 37.12%.

Angie Hayes also informed the Committee that the 2014 audit has been completed and the exit interview will take place on June 18, 2015. The State Board of Accounts has stated that the audit letter will be received next week in order to submit the 2014 Certified Annual Financial Report.
Approval of Claims Register

Kelly Wenger presented the claims register to the Committee for approval. Upon a motion by Greg Stinson, seconded by Jeff Freeze, the Committee approved the claims register.

Report on Subrecipient Compliance

Attorney David Hollenbeck updated the Committee on the status of two of NIRPC’s subrecipients. The City of Valparaiso as reported last month litigation is still being drafted against the former service provider for the Chicago Dash service. NIRPC will be named as one of the plaintiffs in the litigation.

The situation with South Lake County Community Services (SLCCS) regarding the ARRA build out funds is ongoing. A call has been scheduled for June 18, 2015 at 10:30 between the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and NIRPC. Written requests have been made by Attorney Hollenbeck for the $26,500 of withheld funds to be repaid to NIRPC. At this time no first quarterly funds have been released to SLCCS. A motion was made by Geof Benson, seconded by Greg Stinson, to release all of the first quarterly payment to SLCCS after the call to FTA unless FTA recommends NIRPC withhold the $26,500 or provides further direction.

Accounting Software Update

Angie Hayes updated the Committee regarding the accounting software. Training on the new system is ongoing. Staff are still working out the software security and some additional changes have been identified as progress is made. The go live date may need to be bumped back a few months.

Other Business

None at this time

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m. The Committee then toured the building.
PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET AMENDMENT
Transfers Between Categories

Amendment 3: Transferring between categories

$ 3,000 TO: Departmental: Promotional Expenses

Purpose: To transfer funds from Contractual to Promotional Expenses to cover program changes for the Environmental Programs.

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Procurement Recommendations
July 23, 2015

Three Vehicle Replacements—Procurement #14-10.02

- Purchasing up to three propane vehicle replacements for LaPorte TransPorte.
- Paid with Federal Transit Administration Funds (80%) out of grant IN-95-X053-01 and the above listed agency (20%).
- Recommendation to purchase up to three vehicle replacements not to exceed $196,800 federal funds.
RESOLUTION 15-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ADOPTING THE AMENDMENT OF THE UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016

WHEREAS, the preparation of a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is a necessary and required part of the metropolitan area transportation planning process as specified in 23 CFR 450.314; and by its State statutory authority, the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC) is charged with planning responsibility in three domains; and

WHEREAS, the work tasks described within NIRPC’s UPWP for the three-county northwestern Indiana region are in conjunction with the programs of the Federal Transit Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, and significant planning projects in the region by other agencies; and

WHEREAS, this program has been prepared for planning (PL), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds through the Federal Highway Administration, Section 5303 technical study funds through the Federal Transit Administration, Sections 5307 and 5323 and planning funds through the Federal Transit Administration, private foundation, and NIRPC’s locally derived funds;

WHEREAS, the work elements contained in the program respond to the transportation and air quality planning needs of Northwest Indiana and are in keeping with federal requirements found in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy for Users and their regulations;

WHEREAS, all regional transportation and other significant planning projects in the three-county region should be included in the UPWP;

WHEREAS, two projects are added to the NIRPC budget for calendar year 2015.

WHEREAS, NIRPC identified the need to add fifteen infrared Electronic Trail Counters along all major trails. These counters will be separated into both permanent and mobile locations based on need, time of the year, and the number of use.

WHEREAS, the data from the counters will help local officials in planning for amenities and safety protocols along the routes. Numbers collected will also help with promoting the need for additional trail miles in the region.
WHEREAS, the total budget for the Electronic Trail Counters is $10,000. $8,000 is allocated from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) with a local match of $2,000 from the Greenways Foundations.

WHEREAS, NIRPC also identified the need for a Trail Wayfinding Guide. Currently there is no standard for signage, and the result are trails with almost zero identification markers regarding streets or even what community trail users are in.

WHEREAS, NIRPC will contract with a firm on the creation of a trail sign design document which would serve as the template for all new trails developed in the region utilizing NIRPC-attributable funds.

WHEREAS, The Trail Wayfinding Guide will be created in tandem with an existing CMAQ-based program to sign both the Erie-Lackawanna and Prairie-Duneland Trails.

WHEREAS, the total budget for the Trail Wayfinding Guide is $12,000. $9,600 is allocated from the Surface Transportation Program (STP) with a local match of $2,400 from the Greenways Foundations and Lake, Porter, and LaPorte counties.

WHEREAS, the amount of CMAQ funds is corrected at the NIRPC budget for FY 2016 from $422,000 to $280,625.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission adopts the Fiscal Years 2016 Unified Planning Work Program amendment.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission on this sixteen day of July, 2015.

Blair Milo
Chairperson

ATTEST:

Robert J. Schaefer
Secretary
AMENDMENT 2: FY 2016 UPWP

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Amendment 2 is to add two new planning projects to the work program and correcting the amount of CMAQ funds.

Amended:
7/16/2015
RESOLUTION 15-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE 2016-2019 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA
AMENDMENT NO. 01
July 16, 2015

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 regional requirements under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962, as amended, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978, as amended, the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, the Rail Reorganization Act of 1973, the 1970 Clean Air Act, as amended, the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act—A Legacy for Users (2005), and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (2012), as well as other federal, state and local laws mandating transportation planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is a product of a multi-modal, 3-C transportation planning process, compatible with regional goals and objectives and socio-economic and demographic factors used to form the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); and
WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the 2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP); is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program is developed by the Commission in coordination and cooperation with local elected and appointed highway and transit officials, special interest and service organizations, including users of public transit, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force’s Interagency Consultation Group (ICG).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program by adding the new projects and making other changes as shown on the attachment to this resolution.

Duly adopted by the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission this sixteenth day of July, 2015.

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Blair Milo, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Robert Schaefer, Secretary
## 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana

### Amendment #1  July 2015

#### NEW INDOT Projects & Project Phases

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Located in City of Hammond, Lake County. This is Ramp 21 over Indianapolis Blvd.

| 1400115 | INDOT   | US 421 HMA Functional Overlay on PCCP. From 0.53 Miles N of SR 2 North Jct to 0.53 Miles S of SR 2 North Jct. | Add New Project | NHPP Non-IM | CN    | 2016  | $800,000    | $640,000 | $160,000    |

Located in Town of Westville, LaPorte County.

| 1172271 | INDOT   | I-94 Pipe Lining. Located 0.13 Miles W of SR 149                                | Add New Phase    | NHPP IM      | RW    | 2016  | $30,000     | $27,000  | $3,000      |
|         |         |                                                                                 | Add New Phase    |              | CN    | 2017  | $529,000    | $476,100 | $52,900     |

Located in Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County.

| 1500590 | INDOT   | US 41 Bridge Painting (Bridge over Conrail RR & 236th Ave, NBL, 4.54mi S of SR 2) | Add New Phase    | NHPP Non-IM | CN    | 2018  | $110,028    | $88,022  | $22,006     |
|         |         |                                                                                 | Add New Phase    |              | CE    | 2018  | $13,000     | $10,400  | $2,600      |
## NEW INDOT Projects & Project Phases

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Located on the northern edge of the Town of Schneider, Lake County.

| 1500674 | INDOT   | I-80/94 Bridge Rehabilitation or Repair (WB Ramp over NS & EJ&E RR's, 0.5 Miles E of SR 912) | Add New Phase    | NHPP Non-IM   | PE    | 2016 | $200,000    | $160,000 | $40,000     |
|         |         |                                                                                         |                  |               | 2017  | $25,000     | $20,000  | $5,000      |
|         |         |                                                                                         |                  |               | CN    | 2018 | $1,947,000  | $1,752,300 | $194,700   |
|         |         |                                                                                         |                  |               | CE    | 2018 | $157,000    | $141,300  | $15,700     |

Located in City of Gary, Lake County.

| 1500679 | INDOT   | US 30 HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance. (SR 39 to US 35) | Add New Project  | NHPP          | CN    | 2018 | $2,690,000  | $2,152,000 | $538,000    |

Located in unincorporated LaPorte and Starke Counties. Length: 1.84 miles (LaPorte) 4.29 miles (Starke).

| 1500689 | INDOT   | SR 249 HMA Overlay, Preventive Maintenance. (US 20 to US 12) | Add New Phase    | NHPP IM       | PE    | 2016 | $15,000     | $12,000   | $3,000      |
|         |         |                                                                 |                  |               | CN    | 2018 | $1,065,000  | $852,000  | $213,000    |

Located in Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County. Length: 1.9 miles.

| 1400114 | INDOT   | US 30 Road Rehab (3R/4R). (Industrial Drive to 0.2 Miles E of US 421) | Add New Phase    | NHPP          | PE    | 2017 | $377,500    | $302,000  | $75,500     |

Located in unincorporated Porter & LaPorte Counties. Length: 2.2 miles (LaPorte) 4.7 miles (Porter). Cost to complete: $8,791,000.
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Located in Town of Merrillville, Lake County. Cost to complete: $1,996,000.

| 1500091 | INDOT   | SR 55 Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes. At 57th Ave, 3.0 Miles N of US 30. | Add New Project  | NHPP Non-IM   | PE    | 2017 | $52,000    | $41,600  | $10,400     |
|         |         |                                                                         |                  |               | RW    | 2019 | $100,000   | $80,000  | $20,000     |
|         |         |                                                                         |                  |               | CN    | 2019 | $100,000   | $80,000  | $20,000     |

Located in Town of Merrillville, Lake County. Cost to complete: $593,000.

| 1383250 | INDOT   | US 12 HMA Functional Overlay. From Schrage Ave to Columbus Drive.        | Add New Phase    | NHPP         | PE    | 2017 | $180,000   | $144,000 | $36,000     |

Located in the Cities of Whiting and East Chicago, Lake County. Length: 3.25 miles. Cost to complete: $2,120,000.

| 0301112 | INDOT   | US 12 Road Rehab (3R/4R). From US 41 to Schrage Ave.                    | Add New Phase    | HSIP         | CE    | 2016 | $50,676    | $40,541  | $10,135     |

Project let in 2014--supplemental CE funds needed. Located in the Cities of Whiting and Hammond, Lake County. Length: 1.53 miles.

| 1500090 | INDOT   | US 12 Intersection Improvement with Added Turn Lanes at McShane Ave & Railroad Ave (East Chicago). | Add New Project  | NHPP Non-IM  | PE    | 2017 | $62,000    | $49,600  | $12,400     |
|         |         |                                                                         |                  |               | RW    | 2019 | $200,000   | $160,000 | $40,000     |
|         |         |                                                                         |                  |               | CN    | 2019 | $400,000   | $320,000 | $80,000     |

Located in City of East Chicago, Lake County. Cost to complete: $1,143,000.

| 1383246 | INDOT   | US 20 HMA Overlay, Functional. (From 1.99 Miles W of US 421 to US 421) | Add New Phase    | NHPP IM      | PE    | 2017 | $50,000    | $40,000  | $10,000     |
|         |         |                                                                         |                  |               | CN    | 2019 | $200,000   | $160,000 | $40,000     |

Located in unincorporated Porter and LaPorte Counties. Length: 2.02 miles. Cost to complete: $2,574,000.
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| 1383631| INDOT   | US 6 Intersection Improvement (Roundabout), at SR 2.                    | Add New Project | NHPP PE       |       | 2017 | $107,000    | $85,600 | $21,400     |
|        |         |                                                                         |                  |               |       | 2018 | $5,000      | $4,000  | $1,000      |
|        |         |                                                                         |                  | Non-IM RW     |       | 2019 | $80,000     | $64,000 | $16,000     |
|        |         |                                                                         |                  | CN CN         |       | 2019 | $35,000     | $28,000 | $7,000      |

Located SW of the Town of Westville, LaPorte County. Cost to complete: $1,269,000.

| 1500064| INDOT   | US 30 Road Rehab (3R/4R). From US 41 to SR 55.                         | Add New Phase   | NHPP PE       |       | 2017 | $840,000    | $672,000| $168,000    |
|        |         |                                                                         |                  |               |       | 2018 | $15,000     | $12,000 | $3,000      |

Located in the Towns of Schererville and Merrillville, Lake County. Length: 5.61 miles. Cost to complete: $8,383,000.
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Blair Milo, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robert Schaefer, Secretary
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Located in City of Gary, Lake County. Length: 0.62 miles. No Added Travel Lanes.

| 1401036 | Gary/INDOT      | SR 53 Signal Head Changeout (INDOT Maintenance to construct).                       | Add New Project  | PYB Chicago   | PE   | 2016 | $116,731    | $93,385  | $23,346     |

Located in City of Gary, Lake County.


PE by City of LaPorte. CN: 23 USC Section 120 (Safety).

Supplemental funds for RW LID. Cost to Complete: $1,725,000.

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| 0810541   | Hobart        | Downtown Streetscaping Phase I       | Increase Award   | STP I         | CN    | 2017 | $ 4,151,200 | $ 2,058,550 | $ 2,092,650 |

Located in City of Hobart, Lake County.

| 9981680   | Lake County Parks Dept. | Veterans Memorial Trail: Supplemental RW Funds | Add New Phase | TAP | RW | 2016 | $ 87,500   | $ 70,000 | $ 17,500    |

Located in City of Crown Point and unincorporated Lake County. Length: 6.5 miles. Cost to complete: $3.5 million.

| 1401046   | Merrillville   | Town-wide Warning & Regulatory Sign Replacement | Increase Award | HSIP | CN | 2017 | $ 1,057,394 | $ 951,655 | $ 105,739   |

Located in Town of Merrillville, Lake County.

| 1401027   | LaPorte County | Replace Otis Rd Bridge over Little Calumet River, Demo IN047 | Add New Phase | Demo | PE | 2016 | $ 217,650 | $ 174,120 | $ 43,530    |

Located in unincorporated LaPorte County. Cost to complete: $1.06 million.

| 1500346   | LaPorte County | County-wide Bridge Inspections | Add New Phase | State Bridge | PE | 2016 | $ 143,750 | $ 115,000 | $ 28,750    |

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