

Technical Planning Committee
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room
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October 1, 2024

Minutes

Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Breitzke (Porter County), Mary Tanis (Dyer), Kay Nelson (Forum), George Topoll (Union Township), Mark O'Dell (Chesterton), Dean Button (Hammond), and Martin Bobcek (DSWM) were present.

Also present were Jeff Huet, Jake Damarrell, Brian Snedecor, Scott Pruitt, and Lori Latham.

NIRPC staff present were Tom Vander Woude, Grace Benninger, Charles Bradsky, Meredith Stilwell, and Flor Baum.

On a motion by Kay Nelson, second by Dean Button, the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) approved the September 10, 2024, minutes, as presented.

There were no public comments.

Planning

Charles Bradsky gave an update on the Road Safety Audit Project. Corradino LLC was contracted back in April to conduct two rounds of road safety audits (RSAs) using Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds (HSIP). Local public agencies projects were solicited for the first round of RSAs. Corradino analyzed traffic and crash data, held virtual and in-person meetings, and conducted field visits from July to September. NIRPC, as well as municipal and county staff, are revising the draft RSA reports. Once finalized, all individual reports will be consolidated into one report. The second round of RSAs is slated for the spring of 2025.

Programming

Charles Bradsky spoke on Resolution 24-12: FY 2024-2028 TIP Amendment #24 of the FY 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The 21-day public comment for Amendment #24-03 was released on September 11, 2024, and will end on October 2, 2024. NIRPC received questions from the Interagency Consultation Group (ICG) regarding the following:

- Des # 2301619, 2301621, & 2400093: bridge replacements. Are these expansion projects (added travel lanes on the bridges)? The answer is 'No'.
- Des # 1902001: Willowcreek Rd. Is this project included in the NIRPC conformity report? Yes, it is and can be found on Page 7 of the Appendix.
- Des #1900049: Added Turn Lanes on US 20 east of Michigan City. This project had some discrepancies when the project was added to NIRPC's TIP. Those discrepancies were corrected on the project in the TIP and its amendment.

No other comments were received.

New projects and changes to existing projects have been proposed since the adoption of FY 2024-2028. These changes must be shown on the Tip and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Due to a formatting error from the web-based R-TIP, amendment 24-03 has included projects that were not carried over from the previously adopted TIP. The projects for INDOT are as follows: 13 pavement/roadway rehabilitations, five

intersection modifications, three bridge projects, two small-structure replacements, six Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects, and one other type of project.

The 10 locally sponsored projects are as follows: one intersection improvement (a carryover from the previous TIP), two bicycle/pedestrian enhancements, three bridge projects, three other types of projects, and one new road project.

On motion by Dean Button, second by Mark O'Dell, the TPC approved to recommend Res 24-12 to the Commission.

For questions or more information, contact Charles at cbradsky@nirpc.org.

Staff Updates and Reports from Planning Partners

Staff updates and announcements were made—nothing to report from Drive Clean Indiana. For more information, visit www.drivecleanindiana.org.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

The next TPC meeting is slated for November 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the NIRPC building.