

**NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**  
**NIRPC Lake Michigan Room**  
**6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN**  
**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Geof Benson, Chair
- II. Public Comment
- III. Approval of Minutes of the April 19, 2018 Full Commission Meeting Pages 1-3
- IV. Report of the Executive Director – Ty Warner
- V. Report of the Chair – Geof Benson
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  - c. Action on Resolution 18-11 FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #14 for INDOT Projects Pages 18- 30
  - e. Public Comment Report on FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #15 for Transit Projects Pages 31
  - f. Action on Resolution 18-12 FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #15 for Transit Projects Pages 32-33
- XI. INDOT, Rick Powers, La Porte District Deputy Commissioner
- X. Certification Review – Federal Highways Administration/Federal Transit Administration
- XI. Other Business
- XII. Announcements
- XIII. Adjournment

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NIRPC Full Commission Meeting  
6100 Southport Road, Portage, IN  
April 19, 2018  
Minutes

Call to Order - Chairman Geof Benson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was streamed live.

Commissioners present included Kyle Allen, Sr., Christopher Anderson, Geof Benson, Tim Bietry, Kevin Breitzke, Robert Carnahan, Christine Cid, Lori Colmar, Bill Emerson, Jr., Don Ensign, Will Farrellbegg, Tom Fath, Karen Freeman-Wilson, Michael Griffin, Richard Hardaway, Jack Jeralds, Justin Kiel, Cary Kirkham, Andrew Kyles, Tom McDermott, Diane Noll, Rick Ryfa, Carolyn Saxton, Tom Schmitt, Brian Snedecor, Mary Tanis, James Ton and George Topoll.

Guests present included Rick Powers, Hodge Patel, Leah Konrady, Lyndsay Quist, Rick Powers, Matt Deitchley, Ismail Attallah, Don Oliphant, Kelly Wenger, David Wright, Frank Rosado, Jr. Jim Nowacki and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland participated via conference phone.

Staff present included Ethan Lowe, Ty Warner, Kathy Luther, Daria Sztaba, Trey Wadsworth, Talaya Jones, Dominique Edwards, Charles Bradsky, Mitch Barloga, Meredith Stilwell, Lisa Todd, Gabrielle Biciunas, Eman Ibrahim, Scott Weber, James Winters and Mary Thorne.

Public Comment – Jim Nowacki, Gary resident, commented on the sinkhole on State Route 51 in Hobart and potholes on the US Highway 12-20 and State Route 53 projects. He conveyed his disappointment in the RDA once again holding their board meeting at the same date and time as NIRPC’s board meeting.

Minutes – On a motion by Jim Ton and a second by George Topoll, the minutes of the March 15, 2018 Executive Board meeting were approved as presented.

Report of the Executive Director – Ty Warner introduced Dominique Edwards, NIRPC’s Public Participation Planner, and announced the Brownfields Education Panel on April 25 from 8 am to 11:30 am at the NIRPC-Forum Offices in Portage. The schedule of public meetings for the 2050 Plan was available. Mr. Warner also directed attention to the Local Trax Program for rail overpasses, as there is hardly a community in Northwest Indiana unaffected by rail crossing issues. He thanked INDOT for the program and offered NIRPC staff’s assistance if communities need help with the application.

Trey Wadsworth presented on the 2050 Plan. Ten public meetings, nine of which are accessible by public transit, will be held around the three-county region. Engagement will also be solicited through internet surveys and NIRPC’s committee meetings. Plan adoption is scheduled for May 2019. Ty Warner commented that the Northwest Indiana Forum kicked off their regional economic development strategy project in which we are also involved and this process will be in sync.

In response to a request for information several months ago by Ed Soliday, a joint presentation was given by INDOT and NIRPC staff on Vehicular Traffic Planning for South Lake County. Matt Deitchley and Lyndsay Quist outlined a plan stemming from HEA 1002, a 20-year funding plan for state and local highway investment. The South Lake County plan calls for \$5.1 billion to repair existing infrastructure in the first five years with a Next Level Roads initiative for larger projects down the road. For more information go to [NextLevelRoads.INDOT.in.gov](http://NextLevelRoads.INDOT.in.gov). Trey Wadsworth and Scott Weber discussed congestion management

in the region through the performance-based planning process. Congestion measures and targets will be set by INDOT later this year. For more information, email Trey at [twadsworth@nirpc.org](mailto:twadsworth@nirpc.org).

Report of the Chair – Geof Benson said he and Ty Warner were invited to Las Vegas next month to attend a project demonstration event on Hyperloop development. Mr. Warner and Benson explained it was a sealed tube or system of tubes through which a pod may travel free of air resistance or friction conveying people at high speeds while being very efficient, similar to the bank deposit tubes at a drive-through. In a global competition, the Chicago-Columbus-Pittsburgh corridor was selected for further exploration, and they will join colleagues from this corridor in the trip arranged by the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission in Columbus

Finance & Personnel Committee – George Topoll said the committee met this morning to review the financial status, reconciliation of expenses, and approve the claims register. No action was required by the Commission today.

Legislative Committee – Mary Tanis said the Times ran a story this morning on the support of the South Shore by Congressman Visclosky. The General Assembly will meet in a special session on May 14. Kathy Luther described the need for support for ongoing funding for coastal programs. Contact Mary Tanis or Tom McDermott for more information.

Environmental Management Policy Committee – Bill Emerson, Jr. said the committee held a joint semi-annual meeting earlier in April with Urban Waters. DNR presented on the Indiana Stream and Wetland Mitigation Program. This program will fulfill mitigation permits as required by the Army Corps of Engineers, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water. The next meeting is May 3 at 9 a.m. The committee is looking for presenters on issues like chromium, lead, Kankakee River issues, etc.

Technical Planning Committee – Kevin Breitzke reported that the Technical Planning Committee met last Tuesday and heard updates and a presentation on the 2050 Plan Development. A 30-day public comment period was held from March 5 to April 4 on the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program with no public comments received. INDOT had several technical comments which did not result in any significant changes. Trey Wadsworth overviewed Resolution 18-08, the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program consisting of \$2,514,629 in planning activities just in 2019 and \$2,527,445 in 2020. On a motion by Kevin Breitzke and a second by Michael Griffin, the Commission voted to adopt Resolution 18-08, the draft FY 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program.

James Winters explained the 7-day public comment report on Amendment #12 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program went from April 3 to April 10. No comments were received. The amendment lists several funding increases and well as decreases. On a motion by Kevin Breitzke and a second by Andrew Kyles, the Commission voted to adopt Resolution 18-09, Amendment #12 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program. In other reports, Mitch Barloga said the TIGER grant is doing another round in June and we will be submitting another application. Charles Bradsky said each community is required to meet with NIRPC and INDOT on their projects quarterly. The quarterly reports are due April 30. Meetings will be held on May 11 in La Porte, May 12 and May 15 at NIRPC. The next meeting of the Technical Planning Committee is scheduled for May 8, 2018 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC.

Indiana Department of Transportation – Rick Powers reported that with such a bad winter, INDOT staff has spent almost 25,000 hours in pothole repair. Construction season is open. Brian Snedecor thanked INDOT for the work on SR 51 between US 20 and US 30.

#### Announcements

- Bob Carnahan said volunteer week is April 15-25. The 16-Plus meeting on April 27 will feature Hal Slager as US District Attorney Tom Kirsch was called to Chicago. Mr. Kirsch will present at the next meeting on May 25 at 9 a.m. at Schererville Town Hall.
- Kevin Breitzke said Earth Day will be held at Porter County Expo Center this Saturday.
- Ty Warner thanked One Region Director, Leah Konrady, for attending today and for an excellent regional tour recently celebrating the assets of the lakefront served by the Marquette Plan. Mr. Warner also noted a format change to the meeting packet highlighting NIRPC mission. Attendance at the 2050 public meetings was encouraged to hear perceptions about the future from Commissioners' constituents.
- Kathy Luther expressed staff's willingness to come to a council or chamber meeting to talk about the 2050 Plan.
- Tom McDermott moved to address the issue again with the RDA to change their meeting time so as not to conflict with NIRPC's meeting as a gesture of good government; Jim Ton seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment – Hearing no other business, on several motions and seconds, Geof Benson adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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## FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

### Meeting Agenda

Thursday

July 19, 2018

8:00 a.m.

NIRPC Office, Portage, Indiana

1. Call to Order
2. **Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2018** *(Pages 1-2)*
3. **Review of Financial Status – June 2018** *(Pages 3-8)*
  - Bank Statements Reconciliation
  - Expenses YTD June 2018 – Budget vs. Actual *(Page 9)*
4. **Approval of Claims Register – June 2018** *(Pages 10-17)*
5. **Budget Amendments** *(Page 18)*
6. **Procurement Recommendations** *(Pages 19-20)*
7. **Internal Control Procedures** *(Pages 21-27)*
8. **IDECL Incorporated Addendum to the Agreement** *(Page 28)*

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NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

June 21, 2018

NIRPC Dune Room, Portage, Indiana

**Members Present**

George Topoll - Chair  
Christine Cid  
Richard Hardaway  
Justin Kiel  
Jim Ton

**Staff and Others Present**

Kathy Luther  
Daria Sztaba  
Meredith Stilwell  
Talaya Jones  
Candice Eklund  
Glen Wells

**Call to Order**

George Topoll called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Jim Ton and second by Richard Hardaway.

**Review of Financial Status – April 2018**

- a. Daria Sztaba presented the April bank reconciliations for the NIRPC general fund account, the LaPorte County Revolving Loan fund and the Sequestered Revolving Loan Fund. Kathy Luther gave a brief history of the LaPorte County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). Roughly one or two people apply for loans per year.
- b. Daria Sztaba presented the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report for January through April 2018. Salaries, fringe benefits, maintenance, contractual and capital outlays categories are all currently under budget. Daria noted line items Workers Compensation and Unemployment Compensation reflect an over budget variance due to staff additions. The occupancy category is 1% over budget due to the utilities line item and may need a budget amendment as the year progresses. The departmental category is 11% over budget, but there is enough money left for the year. Total expenditures of the NIRPC general fund are at \$89,604 for the year, which is 7% under budget.

**Review of Financial Status – May 2018**

- a. Daria Sztaba presented the May bank reconciliations for the NIRPC general fund account, the LaPorte County Revolving Loan fund and the Sequestered Revolving Loan Fund. \$75,000 was transferred from the Sequestered Revolving Loan Fund to the Revolving Loan Fund for disbursement to an approved RLF loan borrower.
- b. Daria Sztaba presented the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report for January through May 2018. The salaries, fringe benefits, maintenance, contractual and capital outlays categories are all currently under budget. The occupancy category remains 1% over budget due to the utilities line item, but may even out as the year progresses. A brief discussion was held regarding utilities. The departmental category is 12% over budget and discussions to address spending will need to be held with department directors. Total expenditures for the NIRPC general fund are at \$185,089 for the year, which is 12% under budget.

**Approval of Claims Register – April 2018**

Daria Sztaba presented the April 2018 claims register to the Committee for approval. A check was issued to South Shore Clean Cities for the first quarter payment on their \$100,000 contract

which is paid through the CMAQ grant. NIRPC paid subrecipients their first quarter payments using Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds. NIRPC draws down FTA funds and once the funds are received, payment is made to the subrecipients. On motion by Jim Ton and second by Richard Hardaway, the Committee approved the claims register.

#### **Approval of Claims Register – May 2018**

Daria Sztaba presented the May 2018 claims register. A payment to Walmart for Partners for Clean Air purchase of bikes was questioned. Kathy Luther explained that while the money is part of the NIRPC account, Partners for Clean Air money is funds from outside partners. A question was raised regarding a payment to Adams Radio Group. Kathy Luther explained that Adams Radio Group owns four different radio stations and was procured for air quality public education. Not only do they own a van that allows for mobile on-site radio remotes but they also provide a good deal of in-kind match with no cost air quality messages and promos. On motion by Christine Cid and second by Justin Kiel, the Committee approved the claims register.

#### **Procurement Recommendations – Procurement #18-11**

Daria Sztaba reported procurement 18-11 is for two propane replacement vehicles for LaPorte TransPorte which will be purchased using a Federal Transit Administration grant. The transit support vehicles will replace two gas powered vehicles which have reached their federal useful life at a cost not to exceed \$140,800 in federal funds. On motion by Richard Hardaway and second by Justin Kiel, the Committee approved the procurement for recommendation to the Executive Board.

#### **Other Business – Internal Control Procedures**

Daria Sztaba presented an update to NIRPCs Internal Control Overview Documenting Segregation of Duties. Organizational and staff changes have been made resulting in the need for an update. Discussion was held regarding the Family Express gas card and check deposits. In reference to the gas card, a suggestion was made to record the NIRPC van mileage when the card is checked out for usage. Daria will also check to clarify if the card can only be used for gas purchases and nothing else. In reference to the check deposit discussion, while procedures for check handling were addressed in the mail section of the document, there will be a separate section for check handling added. The updates will be made and presented at the next Finance and Personnel meeting in July.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

# PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT

## Transfers Between Categories

**Amendment 1:** Increasing Communication: Environmental Programs for 2018  
**TO:** Environmental Programs

**Purpose:** Higher than original estimated cost of environmental programs.

CATEGORY		DETAILED BUDGET LINE	Original	Addition	Amended
DEPARTMENTAL	Expense:	ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS	20,000	55,000	75,000
CONTRACTUAL	Expense:	ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTS	591,220	(55,000)	536,220

## Transfers Between Categories

**Amendment 2:** Increasing budget for Utilities by \$3,000  
**TO:** Utilities

**Purpose:** Underestimated cost of utilities increase for FY 2018

CATEGORY		DETAILED BUDGET LINE	Original	Addition	Amended
OCCUPANCY	Expense:	Utilities	24,000	3,000	27,000
EQUIPMENT/MAINTEN.	Expense:	Copier Leasing/Maintenance	21,000	(1,600)	19,400
EQUIPMENT/MAINTEN.	Expense:	Telephone Service/Maintenance	23,000	(1,400)	21,600

## Transfers Between Categories

**Amendment 3:** Increasing budget for Communication  
**TO:** Communications: Commission/Ex. Dir.

**Purpose:** Unbudgeted cost of promotion/communication paid from Commission/Executive Director line

CATEGORY		DETAILED BUDGET LINE	Original	Addition	Amended
SALARIES	Expense:	STAFF SALARIES	1,560,461	(10,000)	1,550,461
DEPARTMENTAL	Expense:	COMMISSION/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	34,877	10,000	44,877

## Transfers Within Categories

**Amendment 4:** Transferring within Departmental categories amount of \$6,500  
**TO:** Workers Compensation  
 Unemployment Compensation  
 Life & Disability Insurance

**Purpose:** Transferring funds from Health Insurance line item for Workers compensation, Life & Disability, and Unemployment compensation cost increase correlated to wages.

CATEGORY		DETAILED BUDGET LINE	Original	Addition	Amended
FRINGE BENEFITS	Expense:	Health Insurance	275,000	(6,500)	268,500
FRINGE BENEFITS	Expense:	Workers Compensation	4,850	2,500	7,350
FRINGE BENEFITS	Expense:	Life & Disability Insurance	21,000	3,000	24,000
FRINGE BENEFITS	Expense:	Unemployment Compensation	1,660	1,000	2,660



## **Procurement Recommendations**

### **June 21st, 2018**

#### **Two (2) Replacement Vehicles – Procurement #18-11**

- Purchase of:
  - Two (2) propane vehicle replacements for LaPorte TransPorte
- Paid with Federal Transit Administration Funds (80%) out of grant IN-2017-028 and the local share coming from the above listed agency.
- Recommendation to purchase two transit support vehicles not to exceed \$140,800.00 in federal funds.

# **Procurement Recommendation**

## **July 19, 2018**

### **Purchase Trees– Procurement #18-05.02**

- Purchase trees native to the Northwest Indiana Lake Michigan Watershed area to cover the equivalent of seven acres to mitigate canopy loss from emerald ash borer in connection with the Northwest Indiana Regional Urban Forestry EAB Recovery Program.
- Paid with U.S. Forest Service Funds out of grant 18-DG-11420004-028 and a local share requirement of \$0.00 as a match waiver was granted for this project.
- Recommendation to purchase plant materials not to exceed \$87,500 in federal funds.

## ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

NIRPC- Lake Michigan Room

May 3, 2018

Minutes

**Members/Guests:** Bill Emerson, Jr., Jeannette Bapst, George Topoll, Will Farrellbegg, Sarah Nimetz, Lynda Lancaster, Michael Kuss, Michelle Caldwell, Lauri Keagle, George Malis, Brenda Scott Henry, Katherine Moore Powell, Robert Verbik, Kathryn Vallis, Jen Birchfield, Deb Backhus, Natalie Johnson, Collin Simick, Kay Nelson, Maggie Byrne and Sarah Reese.

**NIRPC Staff:** Kathy Luther, Joe Exl, Dominique Edwards and Mary Thorne.

### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bill Emerson, Jr., called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions.

### NIRPC Business:

#### a) Approval of Minutes

On motion by Brenda Scott-Henry and a second by Sarah Nimetz, the April 5, 2018 EMPC meeting minutes were approved as presented.

#### b) Status of USX Chromium Spill Settlement Agreement

Kathy Luther gave an update on the settlement agreement and steps to be taken by US Steel regarding its violations of the Clean Water Act. During discussion, Save the Dunes said it would be happy to facilitate a public meeting to provide as many comments as possible before the June 5 public comment deadline. Bill Emerson, Jr. made a motion, seconded by Natalie Johnson, for staff to prepare a letter recommending to the Board to actively work towards a better notification process. Motion carried. The consent decree can be viewed at <http://www.justice.gov/enrd/consent-decrees>. Contact [Natalie@savedunes.org](mailto:Natalie@savedunes.org) for more information.

### Main Event:

Dominique Edwards led the discussion on input for the 2050 Plan vision and goals. Many suggestions were submitted on wordsmithing. Staff will incorporate suggestions from all NIRPC committees into the plan.

### Announcements

- City of Gary's Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Green Awareness Day is Saturday, May 5, 2018 at 455 Massachusetts Street.
- *Living and Creating in the Dunes* sponsored by Save the Dunes and Lubeznik Center for the Arts, funded in Part by the Indiana Lake Michigan Coastal Program is May 10, 2018 5:30 pm - 7 pm at Lubeznik Center, Michigan City. Contact: Victoria Wittig, 219-879-3564 x 127 or [victoria@savedunes.org](mailto:victoria@savedunes.org)
- Deep River Dam Feasibility Study Public Meeting is on May 15, 2018 5 pm at Lake Station Public Library. Contact: Joe Exl, 219-763-6060 x 137 or [jexl@nirpc.org](mailto:jexl@nirpc.org)
- Green Drives Conference and Expo, South Shore Clean Cities, is May 17, 2018 8 am - 4:30 pm at Northern Illinois University Naperville Conference Center, 1120 E Diehl Rd, Naperville, IL. Contact: Laurie Keagle at [lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org](mailto:lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org)

- Public Input Acceptance on Grant Funding Priorities, IDNR - Lake Michigan Coastal Program Now through May 18. Contact: Sarah Nimetz at 219-250-5401 or [snimetz@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:snimetz@dnr.IN.gov)
- Lake Michigan Coastal Awareness Month, IDNR-Lake Michigan Coastal Program, June, 2018, at locations throughout Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties. Contact: Kathryn Vallis at 219-250-5402 or [kvallis@dnr.in.gov](mailto:kvallis@dnr.in.gov). Submission Deadline is May 18.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Jammin' with Save the Dunes signature fundraiser is June 2, 2018 4 pm - 10 pm, in West Lafayette, IN. Contact: Heather Pritchard at 219-879-3564 x 121 or [heather@savedunes.org](mailto:heather@savedunes.org)
- Deep River Watershed Initiative Partnership Meeting is June 28, 2018 10 am at NIRPC, 6100 Southport Road, Portage. Contact: Joe Exl at 219-763-6060 x 137 or [jexl@nirpc.org](mailto:jexl@nirpc.org)
- Conference on the Environment, Michigan City Sanitary District, is June 8, 2018 at Blue Chip Resort. Contact: Michael Kuss at 219-229-1298 or [mkuss@mcsan.org](mailto:mkuss@mcsan.org)
- Urban Waters Meeting July 20, 2018 at 9:30 am at Purdue NW Meeting Facility, 6100 Southport Road, Portage. Contact: Jen Birchfield at [jbirchfield@pnw.edu](mailto:jbirchfield@pnw.edu)
- WIFIA– Kay Nelson gave updates on the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act. The money will be used to support 49% of construction project money to Local, state, tribal, and federal government entities, partnerships and joint ventures, corporations and trusts and Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. For more information, visit <https://www.epa.gov/wifia>
- VW Trust Updates – Kay Nelson gave an update on the VW Trust. The board is working on a vision statement and is waiting for direction about the return on investment for those dollars. Projects are limited to emissions within the state only. Laurie Keagle gave some information provided by Shawn Seales. Indiana has the lowest administrative costs at 3%. For more information, go to <https://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2712.htm>. You may also contact Laurie Keagle, Laurie Keagle at [lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org](mailto:lkeagle@southshorecleancities.org).
- Kathy Luther said the EPA released new air quality attainment designations. Northwest Indiana is in attainment except for the five northern Lake County communities.

The next meeting of the Environmental Management Policy Committee will be held on June 7, 2018 at 9 a.m.

Hearing no other business, Bill Emerson adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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**Technical Planning Committee Meeting**  
NIRPC Lake Michigan Room, 6100 Southport Road, Portage  
May 8, 2018  
MINUTES

Chairman Kevin Breitzke called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and self-introductions. Members present included Kevin Breitzke, Geof Benson, George Topoll, David Wright, Mark O'Dell, Kelly Wenger, Tom MacLennan, Margot Sabato, Kay Nelson, Susan Weber, Tyler Kent, Dean Button, Beth Shrader and Stephen Stofko. Others present included Jerry Siska, Bruce Lindner, Jeff Huet, Chris Moore, Jake Dammarell, Doug Ferguson, Claudia Taylor and Andrew Steele. Joyce Newland of the Federal Highway Administration participated via conference phone. Staff present included Mitch Barloga, Trey Wadsworth, Kathy Luther, Scott Weber, James Winters, Eman Ibrahim, Gabrielle Biciunas, and Mary Thorne.

The INDOT participation survey was available at the table in the lobby.

The minutes of the April 10, 2018 Technical Planning Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Geof Benson and a second by Beth Shrader.

There were no public comments.

### **Implementation Planning**

Trey Wadsworth led the committee's review and discussion on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals. Many suggestions were submitted on wordsmithing. Staff will incorporate the suggestions from all NIRPC committees into the plan.

### **Programming**

Charles Bradsky presented Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for three local projects which were vetted and supported by the Transportation Resource & Oversight Committee. On a motion by Dean Button and a second by Kay Nelson, the Technical Planning Committee recommended Resolution 18-10, Amendment 13 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program to the Commission for adoption.

### **Topical Committee Reports:**

- Kathy Luther said the Environmental Management Policy Committee met last Thursday and provided input on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals. An update was given on the Status of USX Chromium Spill Settlement Agreement.
- Mitch Barloga said the Ped, Pedal & Paddle Committee will next meet on June 7 at 11 a.m. to provide their feedback on the 2050 Plan Vision and Goals.
- James Winters reported that the transit operators will meet today to provide their input on the 2050 Plan and also discuss the Human Services Coordinated Transit Plan. The steering committee will meet next week.
- Eman Ibrahim said the Land Use Committee will meet on May 16 to provide input on the 2050 Plan Visions and Goals, hear a presentation on the Marquette Action Plan and discuss how to plan sustainable growth for 2050.
- Scott Weber said the Surface Transportation Committee will meet on June 5 at 9 a.m. to discuss the 2050 Plan, discuss performance measures as relates to system maintenance. The Valparaiso University project presentation tomorrow is being filmed and will be shown at the June 5 meeting.

**Planning Partners:**

Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning – Doug Ferguson reported that their draft 2050 Plan will be released for public comment from June 15 to August 14.

**Emerging Trends:** Two videos on food deserts were shown.

**Announcements:**

- David Wright said seven markets will be set up along the Broadway Corridor downtown, at Ridge and University Park beginning July 27. On May 21 adjustments to the Broadway Metro Express and shuttle will be announced. A regional transportation summit is being held May 17 and 18. For more information go to <http://gptcsummit.com> or 219-595-2688, or by emailing [info@gptcsummit.com](mailto:info@gptcsummit.com).
- Mitch Barloga said the bike maps are being updated every two years. The 2018 edition should be coming out the end of the month.
- Trey Wadsworth introduced Oscar Castillo, NIRPC's new GIS Planner.
- Kevin Breitzke read the list of upcoming meetings.

The next Technical Planning Committee meeting is June 12 at 9 a.m. at NIRPC. Hearing no other business, Kevin Breitzke adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

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# Public Comment Report

## Amendments #13 and #14 to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission July 2, 2018

Amendments #13 and #14 of the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program were released for a 30-day public comment period which began on June 1, 2018 and ended July 1, 2018. The amendments were made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org). One comment was received.

The comment and staff response follow.

Comment Received	Manner Considered by Staff	Significant?	Need to Modify?
If it is planned to leave big potholes in residential roads like Forest Dr. Then classes should be held to teach us how to fix our own streets.	A reply email was sent out asking for further clarification. No response was returned.	No	No

The projects that were part of Amendments #13 were already part of the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Per the NIRPC Public Participation Plan (PPP) an amendment must undergo a 7-day (for minor amendments) or a 30-day (for major amendments) comment period. NIRPC decided to put this project on a 30-day comment period to match Amendment #14 (for INDOT projects being added to the TIP). This comment period lasted from June 1 to July 1, 2018. No public meeting is required for these amendments.

These amendments were created with the input of both the Lake - Porter and the LaPorte Transportation Resources Oversight Committee (TROC). The membership of these committees consists of representatives of the local public agencies (LPAs) that are located within the Lake, Porter and LaPorte Counties urbanized areas. As outlined in the NIRPC committee structure, this is the first step in the approval of an amendment. Following the TROC meeting, the amendment and any comments received are presented to the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) for a vote on whether or not to recommend adoption of the amendment to the NIRPC Commission. The NIRPC Commission is provided with the amendment and any comments received are provided to the Commission as part of the agenda packet. The Executive Board (or Commission, if it is a full commission meeting) then votes on whether or not to adopt the amendment.

NIRPC always appreciates constructive suggestions in how it can continue to improve its outreach activities. Thank you for taking the time to comment. Hopefully the above information helps to shed light on the process of creating and approving TIP amendments. This comment and any others received will be provided in a public comment report to the TPC as well as the NIRPC Commission prior to any action by those bodies. This comment report will also be made publicly available on our website at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org).

## RESOLUTION 18-10

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 13

July 19, 2018

**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 requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act of 2015 (PL 114-94), applicable portions of all prior federal transportation program authorizing legislation, as well as other federal, state, and local laws mandating or authorizing transportation planning activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 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), as amended*; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program is an implementation of the *2040 Comprehensive Regional Plan (CRP), as amended*; is fiscally constrained, and is consistent with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality; and



**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 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 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force’s Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission make these changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 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 nineteenth day of July, 2018.

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Geof R. Benson  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Karen Freeman-Wilson  
Secretary

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana**  
 Resolution 18-10; Amendment #13 July 2018

**Local Projects/Project Phases**

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1601211	Lake County	Truck Stop Electrification. CMAQ Equipment. 3P Agreement	Eliminate Project	CMAQ Chicago UZA	PE	2018	\$ (433,732)	\$ (329,386)	\$ (104,346)
Lake county does not want continue with this P3 project									
1592338	LaPorte County	Economic Corridor Study	Add project	STBG II Michigan City UZA	PL	2018	\$ 20,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 4,000
The county requests funds for this study.									
1601157	Crown Point	109th Ave Access Control, Delaware Pkwy to SR 53, includes median construction	Add Phase	HSIP Chicago UZA	PE	2018	\$ 40,506	\$ 36,455	\$ 4,051
The city wishes to add this phase to FY 18									
1173430	Portage	Central Ave; From County Line Rd to Willowcreek Road	Add Phase	DEMO	PE	2019	\$ 56,085	\$ 56,085	\$ -

The City wishes to add this phase to FY 19.

## RESOLUTION 18-11

### A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE FY 2018-2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE, PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA AMENDMENT NO. 14

July 19, 2018

**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

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**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were reviewed by the Air Quality Conformity Task Force’s Interagency Consultation Group (ICG); and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program brought about by this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan with no comments received; and

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 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 nineteenth day of July, 2018.

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Geof R. Benson  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Karen Freeman-Wilson  
Secretary

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program for Lake, Porter, and LaPorte Counties, Indiana**  
 Resolution 18-11; Amendment #14 July 2018

**State Projects/Project Phases**

DES	Sponsor	Project Description/Location	TIP Action	Fund Type	Phase	Year	Total Cost	Federal	Non-Federal
1801376	INDOT	SR 49, Intersection Improv. W/Added Turn Lanes, Intersection w/Gateway Blvd, CR 1100N, Porter Ave & Indian Boundary Rd	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$ 12,030,394	\$ 9,624,315	\$ 2,406,079
					PE	2019	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 888,000	\$ 222,000
					RW	2019	\$ 150,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 30,000
					RR	2020	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 10,000
					UT	2020	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 20,000
					RW	2020	\$ 490,000	\$ 392,000	\$ 98,000
New project request from INDOT									
1800932	INDOT	180/94, Profiling, PCCP, From the Illinois State Line to 1.0mi W of I-65 (Grant St)	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$ 8,513,979	\$ 7,662,581	\$ 851,398
					PE	2019	\$ 632,000	\$ 568,800	\$ 63,200
					RR	2021	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000
					UT	2020	\$ 50,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 5,000
New project request from INDOT									
1800824	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay, 1.44mi W of SR 2 @ N&S RR	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$ 324,453	\$ 259,562	\$ 64,891
					PE	2019	\$ 40,788	\$ 32,630	\$ 8,158
					UT	2020	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000
					RR	2021	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 3,000
New project request from INDOT									
1800834	INDOT	US 30, Bridge Deck Overlay, 1.86mi E of SR 39, WBL @ Kankakee River	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$ 627,878	\$ 502,302	\$ 125,576
					PE	2019	\$ 78,752	\$ 63,002	\$ 15,750
					UT	2020	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000
New project request from INDOT									
1800833	INDOT	US 30, Bridge Deck Overlay, 1.86mi E of SR 39, EBL @ Kankakee River	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$ 627,878	\$ 502,302	\$ 125,576
					PE	2019	\$ 78,752	\$ 63,002	\$ 15,750
					UT	2020	\$ 10,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000
New project request from INDOT									

1800629	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting, 0.45mi N of SR 2 NBL @ GTW RR	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	542,728	\$	434,182	\$	108,546
					PE	2019	\$	68,288	\$	54,630	\$	13,658
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800630	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting, 0.45mi N of SR 2 SBL @ GTW RR	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	542,728	\$	434,182	\$	108,546
					PE	2019	\$	68,288	\$	54,630	\$	13,658
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800844	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Deck Overlay, 0.98mi N of US 6 NBL @ CSX RR, CR 900N	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	1,157,005	\$	925,604	\$	231,401
					PE	2019	\$	145,690	\$	116,552	\$	29,138
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	12,500	\$	10,000	\$	2,500
New project request from INDOT												
1800845	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Deck Overlay, 0.98mi N of US 6 SBL @ CSX RR, CR 900N	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	1,157,005	\$	925,604	\$	231,401
					PE	2019	\$	145,690	\$	116,552	\$	39,138
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	12,500	\$	10,000	\$	2,500
New project request from INDOT												
1800863	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Deck Overlay, 2.93mi E of US 421, Johnson Rd @ I-94 EB/WB Norris Ditch	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	1,640,619	\$	1,476,557	\$	164,062
					PE	2019	\$	205,776	\$	185,198	\$	20,578
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800625	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Painting, 1.36mi E of US 20, I-94 EB @ Conrail RR	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	718,942	\$	647,048	\$	71,894
					PE	2019	\$	79,200	\$	71,280	\$	7,920
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	18,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												

1800626	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Painting, 1.36mi E of US 20, I-94 WB @ Conrail RR	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	718,942	\$	647,048	\$	71,894
					PE	2019	\$	79,200	\$	71,280	\$	7,920
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	18,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1702611	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Deck Overlay, 1.05mi E of SR 51, @ Burns Ditch/Deep River	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	765,462	\$	612,370	\$	153,092
					PE	2019	\$	85,200	\$	68,160	\$	17,040
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1702610	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Deck Overlay, 1.27mi W of I-90, US 12/SR 912 @ SR 312, 2 Ramps	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	1,509,362	\$	1,207,490	\$	301,872
					PE	2019	\$	181,123	\$	144,895	\$	36,225
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800814	INDOT	US 41, Bridge Deck Overlay, SB on Ramps J @ I-80/94 CD/ Ramps Ave, 0.10mi W of US 41	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	1,512,577	\$	1,210,062	\$	302,515
					PE	2019	\$	112,000	\$	89,600	\$	22,400
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800815	INDOT	SR 149, Bridge Deck Overlay, @ I-94 EB/WB, 0.39mi N of US 20	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	1,250,534	\$	1,000,427	\$	250,107
					PE	2019	\$	92,560	\$	74,048	\$	18,512
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1702599	INDOT	US 41, Bridge Deck Overlay, 3.78mi S of SR 312, Calumet Ave @ I-80/94 E/W, CD Ramps	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	1,344,241	\$	1,074,393	\$	268,848
					PE	2019	\$	99,760	\$	79,808	\$	19,952
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800687	INDOT	SR 249, Bridge Painting, 0.71mi N of I-94, NB @ Little Calumet River	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	457,001	\$	365,601	\$	91,400
					PE	2019	\$	50,400	\$	40,320	\$	10,080
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1702603	INDOT	SR 249, Bridge Deck Overlay, 0.24mi N of US 20, SB @ I-94 EB/WB	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	840,930	\$	672,744	\$	168,186
					PE	2019	\$	93,600	\$	74,880	\$	18,720
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1702603	INDOT	SR 249, Bridge Deck Overlay, 0.24mi N of US 20, NB @ I-94 EB/WB	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	840,930	\$	672,744	\$	168,186
					PE	2019	\$	93,600	\$	74,880	\$	1,872
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800633	INDOT	SR 249, Bridge Painting, SB@.-I-94 EB/WB, 0.24mi N of US 20	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	670,268	\$	536,214	\$	134,054
					PE	2019	\$	73,920	\$	59,136	\$	14,784
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800632	INDOT	SR 249, Bridge Painting, NB@.-I-94 EB/WB, 0.24mi N of US 20	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	670,268	\$	536,214	\$	134,054
					PE	2019	\$	73,920	\$	59,136	\$	14,784
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800631	INDOT	SR 149, Bridge Painting, @.-SALT CREEK, 0.93mi N of US 6	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	499,437	\$	399,550	\$	99,887
					PE	2019	\$	55,080	\$	44,064	\$	11,016
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800627	INDOT	US 6, Bridge Painting, @.-SALT CREEK, 0.15mi E of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	500,525	\$	400,420	\$	100,105
					PE	2019	\$	55,200	\$	44,160	\$	11,040
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800567	INDOT	SR 912, Bridge Painting, @.-N&S RR, 0.25mi W of I-80	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	911,673	\$	729,338	\$	182,335
					PE	2019	\$	100,560	\$	80,448	\$	20,112
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1800856	INDOT	SR 8, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-GRASSMERE DITCH, 2.03mi W of US 421	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	493,391	\$	394,713	\$	98,678
					PE	2019	\$	55,200	\$	44,160	\$	11,040
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800841	INDOT	SR 2, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-CEDAR CREEK, 2.42mi E of US 41	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	654,280	\$	523,424	\$	130,856
					PE	2019	\$	73,200	\$	58,560	\$	14,640
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT



1800806	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay @.-INDIANA HARBOR CANAL, 0.52mi E of US 20	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	331,912	\$	265,530	\$	66,382
					PE	2019	\$	37,191	\$	29,753	\$	7,438
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800696	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay, US 12/SR 912@.-I-90 EB/WB, NICTD RR, 1.27mi E of SR 312	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	482,147	\$	385,718	\$	96,430
					PE	2019	\$	54,000	\$	43,200	\$	10,800
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800622	INDOT	US 41, Bridge Painting @.-CONRAIL RR, IHB RR, & 4 STS, 2.94mi N of I-80	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	641,978	\$	513,582	\$	128,396
					PE	2019	\$	70,800	\$	56,640	\$	14,160
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800533	INDOT	SR 912, Bridge Painting @.-CONRAIL RR, 0.19mi E of US 20	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	865,981	\$	692,785	\$	173,196
					PE	2019	\$	95,520	\$	76,416	\$	19,104
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800532	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Painting US 12/SR 912@.-SR 312, 2 RAMPS, 01.27mi W of I-90	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	845,963	\$	676,770	\$	169,193
					PE	2019	\$	93,312	\$	74,650	\$	18,662
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800850	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-WILLOW CREEK, 1.60mi E of SR 51	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	564,956	\$	451,965	\$	112,991
					PE	2019	\$	62,724	\$	50,179	\$	12,545
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800843	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Deck Overlay WB@.-BURNS DITCH (DEEP RIVER), 0.94mi W of SR 249	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	799,823	\$	639,859	\$	159,964
					PE	2019	\$	88,800	\$	71,040	\$	17,760
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												

1800842	INDOT	US 12,Bridge Deck Overlay EB@.-BURNS DITCH (DEEP RIVER), 0.94mi W of SR 249	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	802,633	\$	642,106	\$	160,527
					PE	2019	\$	89,112	\$	71,290	\$	17,822
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800803	INDOT	US 12, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay @.-CSX RR, 1.18mi E of US 20	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	285,417	\$	228,334	\$	57,083
					PE	2019	\$	31,981	\$	25,585	\$	6,396
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	15,000	\$	12,000	\$	3,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800781	INDOT	US 6, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay @.-BRANCH OF DEEP RIVER, 0.52mi E of the E JCT of SR 51	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	309,060	\$	247,248	\$	61,812
					PE	2019	\$	34,630	\$	27,704	\$	6,926
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800628	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Painting @.-CSX RR, 1.30mi W of SR 249	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	609,335	\$	487,468	\$	121,867
					PE	2019	\$	67,200	\$	53,760	\$	13,440
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800847	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-SALT CREEK, 1.13mi W of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	684,725	\$	547,780	\$	136,945
					PE	2019	\$	76,010	\$	60,808	\$	15,202
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800695	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay WB@.-SALT CREEK, 1.25mi W of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	471,914	\$	424,723	\$	47,191
					PE	2019	\$	52,974	\$	47,677	\$	5,297
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800694	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay EB@.-SALT CREEK, 1.25mi W of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	471,914	\$	424,723	\$	47,191
					PE	2019	\$	52,974	\$	47,677	\$	5,297
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												

1800693	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay WB@.- AMERIPLEX - S ENTRANCE, 0.53mi E of SR 249	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	484,889	\$	436,400	\$	48,489
					PE	2019	\$	54,431	\$	48,988	\$	5,443
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800692	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay EB@.- AMERIPLEX - S ENTRANCE, 0.53mi E of SR 249	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	484,889	\$	436,400	\$	48,489
					PE	2019	\$	54,431	\$	48,988	\$	5,443
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800668	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay WB@.-US 20 EB/WB, 0.88mi E of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	701,318	\$	631,186	\$	70,132
					PE	2019	\$	78,726	\$	70,853	\$	7,873
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800666	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay EB@.-US 20 EB/WB, 0.88mi E of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	604,038	\$	543,634	\$	60,404
					PE	2019	\$	67,805	\$	61,025	\$	6,780
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800855	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Deck Overlay CR 800N@.-I-94 EB/WB, 2.05mi E of US 20	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	622,074	\$	559,867	\$	62,207
					PE	2019	\$	78,024	\$	70,222	\$	7,802
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800838	INDOT	US 20, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-TRAIL CREEK, 1.24mi W of US 35	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	689,160	\$	551,328	\$	137,832
					PE	2019	\$	86,439	\$	69,151	\$	17,288
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800837	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Deck Overlay WB@.-N&S RR, 0.45mi W of US 20/35	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	1,515,651	\$	1,364,086	\$	151,565
					PE	2019	\$	190,102	\$	171,092	\$	19,010
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
					RR	2021	\$	12,500	\$	11,250	\$	1,250

New project request from INDOT

1800836	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Deck Overlay EB@.-N&S RR, 0.45mi W of US 20/35	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	1,515,651	\$	1,364,086	\$	151,565
					PE	2019	\$	190,102	\$	171,092	\$	19,010
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
					RR	2021	\$	12,500	\$	11,250	\$	1,250
New project request from INDOT												
1800835	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Deck Overlay CR 400N@.-I-94 EB/WB, NORRIS DITCH, 1.76mi E of US 421	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	1,495,331	\$	1,345,798	\$	149,533
					PE	2019	\$	187,553	\$	168,798	\$	18,755
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800636	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Painting WB@.-US 20/35 EB/WB, 5.37mi E of US 421	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	919,459	\$	827,513	\$	91,946
					PE	2019	\$	101,760	\$	91,584	\$	10,176
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800635	INDOT	I 94, Bridge Painting EB@.-US 20/35 EB/WB, 5.37mi E of US 421	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	919,459	\$	827,513	\$	91,946
					PE	2019	\$	101,760	\$	91,584	\$	10,176
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800858	INDOT	US 30, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-SLOCUM DITCH, 0.50mi W of US 421	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	493,391	\$	394,713	\$	98,678
					PE	2019	\$	62,128	\$	49,702	\$	12,427
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800848	INDOT	SR 2, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-SALT CREEK, 0.78mi W of US 30	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	525,569	\$	420,455	\$	105,114
					PE	2019	\$	66,180	\$	52,944	\$	13,236
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800816	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay @.-NICTD RR, TRAIL, 0.05mi N of US 12	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	330,514	\$	264,411	\$	66,103
					PE	2019	\$	41,729	\$	33,383	\$	8,346
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	15,000	\$	12,000	\$	3,000
New project request from INDOT												

1800804	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay CR 400N/VALE RD@.-SR 49 NB/SB, 1.57mi N of SR 2	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	337,968	\$	270,374	\$	67,594
					PE	2019	\$	42,670	\$	34,136	\$	8,534
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800792	INDOT	US 6, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay WB@.-SR 49 SB/NB, 4.06mi E of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	297,499	\$	237,999	\$	59,500
					PE	2019	\$	37,560	\$	30,048	\$	7,512
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800791	INDOT	US 6, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay EB@.-SR 49 SB/NB, 4.06mi E of SR 149	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	297,499	\$	237,999	\$	59,500
					PE	2019	\$	37,560	\$	30,048	\$	7,512
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000

New project request from INDOT

1800775	INDOT	SR 2, Bridge Painting @.-CSX RR, 2.80mi W of US 6	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	421,296	\$	337,037	\$	84,259
					PE	2019	\$	63,747	\$	50,998	\$	12,749
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1800688	INDOT	US 421, Bridge Painting @.-CF&E RR, BAILEY RD, ROAD, 0.37mi S of US 30	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	463,962	\$	371,170	\$	92,792
					PE	2019	\$	69,646	\$	55,717	\$	13,929
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1800686	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting SB@.-COMFORD ROAD, CFE RR, 0.21mi S of US 30	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	513,595	\$	410,876	\$	102,719
					PE	2019	\$	64,622	\$	51,698	\$	12,924
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1800684	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting NB@.-COMFORD ROAD, CFE RR, 0.21mi S of US 30	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	561,071	\$	448,857	\$	112,214
					PE	2019	\$	70,596	\$	56,477	\$	14,119
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1800683	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting SB@.-N&S RR, 0.50mi S of US 30	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	542,728	\$	434,182	\$	108,546
					PE	2019	\$	68,288	\$	54,630	\$	13,658
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800682	INDOT	SR 49, Bridge Painting NB@.-N&S RR, 0.50mi S of US 30	Add Project	STP	CN	2021	\$	542,728	\$	434,182	\$	108,546
					PE	2019	\$	68,288	\$	54,630	\$	13,658
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
					RR	2021	\$	20,000	\$	16,000	\$	4,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800809	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay SR 152 SB TO I-80 EB@.-US 41 S/SR 152 N, RAMP, 00.15mi S of I-80/94	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	320,816	\$	288,734	\$	32,082
					PE	2019	\$	24,000	\$	21,600	\$	2,400
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800802	INDOT	US 41, Bridge Deck Overlay @.-LITTLE CALUMET RIVER, 0.51mi S of I-80	Add Project	NHPP	CN	2021	\$	852,913	\$	682,333	\$	170,583
					PE	2019	\$	68,233	\$	54,586	\$	13,647
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	8,000	\$	2,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800801	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay CHASE STREET@.-I-80/94 EB/WB, 2.03mi W of SR 53	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	375,554	\$	337,999	\$	37,555
					PE	2019	\$	30,044	\$	27,040	\$	3,004
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800786	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay MARTIN LUTHER KING DR @.-I-80 EB/WB, I-80 W RAMP, 0.93mi E of SR 53	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	627,062	\$	564,356	\$	62,706
					PE	2019	\$	46,751	\$	42,076	\$	4,675
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												
1800784	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay I-80/94 WB@.-HARRISON AVENUE, 0.38mi W of US 41	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	497,743	\$	447,969	\$	49,774
					PE	2019	\$	37,110	\$	33,399	\$	3,711
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000
New project request from INDOT												

1800783	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay I-80/94 EB@.- HARRISON AVENUE, 0.38mi W of US 41	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	497,098	\$	447,388	\$	49,710
					PE	2019	\$	37,061	\$	33,355	\$	3,706
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800691	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Painting WB RAMP I@.-I-80/94 EB/WB, CD RAMPS, 0.95mi E of US 41	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	465,265	\$	418,739	\$	46,526
					PE	2019	\$	34,240	\$	30,816	\$	3,424
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1800639	INDOT	I 80, Bridge Thin Deck Overlay EB/WB@.-SR 912 EB/WB, RAMPS, 2.53mi E of US 41	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2021	\$	800,914	\$	720,823	\$	80,091
					PE	2019	\$	59,685	\$	53,717	\$	5,968
					UT	2020	\$	10,000	\$	9,000	\$	1,000

New project request from INDOT

1700523	INDOT	RR Crossings upgrade; Clark Rd DOT #522646H and #155645N CSX in Gary	Add Project	Sect 130 RR Safety	CN	2019	\$	400,000	\$	360,000	\$	40,000
					PE	2019	\$	40,000	\$	36,000	\$	4,000

New project request from INDOT

1801500	INDOT	I 65, Bridge Substructure Repair and Rehabilitation; Over 109th Ave; 3.53 miles S of US 30	Add Project	NHPP Interstate	CN	2019	\$	691,654	\$	-	\$	691,654
					PE	2019	\$	297,000	\$	-	\$	297,000
					UT	2019	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

New project request from INDOT

## **Public Comment Report**

FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment #15

Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission

July 2, 2016

The draft changes to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program, Amendment #15, were released for a seven-day public comment period beginning June 25, 2018.

The proposed changes and a summary description were made available at [www.nirpc.org](http://www.nirpc.org) and emailed to stakeholders.

No comments have been received as of the above date. An update will be provided at the NIRPC Commission meeting on July 19, 2018 prior to action on the proposed amendment.



## RESOLUTION 18-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN INDIANA  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AMENDING THE  
FY 2018 – 2021 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR LAKE,  
PORTER, AND LAPORTE COUNTIES, INDIANA  
AMENDMENT NO. 15  
July 19, 2018**

**WEREAS**, 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 Northwestern 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 comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process to develop the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

**WHEREAS**, the FY 2018-2021 TIP 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, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the changes to the FY 2018 – 2021 TIP brought about in this amendment were subjected to public comment in the manner prescribed by the 2014 Public Participation Plan; and

**Whereas**, the Technical Policy Committee (TPC) has recommended that the Commission make these changes to the 2018-2021 TIP.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission hereby amends the FY 2018-2021 TIP 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 nineteenth day of July 2018.

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Geof R. Benson  
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Karen Freeman-Wilson  
Secretary

DES	Sponsor Name	Project Title	Location and/or Additional Details	County	Primary Year	Federal Fund Code	Total	Federal	Percent Federal	Non-Federal Funds	Change	Change Reason
1382983	GPTC	Replace Maint. Facility Lighting	Reduce funds and change fund source Admin. Amend. No 4	Lake	2018	FTA 5339 Chicago UZA	\$ 100,000	\$ 80,000	80%	\$ 20,000	Carried over from the FY2016-2019 TIP into the FY2018-2021 TIP	Previously not included in the FY 2018-2021 TIP
1401230	GPTC	Transit Facilities Improvs.	Driver Relief/Loop Facility	Lake	2018	FTA 5339 Chicago UZA	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	80%	\$ 200,000		