What is NIRPC?

- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission
  - Created in 1965
  - Council of Governments
  - Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Covers Lake, La Porte, and Porter Counties
Communities in Northwest Indiana

Lake County
- Hammond
- Munster
- Highland
- Griffith
- Schererville
- St. John
- Cedar Lake
- Crown Point
- Winfield
- Lowell
- Schneider

Porter County
- Gary
- Lake Station
- New Chicago
- Hobart
- Portage
- Valparaiso
- Hebron
- Kouts

LaPorte County
- Hebron
- Michigan Shores
- Long Beach
- Michigan City
- Pottawattomie Park
- Town of Pines
- Trail Creek
- Wanatah
- Kouts
- La Crosse

3 Counties and 41 Cities and Towns
Getting Around Transportation Today

1849
Date of the first documented air attack, when an Austrian hot air balloon dropped a 50 pound bomb on the island of Murano, near Venice.

7000
Average number of bags lost daily by the airline industry. Of every 1000 bags handled, 5 are lost.

$385 MILLION
Amount in airplane damages caused annually by bird strikes, according to the FAA.

18,397
Number of buses in the world’s largest fleet, owned by the Andre Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation in India.

6.1 MILLION
Somalia’s camel population, the world’s largest.

7.7 MILLION
Somalia’s human population.

WORLD’S FASTEST TRAINS

- France: 320 MPH
- Japan: 377 MPH
- Germany: 255 MPH
- Italy: 186 MPH
- Belgium: 186 MPH
- USA: 150 MPH

4000 MILES
Distance from Ethiopia to South Africa, walked by the nomadic Bantu people in pursuit of fresh cattle pastures in the 1700s. Along the way, the Bantu “sowed their wild oats,” spawning the Masai of Kenya, the Zulu of South Africa, the Mauquis of Tanzania, the Vou of Mozambique, the Tutsi/Hutu of Rwanda, and the Baganda of Uganda, to name a few.

8 YEARS
Length of the longest horse-drawn journey completed in 1994 by a British family who traveled 17,200 miles around the world in a trailer.

$938,567
Amount that Panos Media, a research institute, estimates the 70 year lifespan of a Kenyan elephant is worth in tourist revenue.

80,832
Number of licensed rickshaws in Delhi, India.

500,000
Estimated number of total rickshaws in Delhi.

12,053
Number of yellow taxi’s in New York City.

VEHICLE TRAFFIC PER KILOMETER OF ROAD SELECTED COUNTRIES, 1998

- USA: 33
- Japan: 60
- Israel: 108
- France: 168
- Germany: 205
- Singapore: 279
- Hong Kong: 347

The most popular vehicle in the world today is the bicycle.

There are over 1.4 billion bicycles in service today and only about 400 million cars. In China alone, there are over 500 million bicycles in use.

Every year more than 35,000 Chinese cyclists die from bike accidents.

CARS & TRUCKS PER 1000 PEOPLE

- USA: 785
- Germany: 563
- Japan: 558
- Mexico: 151
- Vietnam: 56
- India: 25

MOTORBIKES PER 1000 PEOPLE

- Japan: 110
- India: 25
- Germany: 55
- Mexico: 19

Growth in number of mega-yachts (80 feet or more) since 1996, from 2,800 to over 6,000 today:

214%
Cost of the average US honeymoon, which typically lasts 9 days and involves a trip to the Caribbean, the Bahamas, or to Europe.
A survey of 2,000 recent home buyers was co-sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Realtors – April 2002
2001 Study by US Department of Transportation

Released in 2005

Reviews Literature & Current Practices

Offers Conclusions

Major Focuses on Liability, Design and Operations/Maintenance

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Regional Bikeways Plan for Northwest Indiana

1994 Regional Trail Map

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TODAY...

• Currently 90+ miles of paved trails in NWI (Approx. 13 miles in 1990)
• All or part of 9 trail corridors are operational
• Approx. 50 miles funded for imminent development
• Approx. 6 miles slated for construction start in 2013
• Planned vision of 28 Priority Corridors spanning 500 miles of off-road trails
• Currently 600+ miles of Shared Route (Porter & LaPorte Counties)
THE MARQUETTE GREENWAY PROPOSED ROUTE

Lake Michigan

Ogden Dunes

Burns Harbor

NATIONAL LAKESHORE CONNECTOR ROUTE

Trail Corridors:
-Peninsula Greenway Corridor
-Elk River Trail Corridor
-Duneland Trail Corridor
-Kankakee Trail Corridor
-Memorial Trail Corridor
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Direct…

• Transportation Alternatives Program ($1 Million yr)
• Surface Transportation Program (STP)
• Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program (CMAQ)

Indirect…

• Recreational Trail Program (RTP)
• Regional “Couch”
• Private Foundations/Trusts
Thank You!

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