



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

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Monday, August 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Input
4. Motion to approve July 15, 2022 minutes
5. Executive Director report
6. Discussion and if necessary, a recommendation to the Commission for staff support and financial participation in the City of Peoria's application to the Federal Rail Administration Corridor Identification and Development Program.
7. Other
8. Adjournment



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MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Don White called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: Don White, Russ Crawford, John Kahl, Autum Jones, Greg Menold, and Chuck Nagel (virtual). Also present: Eric Miller, Ray Lees, and Reema Abi-Akar. Absent: Rita Ali and Andrew Rand.

3. Public Input -- none

4. Motion to approve June 20, 2022 minutes

John Kahl moved to approve the June 20, 2022 minutes and Greg Menold seconded. Motion carried.

5. Executive Director report

Eric Miller updated on the following:

- Starting salaries are lower than entry level planners are expecting. Consultant will come back with response and hopefully next month will have recommendations.
- Reviewing Special Studies requests. They were due last Friday. We received several requests. We are now talking to consultants.
- STBG group is meeting, will make recommendations to Technical committee. The staff has gone through this process already.
- Expect a press release at 9 a.m. this Thursday at Peoria City Hall. Mayor Ali and former secretary of transportation Ray LaHood will give a press conference about the rail study. The recommendations are back. There is a feasible corridor, though it is expensive. LaHood does not view this as an obstacle. All of these are steps are in a funding process. They will apply for the rail corridor identification process and if we are selected, we will get more planning money. This may take 5 to 10 years. We also reached out to LaSalle-Peru.

6. Recommendation to Commission for Autumn Jones to replace Barry Logan on Executive Board and Personnel Committees.

Russ Crawford moved to recommend to Commission that Autumn Jones replace Barry Logan on Executive Board and Personnel Committees, and John Kahl seconded.

Russ explained this is a critically important committee. We have gone from 9 to 8 people on Executive Board. The Nominations committee passed this unanimously this morning. Motion carried.

7. Discussion of Strategic Planning session(s)

Eric Miller said that Erik Cempel's report is very thorough. Some suggestions are:

Create a dashboard of existing conditions of where we are as a region.

- Consistent with LRTP goals and federal performance measures
- Show snapshot of our transportation system
- Include transit -- grey area
 - Aging population, gas prices, etc. will influence how this plays out.
- Based on asset management and pavement & bridge conditions
 - Staff collect pavement information
 - Investing in an asset management software.

Regional project priority list

- Discretionary funds becoming available
- NOFOs (Notice of Funding Opportunity) available frequently
 - For example, connecting communities grant; \$1B available
 - We will track these.

Process

- Like STBG of rating projects
- Want to get a group together: policy committee
- Reasonable timeframe -- let us say 6 weeks
- Should be an active, process-driven program as NOFOs (Notice of Funding Opportunity) come out
 - Regional project priorities will depend on the grants that are available
- Don White suggestion
 - Prioritize means (roads, water, etc.), then prioritize the project in some way.
- Eric Miller
 - Identify the rankings; move on to next one if the first one is not viable.
 - It is important to know where we are and agree as a group
- Russ Crawford
 - It is important to get a small group together
 - Consider the individuals who had a sense of urgency
 - Then invite those in the Executive Committee who would be willing and able
- Eric Miller
 - Lots of options -- system preservation, pavement conditions

- This should be more policy-driven rather than technical
 - Technical persons are here for validation
- This is about defining regional significance.
- Russ Crawford
 - We need to make sure IDOT folks are connected and speaking to each other
- Eric Miller
 - Karen Dvorsky: District 4 representative
 - Brandon Geber: Office of Planning & Programming
 - We can recognize that they are coming from various places
- Don White
 - Cost threshold -- we should make this a suggestion instead of a requirement
- Eric Miller
 - We want to properly implement the project
 - We can advocate for specific projects through local or federal dollars

Erik Cempel felt strongly about defining regional significance based on what other regions have done

- Can use rating criteria that others have used, i.e., Chicago, Indianapolis
- Last time, chambers of commerce in Peoria and Pekin (transportation subcommittees) headed it.
 - We should inform the region's chambers this time
 - Important that we all speak one voice as a region
- Russ Crawford
 - Is it up to each MPO to identify their own process?
- Eric Miller
 - Federal government does not want to tell us how to do our TIP. LRTP, etc. that is our job.
 - Other urban areas around our state: Champaign-Urbana, Bloomington-Normal
 - After conversation with the chair, he wants to do strategic planning for the other focus areas, environment, and land use.
 - To-dos: develop stakeholder list, produce agenda
- Ray Lees added regarding the environment -- we have been talking with USACE, Maritime section of USDOT
 - Eric Miller – how to alleviate truck traffic by moving it onto the river
 - Goes hand in hand with Port District, Illinois waterway.

8. Other

Don White

- Cheat sheet of acronyms
 - Should go through Executive before Commission
- Programs, frequency, projects, etc. spreadsheet -- front and back.

9. Adjournment

Russ Crawford moved to adjourn at 9:43 a.m. and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted:
Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:
Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager

To: Members of the Commission
 From Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
 Date: August 15, 2022
 Subject: Executive Director Report for August 2022

Project	Activity	Status
Administrative		
Headlines	Researched other regions major project prioritization processes	Ongoing
	Working with stakeholders with guardrail agreements	Ongoing
	Monitored Federal Grants NOFO's	Ongoing
	Working with members on support for federal grant programs	Complete
	Coordination with Stakeholders regarding Hanna City Trail implementation	Ongoing
	Continued support of regional freight transportation through the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District	Ongoing
	Presented Rail feasibility study to media and stakeholders	Ongoing
	Met with Peoria Rail Team to determine next steps for passenger rail	Ongoing
	Developing transportation dashboard	Ongoing
	Preparing for FY22 Financial Audit	Ongoing
	Contract execution with IEMA for Hazard Mitigation planning	Ongoing
	Met with Stakeholders to prepare for Safe Streets for All Grant application	Ongoing
Commission vendor selection	Developing RFQ for legal services	Will begin in July
Personnel		
	Annual staff reviews ongoing	Ongoing
	Monitored ongoing compensation study with HR fit	Ongoing
Website	Content review of website.	Ongoing
Planning issues		
Illinois River Issues	Continued coordination of Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Pilot project	Ongoing
	Continued coordination and outreach regarding Asian Carp	Ongoing
	Continued discussion with stakeholders re: Island Design Workshop -USACE Engineering with Nature (nationa	Ongoing
Village of Goodfield Comp Plan	Continued discussion with Village board regarding Scope of work	On hold
Village of Dunlap Comp Plan	Work is complete	Complete
Village of Tremont Comp Plan	Work is ongoing	Ongoing
Village of Germantown Hills Comp Plan	Continued discussion with Village board regarding scope of work	Ongoing
Village of Minonk Comp Plan	Presented scope of work and Contract to Village Board	Ongoing
Village of Eureka park mapping project	Work is ongoing	Ongoing
Village of Creve Coeur	Continued discussion with Village board regarding scope of work	Ongoing
Village of Bartonville	Continued discussion with Village board regarding scope of work	Ongoing
City of Chillicothe	Continued discussion with Village board regarding scope of work	Ongoing
Village of Brimfield	Continued discussion with Village board regarding scope of work	Ongoing
Watershed Planning	Submitted Scope of Work and IEPA 319 Grant Submittal for a Watershed plan in Kickapoo Creek WS	Ongoing
Hazard Mitigation Plan	Submitted full proposal to update Hazard mitigation plan, Coordination with IEMA and Stakeholders	Ongoing
GIS Projects/ Asset Management		
Village of Elmwood	Dunlap	Ongoing
Washburn	Peoria Heights	Ongoing
Minonk	Village of North Pekin	Ongoing
Delavan	Village of Washburn	Ongoing
North Pekin	Peoria Park District	Ongoing
El Paso	Tremont	Ongoing
Hollis Park District	Hanna City	Ongoing
Chillicothe	Creve Coeur	Ongoing
Bartonville		
Logan County GIS technical assistance	Signed Contract, work has commenced	Ongoing
Maintained COVID-19 dashboard for Woodford County Health Dept.		Ongoing
MPO/Transportation		
Technical Committee	Prepare agenda for and coordination for Technical Meetings	Ongoing
Transportation Improvement Program	Development of FY 23 Transportation Improvement Program	Complete
	Creation of web based TIP document application	
	Processed FY 22 TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Intelligent Transportation Systems	Continued work on update to regional ITS architecture	on hold
Highway Safety Improvement Program Guardrails	working with Stakeholders to identify project lead for implementation	Ongoing
Special Transportation Studies		
FY23		
Evaluating proposals from communities		
FY22		
East Peoria Storm Sewer planning	project underway	Ongoing
Passenger Rail multimodal Center location study	Draft report received	Ongoing
FY 21 State Planning and Research Funding		
Asset Management software	Project is underway, coordinating with consultant	Ongoing
Activity Based Travel Demand Model	Project is underway, coordinating with consultant	Ongoing
Congestion Management Plan	Project is underway, coordinating with consultant	Ongoing
FY 23 State Planning and Research Funding	4 proposals submitted awaiting award decision by IDOT	Ongoing
HSTP/Transportation		
5310 program Grant	work with 5310 Grant recipients to ensure commitment to project	Ongoing
HSTP meetings		

RESOLUTION 22-31

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC. FOR THE CITY OF PEORIA PASSENGER RAIL STUDY FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is recognized as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area, and

WHEREAS, Commission established a Special Transportation Planning Projects Program utilizing up to \$80,000 in FY22 Federal Transportation Funds, whereby local agencies can apply for and receive federal funding for transportation planning projects in their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, Commission, after a call for projects, selected a project submitted by the City of Peoria for passenger rail study using up \$50,000 of Special Project funds, and

WHEREAS, Commission staff issues Request for Qualifications (RFQs) for the project and receives statements of qualifications from consultants, and

WHEREAS, Commission staff and City of Peoria staff reviews the statement of qualifications received for the project and selected Hanson Professional Services, Inc. as the consultant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

That the Commission authorizes its Executive Director to enter into a contract with Hanson Professional Services, Inc. for the City of Peoria Passenger Rail Study for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Presented this 2nd day of February 2022

Adopted this 2nd day of February 2022



Michael Hinrichsen, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:



Eric Miller, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

RESOLUTION 11-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE FOR THE PEORIA REGION.

WHEREAS, pursuing passenger rail services in the region has been identified as a strategic goal in the region by the Tri County Regional Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, passenger rail has been identified as a priority in the federal transportation policy; and

WHEREAS, Peoria is the largest city in Illinois without a commitment for passenger rail service; and

WHEREAS, passenger rail service will give residents of the Peoria area another transportation option in traveling between Peoria and other metropolitan areas of the state and country; and

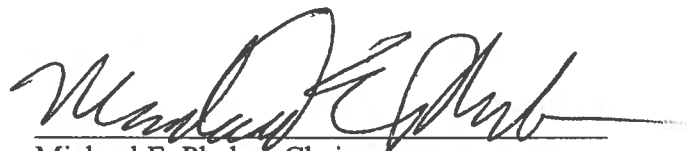
WHEREAS, passenger rail service will make Central Illinois more accessible and more competitive in the world economy, and

WHEREAS, by providing more transportation alternatives the amount of vehicle miles traveled by private automobile will be reduced, thus reducing carbon emissions and improving the region's air quality, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is in support of pursuing passenger rail service from Peoria, Illinois, to major metropolitan areas in the region, and state, and country.


Presented this 27th day of January 2011

Adopted this 27th day of January 2011



Michael E. Phelan, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:


Terry D. Kohlbus, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

RESOLUTION 10-22 REVISED

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A PASSENGER RAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, has designated passenger rail to the Peoria area as a key component of the Strategic Plan, and important for the region as a whole, and

WHEREAS, the State and national governments have increased the funding to expand passenger rail transportation, and

WHEREAS, there are a variety of strategies that can be employed to pursue passenger rail services for the tri-county area, and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a broad community consensus in our efforts to bring passenger rail services to our area, and

WHEREAS, advisory committee have been successful in other communities in promoting passenger rail service, and

WHEREAS, the Illinois River Valley Council of Governments Executive Board members will each appoint one member to the rail advisory committee (Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford County Board Chairs, Mayors from the Cities of Peoria, Bartonville, Chillicothe, Pekin, East Peoria, Morton, Roanoke, Eureka, and Metamora, and Township Supervisors from Limestone, Washington and a Woodford County Township), and

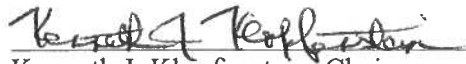
WHEREAS, a representative from the Bloomington/Normal area will be invited to participate, as well as five members appointed by the Commission. These appointments will form the 21 member passenger rail advisory committee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

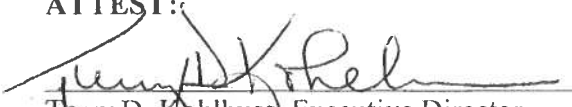
That the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to create and support a passenger rail advisory committee with the members as described above.

Presented this 28th day of January 2010

Adopted this 28th day of January 2010


Kenneth J. Klopfenstein, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:


Terry D. Kohlbus, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission