



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401

Peoria, IL 61602

Mike Hinrichsen, CHAIRMAN – EXECUTIVE BOARD

(Don White, Greg Menold, Russ Crawford, Rita Ali, Andrew Rand, Barry Logan, Chuck Nagel)

Monday, August 16, 2021

5:15 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Input
4. Motion to approve July 19, 2021 minutes
5. Executive Director report
6. Motion to recommend to Full Commission the approval for Salary Ranges of Full-Time employees (Resolution 22-05)
7. Motion to recommend to Full Commission the approval for Salary Increases of Full Time and Part-time Employees (Resolution 22-07)
8. Discussion of meeting dates and times for Executive Board
9. Discussion- Interplay Park
10. Discussion- High Speed Passenger Rail initiative
11. Award letter IDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program
12. Other
13. Adjournment

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Minutes

1. Call to Order
Chairman Mike Hinrichsen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
2. Roll Call
Present: Don White, Russ Crawford, and Andrew Rand. Virtual: Mike Hinrichsen, and Barry Logan.
Absent: Greg Menold, Rita Ali, and Chuck Nagel. Staff: Eric Miller, Ray Lees, and Debbie Ulrich.
3. Public Input- none
4. Motion to approve June 21, 2021, minutes
Don White moved to approve the June 21, 2021, minutes and Russ Crawford seconded. Motion carried.
5. Executive Director report
Eric Miller reported on the following:
 - Transition for accountant. Currently interviewing. Don White asked if it would be cheaper to hire our own. Russ Crawford added we should have in house. Barry Logan said we should not dismiss Gorenz totally in case status changes for new hire. Mike Hinrichsen and Barry Logan are on board if we keep Gorenz on shelf.
 - RFQ are in for insurances and will present to Ways & Means next month
 - Legal services RFQ's are being created
 - Staff reviews have begun, and employees raises are being discussed. COLA and CPI is up.
6. Discussion of meeting dates and times for Executive Board and Full Commission
 - Mike Hinrichsen started this conversation is for having quorum for meetings. According to the by-laws there is no virtual if the Governor's COVID rule is removed.
 - Russ Crawford asked to clarify email. He feels whatever majority is we will do. As for the rest of 2021 we should keep the times and dates as is since everyone has them scheduled in their calendar. If changes are made, they should start January 1, 2022.
 - Don White suggested we should suggest 2 times 1 in the a.m. and 1 in p.m. then take to Executive Board for approval.
 - Barry Logan agrees to pick 2 times and put to whole body. His first choice is a.m.
 - Mike Hinrichsen said we should put on agenda for discussion.

7. Motion to approve communication process for proposed Interplay Park project (*Memo*)
Don White moved to approve communication process for proposed Interplay Park project and Russ Crawford seconded.
Eric Miller presented the information on Interplay Park. The reason to address here is for Federal money approved by MPO. Kim Blickenstaff and Ray LaHood wants to reach out to Executive Board and Commission to address Interplay Park project.
- Don White said that 1 on 1 lack transparency. Wants to have them present at full group.
 - Russ Crawford added that at Phase 2 could be 1 on 1 if needed.
 - Barry Logan said to present to all.
 - Andrew Rand said he agreed.
 - Eric Miller added the plan is in Aug. or Sept. to meet with Kim Blickenstaff and Ray LaHood.
 - Eric Miller added the Transportation Bill has not passed yet.
 - Andrew Rand asked what is the funding formula?
 - Eric Miller said \$200M and 80/20% and 40% from organization. Rep. Spain said \$4M for planning and 100% will be funded.
 - Russ Crawford therefore we need to work together.
8. Discussion of Proposed Strategic Plan process
- Eric Miller, mention it has been 3 years since last plan and wonders if we should revisit or wait until all changes are made? We identified Chuck Maron in our budget, and have a 2-day event in the Fall or Spring of next year.
 - Andrew Rand mentioned it is important to have more in persons, have 25 names of faith leaders, etc. to encourage attendance. Put a Tri back into Tri County.
 - Mike Hinrichsen said we must recruit the right person to present and attend. TCRPC DNA for economic development.
 - Russ Crawford added we need to get beyond our borders and interest of communities.
 - Don White added speaker promotes attendance
 - Barry Logan said we would get better representation than before.
 - Eric Miller said he will have staff take on and report back to Executive Board.
9. Other
Eric Miller said there is no announcement yet for recommendations for COVID Relief Funds
10. Adjournment
Andrew Rand moved to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. and Don White seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by
Eric Miller
Executive Director

Transcribed by
Debbie Ulrich
Office Manager

To: Members of the Commission
From Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Date: August 16, 2021
Subject: Executive Director Report for August, 2021

Project	Activity	Status
Administrative		
Headlines	Ongoing discussion regarding Interplay Park Concept in Peoria	Ongoing
	Attended meeting regarding Hi Speed Passenger rail for Peoria	Ongoing
	Hired new accountant	Ongoing
	Started Employee Recruitment for GIS Specialist	Complete
	Continued Strategic Planning preparation for Commission	Ongoing
	Continued project selection process for Covid Relief Funding for MPO	Ongoing
	Attended MPO Directors meeting and ILARC Meeting	
Audit	Beginning prep work for financial audit	Complete
Commission vendor selection	Scheduled Interviews for Health Insurance Broker	Ongoing
	Scheduled Interviews for General Liability Insurance Broker	Ongoing
	Developed RFQ's for Legal services	Ongoing
Personnel	Annual staff reviews ongoing	Ongoing
Financial Report		Ongoing
Indirect Cost Rate(ICR)	Work on FY21 ICR with State of Illinois GOMB	Complete
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 Coordination with USACE regarding Island Design Workshop -Engineering with Nature national pr	Ongoing
	Discussion with members regarding organization	Ongoing
Village of Goodfield Comp Plan	Developed Scope of work	Ongoing
Village of Dunlap Comp Plan	Work has commenced	Ongoing
Village of Tremont Comp Plan	Work has commenced	Ongoing
Regional Water Supply Planning	Continued work for Regional Water Supply Planning contract/ applied for Contract Extension	Ongoing
Watershed Planning	Worked with Stakeholder in developing interest in Watershed plan for Kickapoo Creek	Ongoing
Village of Peoria Heights Housing grant assistance	Submitted grant to ILDCEO on behalf of Peoria Heights	
Online Collaboration Platform	Implementation of ARC Hub Citizen Engagement Platform	
GIS Projects/ Asset Management		
Village of Elmwood	Dunlap	complete
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	Pending
Maintained COVID-19 dashboard for Woodford County Health Dept.		Ongoing
MPO/Transportation		
SPR Grant applications	Coordinate with IDOT on Execution of Contracts for SPR	complete
Transportation Improvement Program	Development of FY 22 Transportation Improvement Program	Complete
	Created web based TIP document application	
	Processed FY 21 TIP Amendments	Ongoing
Intelligent Transportation Systems	Continued work on update to regional ITS architecture	In Progress
Highway Safety Improvement Program	Received Award letter from IDOT regarding Guardrail replacement application for HSIP \$3M	Ongoing
Special Transportation Studies		
Village of Morton bicycle Master Plan	Project Complete	Ongoing
City of East Peoria Riverfront Bikeway study	Project underway	Ongoing
Woodford County Pavement evaluation	Project Underway	Ongoing
FY 21 State Planning and Research Funding		
Asset Management software	Consultant Selection process complete	Ongoing
Activity Based Travel Demand Model	Development of RFP and consultant scope of work	Ongoing
FY20 State Planning and Research Funding	Recommended for Funding- Data Planimetrics /Transit Gray Area	Ongoing
Grey Area Study	Draft report is under public review	Ongoing
GIS Planimetric data acquisition	Consultant is completing final edits, Under staff review	Ongoing
Public Participation Plan Update	adopted in June of 2021	Complete
Title VI Plan Update	adopted in June of 2021	Complete

RESOLUTION 22-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI- COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND APPENDIX C (WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES, AND APPENDIX C1 (WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES) OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.

WHEREAS, the Employee Handbook includes a schedule of salary ranges for full-time and part-time employees of the Commission, and

WHEREAS, due to inflation and other factors, it is necessary to periodically adjust the salary ranges in an effort to attract and retain a well-qualified staff, and

WHEREAS, Appendices C and C1 of the Employee Handbook were last revised on June 22, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the minimum and maximum salary ranges for Appendix C and C1 are proposed to be adjusted for FY 2022 by 3 % (attached), and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS: That the Commission approves the increases indicated above to the minimum and maximum salary ranges of Appendix C and C1 of the Wage and Salary Schedules and require that they be placed in the Employee Handbook.

Presented this 26th day of August 2022

Adopted this 26th day of August 2022

Mike Hinrichsen, Chairman

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Eric W. Miller, Executive Director

Tri- County Regional Planning Commission

Staff Memo

TCRPC Personnel Committee

DATE: August 12, 2021

ISSUE: Annual Adjustment to the Wage and Salary Schedule

Discussion regarding the need to update the Wage and Salary Schedules.

ACTION NEEDED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Make recommendation to Executive Board and Full Commission

BACKGROUND:

Several years ago the Personnel Committee initiated an annual practice of reviewing and adjusting the Wage and Salary Schedules listed in the Employee Handbook. This practice was suggested by the Personnel Committee as a way to keep the Wage and Salary Schedule current and competitive. This adjustment is partially based on United States Department of Labor's (USDOL) Consumer Price Index (CPI). The attached report from the DOL indicates that the CPI ending in June 2021 is up 5.4%. Last year, the schedules were adjusted upward by 2.0%. This year, I am recommending to the Personnel Committee to adjust the wage and salary schedule by 3.0%

The charts for full-time salaried staff, part-time hourly staff scheduled to work under 1,000 hours in the fiscal year (with no benefits) are attached to this memo.

Full Time Wage and Salary Schedule

The following wage and salary schedule depicts minimum and maximum ranges for FULL-TIME Commission team members. The schedule provides a guide to Executive Director for compensating new employees, as well as providing salary increases and promotions based on positive performance evaluations.

Position	FY 2021		FY2022 Proposed	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Executive Director	To be determined by Commission		To be determined by Commission	
GIS Program Manager	\$74,311.94	\$107,141.70	\$78,072.13	\$112,563.06
Planning Program Manager	\$74,311.94	\$107,141.70	\$78,072.13	\$112,563.06
GIS Manager	\$55,859.77	\$80,536.01	\$58,686.28	\$84,611.13
Senior Planner	\$54,435.74	\$78,481.78	\$57,190.18	\$84,452.96
GIS Project Manager	\$54,435.74	\$78,481.78	\$57,190.18	\$84,452.96
GIS Specialist III	\$49,087.49	\$70,774.27	\$51,571.32	\$74,355.44
Planner III	\$49,087.49	\$70,774.27	\$51,571.32	\$74,355.44
GIS Specialist II	\$43,793.74	\$66,810.72	\$46,009.70	\$70,191.35
Planner II	\$43,793.74	\$66,810.72	\$46,009.70	\$70,191.35
GIS Specialist I	\$37,368.18	\$53,876.81	\$39,259.02	\$56,602.98
Planner I	\$37,368.18	\$53,876.81	\$39,259.02	\$56,602.98
Office Administrator	\$36,636.45	\$56,359.04	\$38,490.26	\$59,210.81

The Wage and Salary Schedule was adopted August 26, 2021, by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Part Time Wage and Salary Schedule

The following wage and salary schedule depicts minimum and maximum ranges for Commission part-time employees, who are scheduled to work an average of less than 30 hours per week and are not eligible for benefits. The schedule provides a guide to the Executive Director for compensating part-time employees.

Position	FY2021		FY2022 Proposed	
	Minimum	Maximum	Minimum	Maximum
Executive Director				
GIS Program Manager	\$38.08	\$52.79	\$40.01	\$55.46
Planning Program Manager	\$38.08	\$52.79	\$40.01	\$55.46
GIS Manager	\$36.84	\$47.88	\$38.70	\$50.31
Senior Planner/GIS Project Manager	\$35.61	\$46.66	\$37.41	\$49.02
Planner III	\$34.39	\$44.21	\$36.12	\$46.44
GIS Specialist III	\$34.39	\$45.43	\$36.12	\$47.73
Planner II	\$33.15	\$41.74	\$34.83	\$43.86
GIS Specialist II	\$33.15	\$41.74	\$34.831	\$43.86
Planner I	\$30.70	\$38.08	\$32.25	\$40.01
GIS Specialist I	\$30.70	\$38.08	\$32.25	\$40.01
Office Administrator	\$29.46	\$36.84	\$30.95	\$38.70
Secretary	\$24.55	\$29.46	\$25.80	\$30.95
Accountant	\$30.45	\$39.81	\$31.99	\$41.83

The Wage and Salary Schedule was adopted August 26, 2021, by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

Salary Range Comparisons 2022

	Tri County			BiState *		Champaign RPC		Peoria County	
	Current Salary			Salary Ranges					
Executive Director *	\$109,242			\$ 115,455.00		\$ 108,576.00	\$ 162,864.00		
Planning Program Manager	\$ 96,424.00	\$ 72,854.00	\$ 109,284.00	\$ 49,780.00	\$ 80,183.00	\$ 58,617.00	\$ 87,945.00	\$ 70,720.00	\$ 106,080.00
GIS Manager								\$ 61,163.00	\$ 91,745.00
GIS Tech III	\$ 57,210.00	\$ 53,368.00	\$ 80,051.00	\$ 39,195.00	\$ 63,139.00	\$ 58,617.00	\$ 87,945.00	\$ 47,226.00	\$ 70,839.00
GIS Tech II	\$ 42,512.00	\$ 42,935.00	\$68,147.00						
Planner III	\$ 52,723.00	\$ 48,125.00	\$ 72,189.00	\$ 39,195.00	\$ 63,139.00	\$ 51,090.00	\$ 76,635.00	\$ 44,935.00	
Planner II	\$ 46,710.00	\$ 37,765.00	\$ 59,941.00	\$ 35,046.00	\$ 52,569.00	\$ 44,733.00	\$ 67,080.00	\$ 48,248.00	\$ 72,372.00
Planner II	\$ 45,692.00	\$ 37,765.00	\$ 59,941.00	\$ 35,046.00	\$ 52,569.00	\$ 38,376.00	\$ 57,564.00	\$ 37,482.00	
Planner I	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 32,224.00	\$ 48,337.00	\$ 35,046.00	\$ 52,569.00	\$ 38,376.00	\$ 57,564.00	\$ 44,451.00	\$ 66,677.00
Part-time Acct	34.29 per hour			\$ 46,841.00	\$ 75,456.00				
Office Administrator	\$ 46,650.00	\$ 35,918.00	\$ 57,486.00	\$ 39,195.00	\$ 63,139.00	\$ 34,456.00	\$ 46,956.00	\$ 55,801.00	\$ 83,702.00

* Set by Commission

RESOLUTION 22-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE FY 2022 WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STAFF TO BE EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2022

WHEREAS, the Tri-County Regional Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, employs a staff of administrators, planners, and specialists, and

WHEREAS, it has been customary for the Executive Director beginning July 1 of each fiscal year to provide salary adjustments based on merit and/or a cost of living index, and

WHEREAS, the Commission's professional staff has successfully carried out the policies and assignments of the Commission as set out in the FY 2022 Overall Work Program, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2021 Budget includes a 3% salary increase for the Commission's staff, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS: That the Commission approves a lump sum amount of \$14,428 for FY 2022 wage increases for the full time and part-time staff to be distributed by the Executive Director at his discretion.

Presented this 26th day of August 2022

Adopted this 26th day of July 2022

Mike Hinrichsen, Chairman

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Eric W. Miller, Executive Director

Tri- County Regional Planning Commission

Staff Memo

TCRPC Personnel Committee

Date: August 12, 2021

ISSUE: Annual salary increases for eligible staff

Discussion regarding staff salary increases for FY22.

ACTION NEEDED BY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Make recommendation to Executive Board and Full Commission

BACKGROUND:

It has been the practice of the Commission since 1998 to allow the Executive Director to request a lump sum for salary increases for full-time and part-time staff members excluding the Executive Director. Each year, managers review employees to determine whether they have met performance goals set forth for them in the previous year. Salary increases are given at the discretion of the Executive Director in consultation with Managers. Over the past few years, the Commission modified this approach and granted cost of living increases of to all Commission employees. To recognize high achieving employees, the Commission also adopted a "Promotion in Place" policy which is executed in February each year.

During the development of the FY 2022 budget, a 3% increase in the overall salary line item was budgeted. This budget number is included in the Unified Work Program (UWP) which was approved by the Commission and accepted by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

This year, I request authorization to adjust all eligible staff salaries by 3%. The 3% represents a dollar amount of \$14,428. All salary increases will be effective as of July 1, 2021



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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – JUNE 2021

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 0.9 percent in June on a seasonally adjusted basis after rising 0.6 percent in May, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. This was the largest 1-month change since June 2008 when the index rose 1.0 percent. Over the last 12 months, the all items index increased 5.4 percent before seasonal adjustment; this was the largest 12-month increase since a 5.4-percent increase for the period ending August 2008.

The index for used cars and trucks continued to rise sharply, increasing 10.5 percent in June. This increase accounted for more than one-third of the seasonally adjusted all items increase. The food index increased 0.8 percent in June, a larger increase than the 0.4-percent increase reported for May. The energy index increased 1.5 percent in June, with the gasoline index rising 2.5 percent over the month.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.9 percent in June after increasing 0.7 percent in May. Many of the same indexes continued to increase, including used cars and trucks, new vehicles, airline fares, and apparel. The index for medical care and the index for household furnishings and operations were among the few major component indexes which decreased in June.

The all items index rose 5.4 percent for the 12 months ending June; it has been trending up every month since January, when the 12-month change was 1.4 percent. The index for all items less food and energy rose 4.5 percent over the last 12-months, the largest 12-month increase since the period ending November 1991. The energy index rose 24.5 percent over the last 12-months, and the food index increased 2.4 percent.

Chart 1. One-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), seasonally adjusted, June 2020 - June 2021
 Percent change

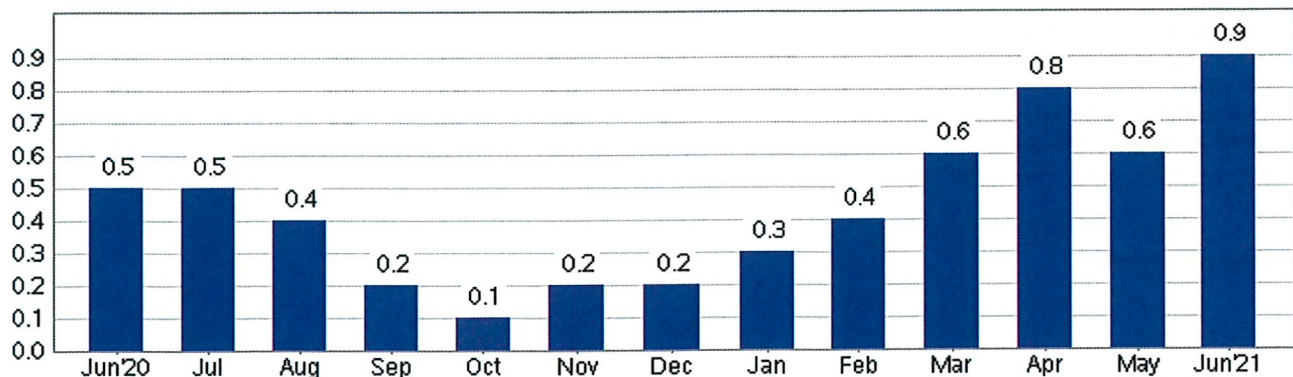


Chart 2. 12-month percent change in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), not seasonally adjusted, June 2020 - June 2021

Percent change

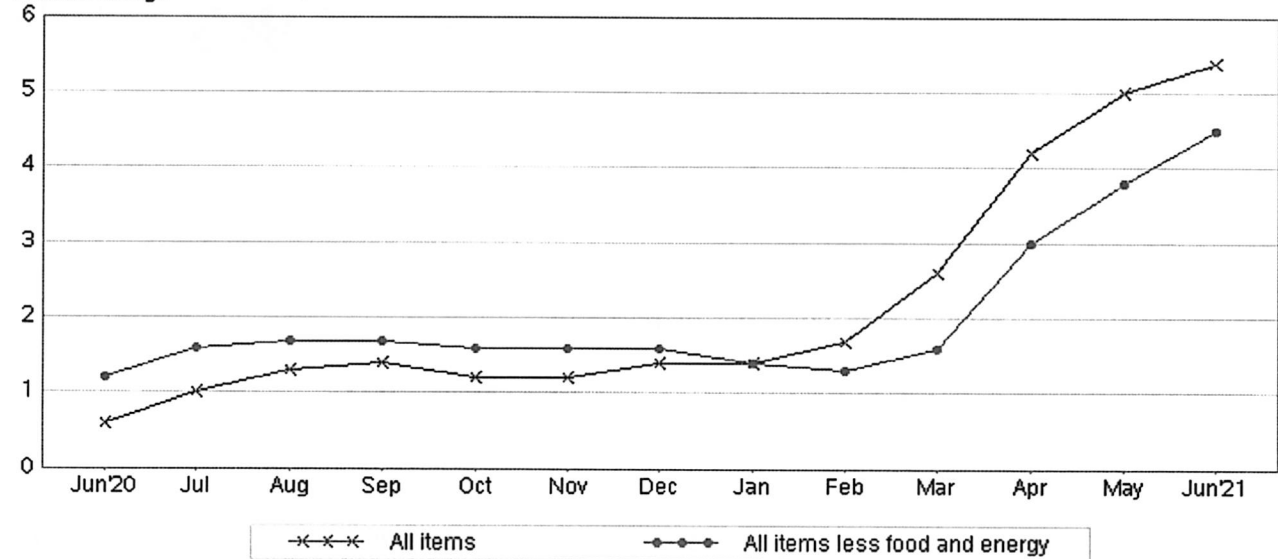


Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average

	Seasonally adjusted changes from preceding month							Un-adjusted 12-mos. ended Jun. 2021
	Dec. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2021	Apr. 2021	May 2021	Jun. 2021	
All items.....	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.9	5.4
Food.....	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	2.4
Food at home.....	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.9
Food away from home ¹	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.7	4.2
Energy.....	2.6	3.5	3.9	5.0	-0.1	0.0	1.5	24.5
Energy commodities.....	5.1	7.3	6.6	8.9	-1.4	-0.6	2.6	44.2
Gasoline (all types).....	5.2	7.4	6.4	9.1	-1.4	-0.7	2.5	45.1
Fuel oil ¹	10.2	5.4	9.9	3.2	-3.2	2.1	2.9	44.5
Energy services.....	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.6	1.5	0.7	0.2	6.3
Electricity.....	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.0	1.2	0.3	-0.3	3.8
Utility (piped) gas service.....	-0.4	-0.4	1.6	2.5	2.4	1.7	1.7	15.6
All items less food and energy.....	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.9	4.5
Commodities less food and energy commodities.....	0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.1	2.0	1.8	2.2	8.7
New vehicles.....	0.4	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.6	2.0	5.3
Used cars and trucks.....	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	0.5	10.0	7.3	10.5	45.2
Apparel.....	0.9	2.2	-0.7	-0.3	0.3	1.2	0.7	4.9
Medical care commodities ¹	-0.2	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	0.6	0.0	-0.4	-2.2
Services less energy services.....	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	3.1
Shelter.....	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.5	2.6
Transportation services.....	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	1.8	2.9	1.5	1.5	10.4
Medical care services.....	-0.1	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0	1.0

¹ Not seasonally adjusted.

Food

The food index increased 0.8 percent in June, as did the food at home index; both indexes rose 0.4 percent in May. As in May, the food at home increase was mostly due to the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs, which increased 2.5 percent over the month. The beef index rose 4.5 percent in June, its largest 1-month increase since June 2020. The index for fruits and vegetables rose 0.7 percent in June after being unchanged in the preceding month. The nonalcoholic beverages index increased 0.9 percent in June after declining 0.5 percent in May. The index for other food at home rose 0.2 percent in June, as did the index for dairy and related products.

In contrast to these increases, the index for cereals and bakery products was the only one of the six major grocery store category indexes to decline in June, falling 0.3 percent over the month after increasing 0.5 percent in May.

The food away from home index rose 0.7 percent in June following a 0.6-percent increase in May. The index for full service meals rose 0.8 percent, its largest monthly increase since last June. The index for limited service meals increased 0.6 percent in June.

The food at home index increased 0.9 percent over the past 12 months. All six major grocery store food group indexes increased, but the index for fruits and vegetables was the only one to rise more than 0.8 percent; increasing 3.2 percent.

The index for food away from home rose 4.2 percent over the last year, the largest 12-month increase in that index since the period ending in May 2009. The index for limited service meals rose 6.2 percent since June 2020 and the index for full service meals rose 4.1 percent over the last 12 months. The index for food at employee sites and schools declined sharply over the last year, falling 29.9 percent.

Energy

The energy index increased 1.5 percent in June after being unchanged in May. The gasoline index rose 2.5 percent in June after falling 0.7 percent in May. (Before seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices rose 2.2 percent in June.) The index for natural gas increased 1.7 percent in June, as it did in May. The electricity index, in contrast, fell 0.3 percent following a 0.3-percent increase the prior month.

The energy index rose 24.5 percent over the past 12 months. The gasoline index rose 45.1 percent since June 2020. The index for electricity increased 3.8 percent over the last year, while the index for natural gas rose 15.6 percent.

All items less food and energy

The index for all items less food and energy rose 0.9 percent in June following a 0.7-percent increase in May. The index for used cars and trucks rose sharply for the third consecutive month, increasing 10.5 percent in June. This was the largest monthly increase ever reported for the used cars and trucks index, which was first published in January 1953. The shelter index rose 0.5 percent in June. The index for rent rose 0.2 percent and the index for owners' equivalent rent increased 0.3 percent, the same increases as in May. The lodging away from home index increased 7.0 percent in June.

The index for new vehicles rose 2.0 percent in June, that index's largest 1-month increase since May 1981. The motor vehicle insurance index increased 1.2 percent over the month. The index for airline

fares rose 2.7 percent in June after increasing 7.0 percent the previous month. The index for apparel increased 0.7 percent in June following a 1.2-percent rise in May. The recreation index and the education index each rose 0.2 percent over the month.

The index for household furnishing and operations fell 0.1 percent in June after rising 1.3 percent in May. The index for communication was unchanged for the month.

The medical care index declined 0.1 percent in June, as it did in May. Medical care component indexes were mixed. The index for prescription drugs declined 0.2 percent in June after falling 0.3 percent in May. The hospital services index increased 0.2 percent, while the physicians' services index rose 0.3 percent in June.

The index for all items less food and energy rose 4.5 percent over the past 12 months. The index for used cars and trucks increased 45.2 percent, the largest 12-month change ever reported for that index. The index for new vehicles rose 5.3 percent over the past 12 months, its largest 12-month increase since the period ending January 1987. The motor vehicle insurance index increased 11.3 percent in the last year, while the index for car and truck rental rose 87.7 percent over that period. The shelter index increased 2.6 percent over the last 12 months. The medical care index rose 0.4 percent over the past 12 months, its smallest 12-month increase since the period ending March 1941.

Not seasonally adjusted CPI measures

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) increased 5.4 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 271.696 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index increased 0.9 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 6.1 percent over the last 12 months to an index level of 266.412 (1982-84=100). For the month, the index rose 1.1 percent prior to seasonal adjustment.

The Chained Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (C-CPI-U) increased 5.3 percent over the last 12 months. For the month, the index increased 0.9 percent on a not seasonally adjusted basis. Please note that the indexes for the past 10 to 12 months are subject to revision.

The Consumer Price Index for July 2021 is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. (ET).

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Impact on June 2021 Consumer Price Index Data

Data collection by personal visit for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) program has been suspended since March 16, 2020. When possible, data normally collected by personal visit were collected either online or by phone. Additionally, data collection in June was affected by the temporary closing or limited operations of certain types of establishments. These factors resulted in an increase in the number of prices considered temporarily unavailable and imputed.

While the CPI program attempted to collect as much data as possible, many indexes are based on smaller amounts of collected prices than usual, and a small number of indexes that are normally published were not published this month. Additional information is available at www.bls.gov/covid19/effects-of-covid-19-pandemic-on-consumer-price-index.htm.

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July 19, 2021

Mike Hinrichsen, Chairman
Tri-county Regional Planning Commission
456 Fulton St., Suite 401
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Mike:

Recently, the Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria (DDC) became aware of a proposal by KDB Enterprises to build a park in Peoria above Interstate 74 where it slices through Downtown Peoria. The plan for Interplay Park represents the kind of creative, out-of-the-box thinking and leadership that we need in our central city. As an organization invested in the redevelopment of the downtown, the DDC agrees that this is a progressive, job-creating, neighborhood-enhancing effort that coincides with our efforts in redevelopment and one that we can and should support.

It seems that the timing is right to address the issues created by the original design of I74, given the potential availability of funds through the proposed federal infrastructure plan specifically targeted for these types of projects. It is our understanding that this project will not compete for funding with other projects that may be more critical to our development efforts, such as a parking deck in the Warehouse District, and that this project's main source of funding is anticipated to come from federal money that is restricted to these types of programs.

We have made significant progress in redevelopment of the downtown, especially in the expanding Warehouse District and the Central Business District. Since our inception in 2014, the DDC has seen a 138 percent increase in residential units as well as an uptick in commercial and retail businesses despite the COVID 19 pandemic. Local and out-of-town developers are investing in the downtown. It is easy to see progress being made, and we should continue to build on that momentum.

Attached is a copy of the resolution passed by the DDC Board of Directors to endorse this initiative as a positive step for the downtown. We are asking for your endorsement to make this park a priority as an investment not only in a place but in the people of Peoria and surrounding central Illinois.

Sincerely,



Jeff Kolbus, Board Chairman
Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria

cc: Eric Miller, Executive Director, TCRPC

that this project's main source of funding is anticipated to come from Federal money that is restricted to these types of programs, and;

WHEREAS, the DDC President/CEO is asking the Board of Directors to approve support of the Interplay Park initiative led by the KDB Group and authorize the DDC Chair to sign letters of support as needed, and;

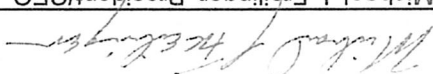
WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has considered the request to support the Interplay Park initiative led by the KDB Group, had their questions thoroughly answered to their satisfaction, found the project consistent with the mission of the DDC and the City adopted strategies and plans for the downtown; and after fully deliberating the merits of the Interplay Park project, the Board supports the recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria Board of Directors hereby approves and supports the recommendation to support the Interplay Park initiative led by the KDB Group and authorizes the Board Chair to provide letters of support addressed to our Federal delegation, State delegation, City Council, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, and others as needed in support of this project.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF PEORIA

Jeff Kolbus, Chairman
DDC Board of Directors

SUBMITTED BY:


Michael J. Freilinger, President/CEO
Downtown Development Corporation of Peoria

Vote: Ayes_7_; Nays_0_; Abstaining_1_



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

July 28, 2021

Mr. Eric Miller
Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
456 Fulton Street, #401
Peoria, Illinois 61602

Dear Mr. Eric Miller,

The Illinois Department of Transportation is pleased to inform you that your project has been selected for local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding. The project, identified by the Department as HSIP # 202112023, includes systematic guardrail improvements in the Tri-County Region (Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford). Congratulations on your successful application.

The federal HSIP commitment for this project will not exceed \$3,000,000. The Tri-County Planning Commission should place priority for improvements at locations along any National Highway System routes, locations with high crash frequencies, and locations with high average annual daily traffic counts. The Department requires the Tri-County Planning Commission to develop and send to IDOT a GPS based inventory of guardrail locations improved as part of this project. The inventory should include terminal end section types. All guardrail improvements must also be compliant with the Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH 2016). The deadline for this award to be federally authorized is October 6, 2023 or funds will be rescinded.

Please contact Mr. Tony Sassine, District 4 Local Roads Engineer at (309) 671-3690, or at Tony.Sassine@illinois.gov to discuss program requirements and preparation of any agreements and / or contracts. Projects located within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning boundary are required to be listed in the local MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Questions regarding the HSIP may be directed to Ms. Melinda Kos in the Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets at (217) 785-5178. As a reminder, projects are approved for funding based on a cursory review and are required to complete the NEPA process and follow appropriate design criteria as well as any design exceptions.

All HSIP grant recipients must be registered with the State of Illinois to comply with the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) 30 ILCS 708. Full GATA compliance is required, including the completion of all pre-award GATA paperwork. You may send inquiries to the Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets or to DOT.GATA@illinois.gov for further assistance.

An important element of the HSIP is feedback on the safety performance of improved locations. Review and reporting of the crash history at this project location before and after the completion of construction will involve your agency. IDOT will coordinate this review approximately four years after construction is completed.

Sincerely,

George A. Tapas, P.E., S.E.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Tapas'.

By: Stephane B. Seck-Birhame, P.E., PTOE
Local Program Development Engineer

Cc: Alan Ho, FHWA – Illinois Division
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