



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ways & Means Committee: December 4, 2024, 8:00 a.m. - canceled

Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum): December 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience

Chairman Greg Menold called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Commissioner	Present	Absent
Don White Chillicothe	X		Leon Ricca Bartonville		X
Rita Ali City of Peoria		X	Nate Parrott Morton		X
Patrick Ulrich City of Peoria	X		Autum Jones Woodford Co.	X	
Rick Powers City of Peoria	X		Chuck Nagel Woodford Co.	X	
Ron Talbot Creve Coeur		X	Camille Coates Peoria Co.	X	
John Kahl East Peoria	X		Danny Phelan Peoria Co.	X	
Ann Doubet Germantown Hills	X		Russ Crawford Tazewell Co.	X	
Mike Phelan Peoria Heights		X	Greg Menold Tazewell Co.	X	
Mary Burress City of Pekin	X		Don Knox CityLink	~X	
Gary Manier Washington		X	Karen Dvorsky IDOT		X
James Dillon West Peoria		X			

~ = Virtual participant

Also Present: Ray Lees, Rebecca Eisele, Eric Miller, Reema Abi-Akar, Michael Bruner, Debbi La Rue, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds, TCRPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT; Cheryl Budzinski, League of Women Voters. Don Knox, CityLink; and Kinga Krider, City of West Peoria; attended virtually.

3. Public Comment

No public comment. Eric Miller recognized audience member Cheryl Budzinski of the League of Women Voters, attending to observe their organization's procedures.

4. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2024

Don White moved to approve the November 6, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Rick Powers. Danny Phelan commented that he was marked absent at the November meeting but was actually present. Motion carried with correction noted.

5. Chairman Report

None

6. Executive Director report

a. Eric Miller reported on the following:

- Eric introduced Adam Cutcher as the new Planner II. He will be working on land use cases, and he is assigned to Tazewell and Woodford counties. He will also be involved with some transit planning.
- Eric said that he attended a meeting with Peoria City Manager Patrick Urich and Peoria Mayor Rita Ali in Chicago. The group met with Metra, who is considering providing Peoria's rail service. Peoria has a choice between Metra or Amtrak, or some other service provider in the future. The Peoria passenger rail group is almost finished with the first phase of a three-step process working with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) under the Corridor ID program. It is in federal review right now, and once the group receives approval to move on to Step 2, which is the Service Development Plan, that will take about two years to complete. That would be 90% funded by the federal government and 10% funded by local monies.
- Tri-County is working with METEC again, and it may become a partnership. Located on the south side of Peoria, METEC works primarily with housing projects. Tri-County is involved with a HUD Healthy Homes project as the government sponsor. Tri-County may work to recreate that relationship for another grant.
- Tri-County is in the final stages of consultant selection for the EPA Brownfield Assessment. Eleven consultants offered submissions, and staff and the working group has narrowed it down to four. Tri-County should have a consultant selected by the end of the year. Contract negotiations will take place in January; then, the process will be able to move forward with actual assessments.

7. Ways and Means Report

a. **Motion to approve the October 2024 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 25-27)**

Camille Coates moved to approve the October 2024 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 25-27); Chuck Nagel seconded the motion.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the October 2024 financial statements:

- Total Operating Cash at the end of the month was approximately \$938,000. Operating cash decreased by \$7,000 in October, compared to September.
- Total Accounts Receivable at the end of the month was \$416,000. Of the A/R balance, \$319,000 was federal funds, \$51,000 was state funds, and \$46,000 was local funds.
- Accounts Payable balance at the end of the month was \$90,000, and of that amount, there was \$89,000 in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of October. The remaining \$1,000 Accounts Payable balance at the end of October was for regular bills.
- Total Revenue for October was \$180,000.
- Total Expenses for October were \$167,000.
- October ended with a surplus of approximately \$13,000; Fiscal Year 2025 has a surplus of approximately \$234,000.

Motion carried.

8. Administration

a. **IDOT FY 2026 Planning Fund Marks**

Eric Miller presented an update on the IDOT FY26 Planning Marks:

- This document is distributed to TCRPC from IDOT, showing Tri-County's grant amount for FY26, about \$1.2 million in total funds, a slight increase from last year.
- Currently, IDOT is trying to spend down excess planning funds before they expire.
- A \$243,000 match required, which is a slight increase from last year. Local shares will be consistent with what was paid last year.
- This information will be turned into a budget document to be approved in the February time frame as a draft, then a full budget in June.

b. **Calendar Year 2025 Meeting Schedule of TCRPC**

Staff presented an informational handout of all TCRPC committee meetings for the upcoming year.

9. **Planning**

a. **Motion to approve the Following Amendments to the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Resolution 25-28)**

John Kahl motioned to approve the Following Amendments to the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Resolution 25-28) and Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner presented the following descriptions of each project amendment:

- Project S-25-08 I-74 South, Exit 95A NEVI Award
 - Adding the IDOT NEVI Award at the East Peoria Kohl's near I-74 Exit 95A to the FY 2025 Program. The federal award is 595,840. The private vendor will provide the local match of \$497,831.
- Project S-24-20 Cedar Street Bridge Repair
 - This amendment is revising the Cedar Street Bridge repairs cost and federal funding source. The project is scheduled for the April 25, 2025 letting.
- Project S-25-09 US-24/IL-9 Resurfacing
 - Adding the resurfacing of US-24/IL-9 from Kingston Mines to West of IL-9 Junction to the FY 2025 Project. The project is scheduled for the April 25, 2025 letting.
- Project S-25-10 US-150 & Willow Knolls Safety & Traffic Signal Improvements
 - Adding the War Memorial Drive and Willow Knolls traffic signal replacement and turn lane extension to the FY 2025 Program. The project is scheduled for the April 25, 2025 letting.
- Project S-25-11 Wesley Rd & US-24/IL-29 Traffic Signal Modernization
 - Adding the signal mast arm replacements at the IDOT controlled traffic signal at Wesley Road and US-24/IL-29. The project is scheduled for the April 25, 2025 letting.
- Project S-25-12 US-150 & Allen Rd Traffic Signal Modernization
 - Adding the signal mast arm replacements at the IDOT controlled traffic signal at War Memorial Drive and Allen Rd/Charter Oak Rd. The project is scheduled for the April 25, 2025 letting.

Motion carried.

b. **Motion to approve the Support and Adoption of IDOT's Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM-2) and System Performance (PM-3) Targets (Resolution 25-29)**

Chuck Nagel motioned to approve the Support and Adoption of IDOT's Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM-2) and System Performance (PM-3) Targets (Resolution 25-29) and Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- Targets are:
 - Safety (PM-1)
 - Pavement & Bridge Condition (PM-2)
 - Congestion Reduction (PM-3)
 - System Reliability (PM-3)
 - Freight Movement and Economic Vitality (PM-3)
 - Environmental Sustainability
 - Reduced Project Delivery Delay
- As an MPO, Tri-County has 180 days to accept or set performance measures from the date that IDOT sets their targets. It is important to note that state DOTs are the only ones that are assessed for significant progress towards assessed targets, not MPOs.
- Pavement and bridge conditions and system performance targets are submitted by IDOT annually during the annual National Bridge Inventory (NBI) and Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) submittals.
- When IDOT makes this, they do a two-year and four-year target; they have the option to update their target in the middle of those periods. IDOT chose to update their targets during this midyear period, so TCRPC must choose to support their targets or make their own.
- The updated targets are shown on the second page of the memo in the last column of the table

Motion carried.

c. **Motion to approve the Programming of Projects from the FY 2024 Combined Call for Projects and Amending the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 25-30)**

Patrick Urich motioned to approve the Programming of Projects from the FY 2024 Combined Call for Projects and Amending the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (Resolution 25-30), and Don White seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar presented the following:

- The project review committee was divided into four groups based on project funding type: Section 5310 (reviewed by the HSTP Urban Subcommittee), Enhancement (a combination of Transportation Alternatives and Carbon Reduction Program funding), Preservation, and a combined group for both Reconstruction and New Construction. Within these groups, each sub-subcommittee individually scored the projects from each category. More detail within each category scoring is shown in the memo.
- Based on scorings, these are five options that the full selection committee brought to the Technical Committee:
 - **Option 1:** Keep the full \$637,115 balance for a future Call for Projects.
 - **Option 2:** Make the Peoria FY 2026 project whole and keep the remainder balance of \$277,115 for a future Call for Projects.
 - **Option 3: *Make the Peoria FY 2026 project whole, fully fund the Morton Preservation project, and use the remainder to bring Peoria Heights closer to their full requested amount.***
 - **Option 4:** Make the Peoria FY 2026 project whole, fully fund the Peoria Heights Enhancement project, and use the remainder to bring Morton closer to the full requested amount for their Preservation project.
 - **Option 5:** Fully fund both Morton and Peoria Heights and bring Peoria's FY 2026 project closer to the full requested amount.
- The Technical Committee unanimously selected Option 3, listed above.

- This option fully funds nine new projects and makes the City of Peoria’s FY2026 STBG project whole.
- Some meeting attendees asked for clarification on the scoring. Reema and Michael explained how points were earned, and Eric stated that this process has been used for 10 years. There are ways to enhance or add value to applications by writing to the questions.

Motion carried.

10. Planning

a. Motion to approve the Executive Director to enter into and implement a Contract with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Water Supply (Resolution 25-31)

John Kahl motioned to approve the Executive Director to enter into and implement a Contract with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for Water Supply (Resolution 25-31), and Camille Coates seconded the motion.

Debbi La Rue presented the following:

- This portion of TCRPC’s Water Supply Planning project will be the third phase of WSP. The last two phases were managed and conducted by Reema in the past. This upcoming phase builds on some of the recommendations identified in Phase II.
- This \$72,000 contract would be distributed for work completed over the course of two calendar years. Work would begin in January and continue through December 2025.
- The scope of work includes:
 1. Working with municipalities to understand their current water management practices and the future viability of their water treatment facilities;
 2. Identifying priority aquifer recharge areas;
 3. Developing a strategy for future drought planning work; and
 4. Engaging stakeholders to understand how this region’s current and future water supply impacts economic development decisions.
- For this third phase, Tri-County proposes to complete all work in house and will look to hire a part-time intern starting next month

Motion carried.

11. Updates

a. Regional Transportation Prioritization Process

Debbi La Rue presented the following:

- Staff have completed interviews and developed a draft shortlist for the Subcommittee to consider when it meets today regarding regional priorities.
- This regional priority project list will be part of LRTP, and the list will be presented for approval as part of that document at the February Commission meeting.
- Tri-County staff is working to finalize the contract with Urbnkind to act as the graphic designer for the final prioritized project layouts.

b. Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050 Update

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- The virtual LRTP open house closed in Mid-November, and Tri-County received 140 submissions (comments and recommendations).

- The next steps are to sift through all the public input and analyze the responses. Staff will meet with the LRTP steering committee to consider goals and objectives moving forward.

c. **IDOT**

No updates.

d. **FHWA**

No updates.

12. Other

- a. **Next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**

13. Adjournment

Autum Jones moved to adjourn the meeting, and John Kahl seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by: Lori Reynolds, Office Administrator