



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Ways & Means Committee: 8:30 a.m., August 2, 2023

Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum): 9:00 a.m., August 2, 2023

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience, Appointment of new Commissioner: City of Pekin, Mary Burress

Vice Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. Roll Call

Commissioner	P	A	Commissioner	P	A
Don White Chillicothe	x		Leon Ricca Bartonville		x
Rita Ali City of Peoria	x		Nate Parrott Morton		x
Patrick Urich City of Peoria	x		Autum Jones Woodford Co	x	
Rick Powers City of Peoria		Virtual	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			

Present: Eric Miller, Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Rebecca Eisele, Logan Chapman, Gavin Hunt, and Gabriel Guevara. Staff virtual: Britney West. Also present: Brandon Geber-IDOT. Virtual: Betsy Tracy- FHWA

3. Public Input-none

4. Motion to approve July 5, 2023, Commission minutes.

John Kahl moved to approve the July 5, 2023, Commission minutes and Ron Talbot seconded. Motion carried.

5. Chairman report- nothing

6. Executive Director report

Eric Miller reported on the following:

- Met with Mark Slover- Weaver's Chief of Staff on Regional charging stations- \$20M Federal grant. TCRPC will be lead but will have Consultant lead. There will be an informational meeting within 4 to 6 weeks.
- Presented in June to mayors in small communities if they may need assistance in grants.

7. Ways and Means Report

- a. Motion to approve June 2023 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 24-09)
Autum Jones moved to approve June 2023 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 24-09) and Camille Coates seconded.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the following:

- **June resulted in a surplus of \$13k.**
- **Total Operating Cash** at the end of the month was approximately \$877k.
- **Operating cash** increased by \$15k in June, compared to May.
- **Total Accounts Receivable** at the end of the month was \$253k. Of the A/R balance, \$212k was federal funds, \$24k was state funds, and \$17k was local funds.
- **Accounts Payable** balance at the end of the month was \$70k, and there was \$68k in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of June. The remaining \$2k A/P balance was for regular monthly bills unpaid as of the end of the month.
- **Income Statement**
 - Current billing for June was \$257k, minus direct pass-through expenses of (\$165k) that were billed to customers, resulting in Operating Revenue of approximately \$92k.
 - Total Expenses for June were (\$244k), minus direct pass-through expenses of (\$165k), resulting in Operating Expenses of Approximately (\$79k)
 - June had 22 regular working days, no paid holidays, and 99 hours of PTO were used by staff.
 - June resulted in a surplus of \$13k. Fiscal Year 2023 ended with a net surplus of \$166k.

Motion carried.

8. Transportation

- a. Motion to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 24-10)
- Project S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge replacement
 - Project S-24-12 Safety- Guardrail Replacement
- Russ Crawford moved to approve (i. and ii.) Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Resolution 24-10) and John Kahl seconded.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- Project S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge replacement
 - This project is replacing the Airport Road bridge over I-474 and scheduled for the September letting.
 - TIP Amendment is for increasing project funding by \$2.5 million.
 - The total project cost is increasing from 8.5 million to 11 million and is 90/10 split.
- Project S-24-12 Safety- Guardrail Replacement
 - This project is replacing guardrails along IL-98 in Tazewell County from McNaughton Park Drive to Springfield Road; and IL-18 in Putnam County from IL-89 to Meridian Road.
 - TIP Amendment is for increasing project funding by \$700,000 (From \$300k to 1 million)
 - The project is scheduled for the September letting.

Motion carried.

- b. Motion to approve FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies (Resolution 24-11)
Ron Talbot moved to approve FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies (Resolution 24-11) and Danny Phelan seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Tri- County released a call for projects for FY14 Special Transportation Studies (STS) on May 17, 2023, for a total funding amount of \$150,000.
- Staff accepted proposals until June 16, 2023, and six jurisdictions' submitted applications.
- The applications received are as follows:
 - Chillicothe- Cost Benefit Analysis for IL-29 Viaduct- Requested \$30,000
 - East Peoria- Stormwater Inventory and Analysis- Requested 470,000

- Germantown Hills- Feasibility Study for Germantown Hills to McClugage Bridge Trail- Requested \$50,000
- GPMTD- Pekin Area Transit Study- Requested \$40,000
- Peoria Heights- Active Transportation Plan- Requested \$50,000
- West Peoria- Corridor Study of Waverly Ave. and Ayers Ave- Requested \$30,000
- The STS Review Subcommittee was comprised of Jeff Gilles, Jon Oliphant, Paola Mendez-Silvagnoli, Terry Keogel, and Brandon Geber as a non-voting member, convened a meeting.
- On July 11, 2023, the Review Subcommittee convened a meeting to assign scores for the submitted projects and to formulate a recommendation for funding.
- Each Subcommittee members scores were averaged with staff's scores for determining the projects to be recommended for funding.
- The averaged total scores for each application are as follows (Out of 70 points):
 - City of Chillicothe- 65.71
 - Village of Peoria Heights- 62.14
 - Village of Germantown Hills- 58.00
 - City of West Peoria- 44.14
 - City of East Peoria- 43.86
 - GPTMD- 41.86
- Utilizing the average scores, the Review Subcommittee looked at options for funding the top four projects.
 - These total \$160,000. Which is \$10,000 over the available budget of \$150,000.
- To remediate the overage, the Review Committee is recommending reducing the Germantown Hills' and Peoria Heights' budget by \$5,000 each.
 - This was done because the Committee felt the budgets for the scopes of work seemed on the high side.
- The Review Subcommittee recommended funding the following.
 - Chillicothe- \$30,000
 - Germantown Hills- \$45,000
 - Peoria Heights- \$45,000 + \$10,000 local contribution
 - West Peoria- \$30,000

Eric Miller said that Germantown Hills and Peoria Heights were ok with the reduction.

Motion carried.

- c. Motion to approve Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Reappointments (Resolution 24-12)

Ron Talbot moved to approve Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Reappointments (Resolution 24-12) and Danny Phelan seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- The HSTP committee discusses transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, & anyone else who needs extra assistance.
- There are two subcommittee's- urban and rural.
- Urban subcommittee members are recommended by the technical committee and appointed by the Commission.
 - Rural subcommittee members are appointed by their respective county board.
- All members hold three-year terms.
- These three individuals are being reappointed; they have been on the committee for years and have made positive impacts to the group.

Motion carried.

- d. Discussion of the Draft 2020 Peoria-Pekin Urban Area- Attachment

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- As a result of the 2020 Census, it is not time to redraw our Urbanized Area
- The Census Bureau significantly changed their methodology of identifying urban area with the 2020 Census.
- This change resulted in a much smaller urban area and disconnected polygons as a starting point.
- Central Office Programming has created the DRAFT 2020 "Smoothed" Urban Area based on the Census' data and FHWA's rules/guidelines.
- Effort was made in creating the draft 2020 smoothed urban area to not reduce the area identified as urban during 2010 smoothing process.

- Please review the attached map and provide comments regarding the draft urban area boundary back to Terrissa Worsfold by Monday, August 14, 2023.
- Michael Bruner thanked Britney West, GIS Specialist of TCRPC for map.

Russ Crawford requested consensus of Urbanized 2020 Census updated map. There was a consensus of the Commission on the updated area map.

9. Updates

a. Transportation Alternative Set-Aside

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- As an MPO with an urbanized population over 200,000, TCRPC receives an annual allotment of these TA funds as a set aside of the STBG program.
- TCRPC opened a 2nd call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set Aside
- TCRPC previously released a call for projects on Wednesday, February 15, 2023
 - Project applications were due to staff by Friday, March 31, 2023, by 4:00 pm
 - Approximately \$1,458,565 was available for the Call for Projects
 - Two projects were awarded, resulting in \$783,159 being programmed.
- TCRPC released a 2nd Call for Projects June 3=21, 2023 with an available funding pot of \$765,406
 - Project applications were due to staff by 3:30 pm on Monday, July 31^s
- Projects submitted:
 - Bartonville- Requested \$160,000, \$40,000 match, total cost \$200,000- Engineering. for Pedestrian Pathways.
 - Creve Coeur- Requested \$558,038, \$148,510 match, total cost \$706,548- Engineering & Construction sidewalk along Fischer Road from IL-29 to Reynolds Ave.
 - Morton- Requested \$675,000, \$168,750 match, total cost \$843,750, Construction of bike path along Detroit Ave. from IL-98 to = 0.7 miles north.
 - Peoria- Requested \$304,000, \$76,000 match, total cost \$380,000- Construction of multiuse path along Pioneer Parkway for 300ft. west of Harker Dr. to 600 ft east of University Street and along University Street from Pioneer Parkway to Altorfer Dr,
- Timeline
 - Applications due July 31st by 3:30 pm
 - August 16th- applicants will present their projects at Technical, and TA subcommittee is formed.
 - September 20th- Technical committee will convene to consider the subcommittee's recommendation.
 - October 4th- Commission programs TA funding.

b. IDOT

Brandon Geber updated on the following:

- SPR awards should be announced soon.
- IDOT Freight Plan was approved so past awarded projects hopefully will be moved forward.

c. FHWA

Betsy Tracy congratulated- Roads for All Safety grant.

10. Other

Staff presentation - Gavin Hunt

Education:

- Associate of National Security
- Bachelor of Arts (Political Science)
- Master of Public Administration

Worked at: City of Peoria

- Community Development
- Legal Administrative Technician

Illinois Army National Guard (currently)

- Rank- E-5, Sergeant
- 25U- Signal Support Systems Specialist
- 35M- Human Intelligence Collector (Linguist)

Currently working on at TCRPC

- Comprehensive Planning
- Transportation Improvement Program
- Special Transportation Studies

11. Adjournment

Autum Jones moved to adjourn at 9:33 am and John Kahl seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by: Britney West, GIS Specialist

Transcribed by: Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator