



**TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

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**Ways & Means Committee: 8:30 a.m., October 2, 2024 - canceled**  
**Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum): 9:00 a.m., October 2, 2024**

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

Also Present: Ray Lees, Rebecca Eisele, Eric Miller, Reema Abi-Akar, Michael Bruner, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, and Lori Reynolds, TCRPC; and Doug DeLille, IDOT

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024**

Leon Ricca moved to approve the September 4, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Danny Phelan. Motion carried.

**5. Chairman Report**

None

**6. Executive Director report**

Eric Miller reported on the following:

- i. Senior Planners Michael Bruner and Reema Abi-Akar will be heading to the IDOT Fall Planning Conference in Fairview Heights today. They will be sure to bring back a report of what they learn at the conference.

- ii. Community Development Block Grant Support – Jim Cummings, currently the consultant for the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, is retiring. The Commission is transitioning, and staff will do the best they can to take over some of his projects and assist communities who are applying for those grants. Staff has the expertise to do so, just not the availability, so it will be worked out somehow. Fees have not been discussed; the Commission just hopes not to incur any outside cost.
- iii. There is a cooperative agreement in place with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Brownfield assessment screen. Tri-County will do Phase 1 and hopefully Phase 2 in this region, mostly focusing on ZIP code 61605.
- iv. NEVI, the state’s electric vehicle program, will fund the installation of one EV charger in the region. It will be installed at the East Peoria Kohl’s shopping center. The City of Peoria was turned down twice for this project, so the Commission will revisit that again next year and see if there is regional interest for applying for electric vehicle charging stations.
- v. The City of Peoria began the implementation process for a Section 5310-funded project at the Reservoir-Sterling-Gale intersection. The pedestrian crosswalk is planned to increase the safety in the area, including more lighting. This is something that Tri-County would like to see more of in the region: FTA Section 5310 money at work.
- vi. Regional prioritization is going on in tandem with the Long-Range Transportation Plan to align those two processes. Staff is at the point where outside help is needed for the graphic design phase of the project. Staff wants these to look very professional, items that can be left at meetings with legislators and congressmen.
- vii. The Commission is in the process of replacing Planner Gabriel Guevara. There have been some interviews, and staff hopes to have that position filled as soon as possible.

## 7. Ways and Means Report

### a. Motion to approve the August 2024 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 25-26)

Autum Jones moved to approve the August 2024 Financial Statements and Billings (Resolution 25-26); Rick Powers seconded.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the August 2024 financial statements.

- i. Total Operating Cash at the end of the month was approximately \$967,000. Operating cash increased by \$149,000 in August, compared to July.
- ii. Total Accounts Receivable at the end of the month was \$520,000. Of the A/R balance, \$296,000 were federal funds, \$56,000 were state funds, and \$169,000 were local funds. The Commission received a significant amount of the unpaid receivables during the month of August; however, the Accounts Receivable balance remained higher than average at the end of August due to the annual joint funding invoicing and the State of Illinois fiscal year end.
- iii. Accounts Payable balance at the end of the month was \$82,000, and of that amount there was \$70,000 in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of August. The remaining \$12,000 Accounts Payable balance at the end of August was for regular bills.

Motion carried.

## 8. Transportation

### a. Motion to approve FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments (Resolution 25-17).

John Kahl moved to approve FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments (Resolution 25-17); Nate Parrott seconded.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

#### i. Project PC-25-01 Maxwell & Middle Road

- 1. This project is a reconstruction of Maxwell Road and Middle Road with new storm sewer, pavement, curb and gutter, and pedestrian accommodations.

The span of this project is Maxwell Road from Fauber Lane to Middle Rd and Middle Road from Maxwell Road to 680 feet west of Dirksen Parkway.

2. This amendment involves updating the funding amount with the latest construction estimates.

Motion carried.

**b. Motion to Support and Adopt the Illinois Department of Transportation's Calendar Year 2025 Safety Performance Targets (Resolution 25-18).**

Chuck Nagle moved to support and adopt the Illinois Department of Transportation's Calendar Year 2025 Safety Performance Targets (Resolution 25-18); Don White seconded.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- i. The federal transportation legislation mandates the use of performance measures to better assess federal transportation investments' progress towards achieving national transportation goals.
- ii. The performance-based planning requires State DOTs and MPOs to set specific targets and report progress in related transportation documents.
- iii. Performance Measures:
  1. Highway Safety
  2. Pavement & Bridge Condition
  3. System Performance
  4. Transit Asset Conditions
  5. Transit Safety
- iv. IDOT set their Safety Performance Measures in August as part of their submission of the Highway Safety Improvement Plan Annual Report to the FHWA. MPOs must decide to either support the State DOT targets or develop their own within 180 days of February 2025.
- v. It's important to note that FHWA does not directly assess MPO progress toward meeting safety targets and only determines whether the State DOT has met or made significant progress towards the target.
- vi. IDOT Safety Performance Targets
  1. IDOT's 2025 Safety Targets were calculated using the five-year annual rolling average from the 2019-2023 crash data.
    - a. Fatalities – 2% annual reduction
    - b. Rate of Fatalities – 2% annual reduction
    - c. Serious Injuries – Linear regression
    - d. Rate of Serious Injuries – Linear regression
    - e. Non-motorized Fatalities – 2% annual reduction
    - f. Non-motorized Serious Injuries – Linear regression
  2. MPO Safety Data Summary
    - a. The attached memo includes a table and graph showing fatalities and serious injuries in this metropolitan planning area.

A discussion ensued regarding safety plans. Eric Miller stated that the Commission is serious about safety, and some changes will need to be made, not only physically, but from a driving culture standpoint. There will be some recommendations in the plan that will require physical changes and an awareness campaign. The Commission will be eligible to apply for more grant money because staff is currently working on a safety plan. Not all projects will be expensive physical changes to the design of roads. Some will simply be

awareness and education, such as vehicle vs. bicycle safety. Doug DeLille gave insight into the processes involved. Federal agencies want to see input from the communities, so the safety steering committee is comprised of police, fire, emergency services, engineering departments, public works departments, street departments, school districts, colleges, and transit systems. Veterans groups provide good information about ADA accessibility, so all of these groups need to be included in these meetings.

Motion carried.

**c. Motion to approve Executive Director to enter into agreement for Travel Demand Model Support for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (Resolution 25-19).**

John Kahl moved to approve Executive Director to enter into agreement for Travel Demand Model Support for an amount not to exceed \$20,000 (Resolution 25-19); Don White seconded.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- i. The Commission maintains a regional travel demand model (TDM) for Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties.
- ii. Staff uses this model as part of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process to review and guide potential changes to the regional transportation network.
- iii. The Commission uses the TDM in the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) programming process to inform the regional value of individual projects.
- iv. With the recent transition from the traditional three-step TDM to an Activity Based Travel Demand Model (ABM), staff is still working through the software to become familiar with how to perform such tasks.
- v. Staff recommends contracting with Lochmueller Group, who was the consulting firm that developed the current ABM for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Motion carried.

**9. Updates**

- a. **IDOT** – Doug DeLille reported that the ITEP program received approximately 242 applications. IDOT is now in the process of reviewing and evaluating those. They are hoping to have a report by the end of the year or beginning of next year.
- b. **FHWA** – no updates.

**10. Other**

- a. Next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

**11. Adjournment**

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

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by: Michael Bruner, Senior Planner

Transcribed by: Lori Reynolds, Office Administrator