



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9:00am CT
 456 Fulton St, Suite 402*
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order
 Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Amy McLaren , Peoria County		x	Dustin Sutton* Peoria Heights		x
Jeff Gilles , Peoria County		x	Dennis Carr City of Washington	x	
Mark Gilles* Peoria County		x	Jon Oliphant* City of Washington	x	
Paul Augspurger Tazewell County		x	Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	x	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	x		Terrisa Worsfold IDOT-04	x	
Conrad Moore Woodford County	x		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-04		x
Alyssa Burnett , City of Peoria	x		Kinga Krider City of West Peoria	x	
VACANT City of Peoria			Charles Hess City of West Peoria*	x	
Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria		x	Craig Loudermilk Village of Morton		x
Sie Maroon* City of Peoria		x	Frank Sturm Village of Morton*		x
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria	x		Kenneth Coulter City of Chillicothe		x
Paola Mendez* City of Peoria		x	David Horton* City of Chillicothe		x
VACANT City of Peoria			Terry Keogel Village of Creve Coeur	x	
Josie Esker* City of Pekin		x	Nick Standefer* Citylink		x
Dean Schneider City of Pekin		x	Jamie Arbogast* CityLink		x
Ric Semonski City of East Peoria		x	Doug Roelfs , Citylink		x
Ty Livingston* City of East Peoria		x	Gene Olson* MAAP		x

Chris Chandler Village of Peoria Heights		x	Eric Miller TCRPC	x	
Wayne Aldrich* Village of Peoria Heights	x		Rich Brecklin Village of Germantown Hills	x	

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Logan Chapman, Gabriel Guevara, Gavin Hunt, Reema Abi-Akar, and Michael Bruner. Staff Virtual: Britney West, and Debbi LaRue. Also present: IDOT, Al-Barrae-Shebib (Local Roads) and Virtual: Bob Innis- IDOT

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, June 21, 2023, Meeting
Terry Keogel moved to approve the June 21, 2023, minutes and Rich Brecklin seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
 - a. Project S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement
 - b. Project S-24-12 Safety: Guardrail Replacement
Patrick Meyer moved to recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments and Conrad Moore seconded.
Michael Bruner updated on the following:
 - i. Project S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement
 - a. This project is replacing the Airport Road Bridge over I-474 and scheduled for the September letting.
 - b. TIP Amendment is for increasing project funding by \$2.5 million.
 - c. The total project cost is increasing from 8.8 million to 11 million and is 90/10 split.
 - ii. Project S-24-12 Safety: Guardrail Replacement
 - a. This project is replacing guardrails along IL-98 in Tazewell County from McNaughton Park Drive to Springfield Rd; and IL-18 in Putnam County from IL-89 to Meridian Road.
 - b. TIP Amendment is for increasing project funding by \$7000,000 (From \$300k to 1 million)
 - c. The project is scheduled for the September letting.

Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies – Attachment
Terry Keogel moved to recommend to Commission FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies and Patrick Meyer seconded.
 - a. Tri- County released a call for projects for FY24 Special Transportation Studies (STS) on May 17, 2023, for a total funding amount of \$150,000.
 - b. Staff accepted proposals until June 16, 2023, and six jurisdictions submitted applications.
 - c. The applications received are as follows:
 - Chillicothe- Cost Benefit Analysis for IL-29 Viaduct- Requested \$30,000
 - East Peoria- Stormwater Inventory and Analysis- Requested \$70,000
 - 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
 - d. The STS Review Subcommittee was comprised of Jeff Gilles, Jon Oliphant, Paola Mendez, Terry Keogel, and Brandon Geber as a non-voting member, convened a meeting.
 - e. On July 11, 2023, The Review Subcommittee convened a meeting to assign scores for the submitted projects and to formulate a recommendation for funding.
 - f. Each subcommittee members scores were averaged with staff's scores for determining the projects to be recommended for funding.
 - g. The averaged total scores for each application are as follows (out of 70 points)
 - City of Chillicothe- 65.7
 - Village of Peoria Heights- 62.14
 - Village of Germantown Hills- 58.00
 - City of West Peoria- 44.14
 - City of East Peoria- 43.86
 - GPMTD- 41.86
 - h. Utilizing the average scores, the Review Subcommittee looked at options for funding the top four projects.
 - These total \$160,000 over the available budget of \$150,000.
 - i. 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.
- j. 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
- Motion carried.
7. Recommend to Commission Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Appointments – Handout
- Patrick Meyer moved to recommend to Commission Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Appointments and Rick Brecklin seconded.
- Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:
- a. The HSTP committee discusses transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities.
 - b. There are two subcommittees- urban and rural.
 - Urban subcommittee members are appointed by the Commission and recommended by the Technical Committee meeting.
 - All members hold three- year terms.
 - c. These three individuals are great; they are reappointed, and they chose to be reappointed,
Motion carried.
8. Discussion of the Draft 2020 Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area – Attachment
- Michael Bruner updated on the following:
- a. As a result of the 2020 Census, it is not time to redraw our Urbanized Area.
 - b. The Census Bureau significantly changed their methodology of identifying urban area with the 2020 Census.
 - c. This change resulted in a much smaller urban area and disconnected polygons as s starting point.
 - d. Central Office Programming has created the DRAFT 2020 “Smoothed” Urban Area based on the Census data and FHWA’s rules/guidelines.
 - e. Effort was made in creating the draft 2020 smoothed urban area to not reduce the area identified as urban during the 2010 smoothing process.

- f. Please review the attached map and provide comments regarding the draft urban area boundary back to Terrisa Worsfold by Monday, August 14, 2023
- g. Terrisa Worsfold added there can be gaps but we want it as smooth as possible. Please take look and see if we missed any, we are talking of closing the gap south of Germantown Hills, south of Limestone Township, and South Pekin.
Eric Miller added the TMA boundary goes now & beyond. Are there pending projects to be added? These will not need Commission approval. If you have comments, please notify Terrisa Worsfold.

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 is opening a 2nd call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside
- TCRPC previously released a call for projects on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.
 1. Project applications were due to staff by Friday, March 31, 2023, by 4:00 pm
 2. Approximately \$1,458,565 was available for the Call for Projects
 3. Two projects were awarded, resulting in \$783,159 being programmed.
- TCRPC is releasing a 2nd Call for Projects today, June 21, 2023, with an available funding pot of \$675,406.
 1. Project applications are due to staff by 3:30pm on Monday, July 31st.
- Eligible projects:
 1. A project must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation and pedestrian and / or bike facilities.
 2. Infrastructure projects to enhance non-driver access to public transportation.
 3. Community Improvement activities
 4. Environmental mitigation related to stormwater.
- Non-eligible projects
 1. Routine maintenance activities are not eligible.
 2. Solely recreational projects are not eligible.
- Local match requirements
 1. Preliminary engineering and construction are 80/20

2. Right-of-way and easement acquisition are 50/50
 3. Street lighting is 50/50- but if it is in s designated historic area, it may qualify at 80/20
- Timeline
 1. Applications due July 31st by 3:30 pm
 2. August 16th- applicants will present their projects at Technical, and TA subcommittee is formed.
 3. September 20th- Technical committee will convene to consider the subcommittee's recommendation.
 4. October 4th- Commission programs TA funding
- b. Active Transportation Plan
- Gabriel Guevara updated on the following:
- TCRPC is developing and Active Transportation Plan
 - TCRPC is kicking off the community engagement process by interviewing Technical Committee members.
 - These interviews are meant to help TCRPC learn about bicycle, transit, and pedestrians within your community.
 - Please get in contact with me if we have not scheduled an interview.
- c. PROTECT Grant Application – Handout
- Reema Aba-Akar updated on the following:
- PEOTECT stands for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost saving Transportation.
 - It aims to reduce damage and disruption to the transportation system, improve the safety of the traveling public, and improve equity by addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities that are the most vulnerable to hazards.
 - The PROTECT program offers 100% funding for Planning Grant projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including:
 1. Highways
 2. Public transportation
 3. Ports
 4. Intercity passenger rail
 - Up to \$45 million is available nationwide for PROTECT Planning Grants
 - A minimum grant award of \$100,000 and no maximum award size
 - Applications are due August 18, 2023

1. TCRPC proposes the creation of a Regional Resiliency Plan (RRP) spanning the Tri-County area.
 2. This project would be consultant-led.
 3. Estimated cost is \$500,000.
- The proposed project will include:
 1. An Assessment of vulnerabilities in the Tri-County transportation network.
 2. Including environmental risks
 3. Stormwater, as it relates to
 4. Erosion
 5. Flooding
 6. Distribution of green space and recreation access
 - Heat island impacts (through a tree canopy analysis) an assessment of multimodal transportation access throughout the region
 - All assessments will be assessed through an economic resiliency and social justice lenses.
 - The plan would produce a grant-ready, coordinated but distinct projects and objectives designed to facilitate.
 1. Environmental, economic, and social, resilience, and to competitively position the region for federal infrastructure funding.
 - Next steps- Letters of Support by July 26, 2023
 - Eric Miller mentioned this is nationwide reduction of local match and we want to take advantage of this.

d. IDOT

- Local Roads

Al Barre-Shebib updated on the following:

- Visit IDOT T2 for trainings, new trainings and past training webinars are being added for on-demand use.
- IDOT website is updated, for any questions reach out to IDOT.
- MYP has been released July 7, this time Multi-modal projects are also included on the publication.
- COVID relief funds update, last debt ceiling bill at federal level rescinded unused covid relief funds, IDOT has committed to fulfilling it with State funds with same rules and deadlines to obligate.
- New NOFO for MEGA/RURAL/INFRA CL 2023-20

- New NOFO for Rural Tribal Assistance CL2023-21 and New NOFO for Reconnecting Communities CL2023-22
- Safe Routes o School grant will be 100% this round, NOFO will be sent out with guidelines for grant applications August 1st.
- IDOT will be doing contracts for state APS upgrades, LPAs wanting to coordinate can reach out to IDOT.
- Central Office
 - Bob Innis said he has nothing to add.
- e. FHWA
 - Betsy Tracy no able to attend.
- 10. Other
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for August 16, 2023
 - Eric Miller introduced new planner Gavin Hunt
- 11. Adjournment
 - Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:35 am and Terry Keogel seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by: Britney West- GIS Specialist

Transcribed by: Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator