



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 9:00am CT
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1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:00 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	v	
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	v		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	v		Rich Brecklin Village of Germantown Hills	x	

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Gabriel Guevara, Gavin Hunt, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Khepha Jackson, and Michael Bruner. Staff Virtual: Britney West, and Logan Chapman. Also present: IDOT, Al- Barrae-Shebib (Local Roads) and Brandon Geber (Central Office), and Leon Ricca Virtual: Betsy Tracey- FHWA and Dan Weithamp

3. Public Comment-none

4. Approval of Minutes, July 19, 2023, Meeting

Rich Brecklin moved to approve the Minutes of, July 19, 2023, Meeting and Patrick Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

5. **Public Meeting: FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Plan** – Handout

Ric Semonski moved to open the Public Meeting: FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Plan and Terry Koegel seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

a. Public Review Period

- Dates: August 16- September 20, 2023
- Public Meetings
 - August 16, 2023, at 9:00 am- Technical Committee
 - September 6, 2023 at 9:00 am- Commission
 - September 20, 2023, at 9:00 am- Technical Committee
- Location of draft document
 - TCRPC Website: <https://tricityrpc.org/draft-tip-public-comment>
 - TCRPC Office
 - 20 Public Review Sites at local libraries throughout the MPO area

b. Transportation Planning Documents

- As the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), Tri-County is Federally required to develop and maintain four transportation planning documents.
 1. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
Outlines region's transportation vision, priorities, and plans.
 2. Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
Short term listing of funded transportation project.
 3. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
Services as the budget and work plan for the MPO planning process.
 4. Public Participation Plan (PPP)
Lays out the policies and procedures for involving the public in the transportation planning process.

c. What is the Transportation Improvement (TIP)

- Short term plan that identifies all federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects programmed for state and local jurisdictions and local jurisdictions for the next four years (FY 2024-27)
 1. Includes roadway, transit, and non-motorized projects.
 2. All projects must be consistent with the region's LRTP.
 3. Must be fiscally constrained, meaning projects cannot be included in the TIP without a funding source.
 4. Updated annually in coordination with IDOT and local jurisdictions.
 5. Projects recommended by the Technical Committee, with final approval by the Commission.
- Major funding sources
 1. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 2. National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
 3. Section 5307 (FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grant)
 4. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
 5. Transportation Alternatives (TA)
 - Includes Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS).
- Includes two active project listings.
 1. Surface Transportation
 2. Mass Transit
 3. Each project identified in one of the two project listings include the following attributes:
 - Project title
 - Location
 - Lead agency
 - Funding source
 - Budget breakdown
 - Project description
- Illustrative Project List
 1. Listing of future projects that are regionally significant, reflect local jurisdictions priorities, and would be included in the TIP active project list if reasonable funding sources were available.

d. Questions?

Jeff Gilles moved to close **Public Meeting: FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Plan** and Rich Brecklin seconded. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Appointments – Attachment

Paola Mendez moved to recommend to Commission Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee Appointments and Eric Miller seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- a. The HSTP committee discusses transportation options for older adults, people with disabilities, people with low incomes, and anyone else who needs extra assistance.
- b. There are TWO subcommittees- urban and rural.
 - Urban subcommittees members are recommended by the Technical committee and appointed by the Commission.
 - Rural subcommittee members are appointed by their respective county boards.
- c. All members hold three-year terms.
- d. These two individuals are being appointed; they have been involved with the committee for years and have made positive impacts to the group.
 - ShamRa Robinson, Assistant Director of Operations- Greater Peoria Mass Transit District
 - Jim Bremner, Township Supervisor of Washington Township

Motion carried.

7. Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Project Presentations – Attachment

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. 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.
- b. TCRPC opened a 2nd call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside
- c. TCRPC previously released a call for projects on Wednesday, February 15, 2023
 - Project applications were due to staff by Friday, March 21, 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.
- d. TCRPC released a 2nd Call for Projects, June 21, 2023, with an available funding pot of \$675,406.

- Project applications were due to staff by 3:30 PM on Monday, July 31.

e. 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

f. Bartonville – Connecting Pedestrian Pathways

Derek Roemer and Heidi Rhea presented the following:

- Connecting Pathways in Bartonville:
 - Build and/or repair sidewalks to provide a pedestrian path that connects all schools and parks.
 - To provide safe, accessible alternative transportation in and around the Bartonville area
 - Provide ADA accessible pathway.
 - To begin preliminary engineering to develop the design bas, clarify environmental impacts, identify drainage issues, identify utility or right of way issues, and design multi-phases for completion of the pathway over several year.
 - This grant would fund Phase 1 of a multi-phase plan. Requesting TA funds- \$160,000., Local funds- \$40,000, Total Phase 1-- \$200,000.

g. Creve Coeur – Fischer Road

Leon Ricca presented the following:

- Fischer Road Sidewalk
 - This project primarily focuses on system reliability through construction, planning and design of a sidewalk for non-motorized forms of transportation.
 - This project provides mobility and connectivity, promotes public health strategies, and enhances the quality of life for residents in residential areas of Fischer Road.
 - This project will greatly improve the quality of life for Creve Coeur residents by providing a safe means of non-motorized transportation. The project enhances mobility and connectivity to areas where residents work, learn, eat, shop, and play.

- Additionally, construction of sidewalks provides an opportunity for residents to increase their daily physical activity improving their overall health.
- Similar to BikeConnect HOI scope, the Village of Creve Coeur is interested in identifying other ways by which we can provide non-motorized transportation such as bicycling.
- Fischer Road does not have capacity for complete streets including bike lanes, however constructing sidewalks will allow this road to become more bicycle friendly. Bicyclist would utilize the sidewalk for transportation to work, school, shopping for goods, and recreation.
- Requesting TA funds- \$558,038, Local funds- \$148,510, Total- \$706,548

h. Morton – Detroit Ave

Craig Loudermilk presented the following:

- Detroit Avenue and IL 98 Intersection Benefits to Cyclists/ Pedestrians
 - North/South bicycle arterial
 - Provides more users direct access to the River Trail of Illinois
 - Connects to the Medical Center and Birchwood Park destinations.
 - Provides connectivity for the end of the existing bike path along Detroit Avenue to the existing sidewalk at the IL 98 intersection.
 - Provides crosswalks on the north and east leg of the intersection for pedestrians and cyclists navigating the intersection.
 - Makes turning maneuvers for cyclists safer.
 - Island refuges make pedestrians and cyclists more visible to vehicles.
 - Requesting TA funds- \$675,000, Local funds- \$168,750, Total- \$843,750

i. Peoria – Pioneer Parkway and University Street

Paola Mendez presented the following:

- Pioneer Parkway and University Street Intersection Reconstruction
 - Multi-Use path along Pioneer Parkway
 - TA Funds are requested for the multi-Use portion of the project.
 - Regional Significance and Connectivity

- Completes a connection on the University Street/ MacArthur Boulevard Corridor from Jefferson St. to Industrial Drive an 8.5-mile corridor.
 - First Step to connect the paths along Allen Rd and University Street to the Rock Island Greenway
 - Requesting TA funds- \$304,000, Local funds- \$76,000, Total funds- \$380,000
8. Formation of Transportation Alternative Review Subcommittee
Michael Bruner mentioned the following.
- a. Staff is seeking volunteers for member jurisdiction that did not submit an application to sit on the Project Review Subcommittee
Volunteers are Ty Livingston, Kinga Krider, Rich Brecklin, and Wayne Aldrich
 - b. Tri County is proposing the Project Review Subcommittee convene on Thursday, September 7th at 1:30 pm
9. Call for Projects: Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities – Attachment
Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:
- a. Section 5310: Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities federal grant program
<https://tricityrpc.org/funding-programs/fta-section-5310/>
 - b. Approximately \$329,798 of grant funding is available.
 - From Federal Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023
 - We do not have FFY 2024 dollars because FTA has not released those numbers yet.
 - c. Applicants are due by 4:00 pm on Friday, September 15, 2023
 - d. Eligible applicants:
 - Non-profit organizations
 - State and local governments
 - Public Transportation operators
 - e. Eligible Activities
 - Capital & operating expenses, such as:
 - Public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the ADA.
 - Projects that improve access to fixed-route service

- Projects that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities with transportation.
 - f. Local match
 - Capital: 80/20
 - Operating: 50/50
 - g. List of dates
 - Aug 16-Staff issues Call for Projects
 - Sept. 15- Applications due
 - Sept. 26- HSTP Urban Committee recommends projects.
 - Oct. 18- Technical recommends projects.
 - Nov. 1- Commission programs projects
- 10. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Update and Formation of Project Development and Review Committee
 - a. Tri-County received funding for a consultant-led Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties
 - b. Budget: SS4A- \$400,000 Match- \$100,000
 - c. Tri-County has successfully gotten our grant under contract with the FHWA.
 - d. Seeking volunteers to sit on the Project Development and Review Subcommittee
 - Volunteers are Amy McLaren, Wayne Aldrich, and Paola Mendez
 - The Subcommittee will provide feedback on draft RFQ, Review/grade State of Qualifications submitted, and participate in the consultant interview process.
- 11. Updates
 - a. PROTECT Grant Application
 - Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:
 - Staff are working on the finishing touches of our grant application for a consultant-led Regional Resiliency Plan for Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties
 - Grant Request is \$500,000
 - Application due this Friday, August 25, 2023
 - b. IDOT
 - Local Roads
 - Al Barrae-Shebib updated on the following:
 - Safe Route to schools NOFO was released 8/4/2023, refer to IDOT Circular Letter CL2023-23 deadline is October 2, 2023. There will be

two informational webinars scheduled for August 23 and September 20. New this year, Safe Routes to Schools Grant will be 100% funded and require no local match. There will be an infrastructure grant for construction of sidewalks, and non-infrastructure grant for bike safety, skills, education, and events available this cycle. The non-infrastructure grant can be applied through schools, planning commissions, health departments, law enforcement, etc.

- Central Office

Brandon Geber updated on the following:

- IDOT is working on its own Resiliency Improvement Plan

- c. FHWA

Betsy Tracy updated on:

- Safe Roads and Streets for all

12. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for September 20, 2023
- b. Eric Miller added TCRPC is going for a charging station grant. Will have a host information meeting in early September. It is an 80/20 grant.

13. Adjournment

Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:46 am and Terry Keogel seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Britney West, GIS Specialist II

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator