



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 9:00am CT
456 Fulton St, Suite 420

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	Dennis Carr City of Washington	x	
Jeff Gilles , Peoria County	x		Jon Oliphant* City of Washington	x	
Mark Gilles* Peoria County		x	Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	x	
Paul Augspurger Tazewell County	x		Terrisa Worsfold IDOT-D4	x	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	x		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-04		x
Conrad Moore Woodford County	x		Kinga Krider City of West Peoria	x	
Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria	x		Charles Hess City of West Peoria*	x	
Paola Mendez City of Peoria	x		Craig Loudermilk Village of Morton		x
Sie Maroon City of Peoria		x	Frank Sturm* Village of Morton		x
Alyssa Burnett* City of Peoria		x	David Horton City of Chillicothe	x	
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria	x		Terry Keogel Village of Creve Coeur		x
VACANT* City of Peoria			Doug Roelfs CityLink	x	
Josie Esker City of Pekin	x		Nick Standefer* CityLink	v	
Dean Schneider* , City of Pekin		x	Jamie Arbogast* CityLink		x
Ric Semonski City of East Peoria	x		Gene Olson MAAP		x
Ty Livingston* City of East Peoria	x		Eric Miller TCRPC	x	
Chris Chandler Village of Peoria Heights		x	Rich Brecklin Village of Germantown Hills		x
Wayne Aldrich* Village of Peoria Heights	x				

Staff present: Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Gabriel Guevara, Gavin Hunt, Logan Chapman, Ray Lees, and Debbi La Rue Staff virtual: Britney West
Also present: Al Barrae-Shebib- IDOT, and Syed Anwarul Haque- IDOT. Mike Huddleston-IDOT virtual

3. Public Comment- Ben Wilson- Kankakee County – to observe Project Prioritization
4. Approval of Minutes, September 20, 2023, Meeting
Ty Livingston moved to approve minutes of September 20, 2023, and Patrick Meyer seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission the Adoption and Support of IDOT's FY 2024 Safety Performance Targets
Conrad Moore moved to recommend Commission the Adoption and Support of IDOT's FY 2024 Safety Performance Targets and Josie Esker seconded.
Michael Bruner updated on the following:
 - a. Congress established a national performance measurement system MAP-21, FAST Act, and IIJA to guide:
 - Performance measure target setting, and
 - Transportation decision making.
 - b. Performance Measures
 - Highway Safety
 - Pavement Bridge Condition
 - System Performance
 - Transit Asset Conditions
 - Transit Safety
 - c. IDOT set their Safety Performance Measure in August as part of their submission of the Highway Improvement Plan Annual Report to the FHWA.
 - d. MPO's must decide to either support the State DOT targets or develop their own by February 2023.
 - e. In the past four years, TCRPC has elected to support IDOT targets.
 - f. FHWA does not directly assess MPO progress toward meeting safety targets.
 - g. IDOT Safety Targets
 - IDOT's 2023 Safety Targets were calculated using the 5-year annual rolling average from the 2018-2022 crash data.
 1. Fatalities- 2% annual reduction
 2. Rate of Fatalities- 2% annual reduction
 3. Serious Injuries- Linear regression
 4. Rate of serious Injuries- Linear regression
 5. Non-motorized F-2% annual reduction
 6. Non-motorized Serious Injuries- Linear regression

- MPO Safety Data Summary
 1. The attached memo includes a table and graph showing fatalities and serious injuries in our metropolitan planning area.

Eric Miller said the procurement is with Lochmueller to establish our own target timeline. Performance measures are created. Are we held responsible and Michael Bruner replied no.

Motion carried.

6. Discussion of Project Prioritization for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Debbi La Rue updated on the following:

- Staff have been working on "Regional Project Prioritization", which, as the name implies, will be used to prioritize regionally significant transportation projects for funding. Priority projects may also receive additional marketing support for future fundraising efforts.
- Last year, a Subcommittee of the Commission worked with Staff to develop an initial version of a rubric to identify and prioritize regionally significant surface transportation projects.
- Staff are now refining the rubric and making it applicable to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects.
- The rubric includes criterion that evaluate projects in terms of safety operations, accessibility and mobility, environmental quality, project sustainability, environmental justice, land use, economic development, and regional significance, and coordination and cooperation.
- Staff are currently testing the draft rubric against real examples- we are interviewing four Technical Committee members for further information on three projects this week.
- Once the rubric has been refined, Staff will be reaching out to Technical Committee members for more information on all other regionally significant bicycle and pedestrian projects and grading them for review by the Technical Committee.
- Please keep an eye out for email invitations in the coming weeks to discuss projects in your jurisdiction.

Cindy Loos asked if this regional prioritization is a new pot of money and Eric Miller replied it is from the same bucket we are using now.

7. Discussion of the Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050 Update

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. The LRTP is one of the MPO's core planning documents.
 - The LRTP serves as a guide for the future development and maintenance of our MPO's transportation system.
 - The plan covers a 25-year planning horizon and outlines the region's transportation vision, priorities, and plans that are developed based on public engagement, population projections, and travel demand.
 - The plan is updated every five years.
- b. Staff are in the process of planning for the LRTP 2050 update.
 - As you know, the Commission is currently in a long-range planning process for developing an Active Transportation Plan (ATP).
 - To reduce planning fatigue with our regional stakeholders, staff are planning to combine the ATP Focus Groups and the LRTP Focus Groups.
 1. A focus group dedicated to ATP is scheduled for December 6
 - a. The focus group is divided in three categories:
 - i. Public Health, Social Services, and Recreation.
 - ii. Economic
 - iii. Development and Government.
 - iv. Engineering, Transit, and Enforcement; and
 - v. Education and Advocacy.
 2. A subsequent focus group dedicated to roadways is planned for winter/spring 2024.
 3. Followed by a freight focus group with specific freight stakeholders and experts.
- c. At the January Technical Committee, staff are planning to have a Call for Projects for the consideration of projects to be included in the updated plan.
 - The LRTP Project List is fiscally constrained.
 - Staff will conduct a funding forecast to determine how much funding we reasonably expect to be available to our region within the 2050 planning horizon.
 - Projects not included in the fiscally constrained project list will be considered for inclusion in the illustrative project list.
 - Projects must be included in the most current LRTP to be eligible for federal funding.
 - Additionally, the Regional Project Priority List will be incorporated in the LRTP.

8. Updates

a. Active Transportation Plan

Gabriel Guevara updated on the following:

- October 26th TCRPC held an open house at the Lincoln Branch Peoria Library
 1. We had a series of stations designed to gather community input.
- In effort to gather more regional input we will have two more open houses
 1. One at Morton Public Library on December 5th from 4 -6 pm
 2. Another one at the Illinois Prairie District Library in Germantown Hills from 4-6pm
- TCRPC will also hold a focus group session for ATP on Dec. 6th from 2-4 pm at the Festival of Lights Building.
 1. There will be four subject areas: public health, economic development, education/advocacy, and engineering enforcement.
 2. Invitations will be sent out soon.

b. IDOT

• Local Roads

Al-Barrae-Shebib updated on the following:

- Introduced Syed Anwarul Haque- IDOT Engineer- IDOT construction.
- IDOT is working to get staffing up, around 35 openings in Peoria from senior positions to trainees on IDOT website.
- It is time to update the IDOT Multi-year Program for 2025-2028, work with Tri-County staff to update TIP sheets for all local agency projects to be included in the program.
- IDOT has a meeting scheduled in January with Tri-County staff regarding the TMA TAP Funding
- IDOT is requesting feedback on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), see Circular Letter 2023-28
- IDOT is now reviewing project applications for the Illinois Special Bridge funds (ISBP) and Safe Routes to Schools funds (SRTS). There are 7 ISBP projects in our area and 11 SRTS Projects in the district area under consideration for these funds.
- New funding opportunity with Truck Access Route Program (TARP) is now open, see Circular Letter 2023-29

- IDOT received national recognition from AASHTO for the roadway safety public engagement event- Peoria "Orange Barrels"- partnership with Peoria Chiefs game held at Dozer Park here in Peoria this past summer.
 - Central Office-nothing to report.
 - c. FHWA-nothing to report.
- 9. Other
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for January 17, 2024, no meeting in December 2023
 - b. Eric Miller mentioned the electric vehicle Public Sector interests in February NOFO
 - IEPA- electric vehicle charging stations are due in December. If you have any questions, give him or Kathy Brown a call. This is for Private Sector only.
- 10. Adjournment
 - Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:25 am and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
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