**MINUTES**

**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 9:00am CT

456 Fulton St, Suite 402B

Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Roll Call

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| **Member** | **Present** | **Absent** | **Member** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| **Amy McLaren,**  Peoria County |  | **x** | **Dennis Carr**  City of Washington | **V** |  |
| **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** |  | Village of Morton |  |  |
| **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 |  | **V** | **ShamRA Robinson**\*  CityLink |  | **x** |
| **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 | **V** |  |  |  |  |
| **Dustin Sutton\***  Peoria Heights |  | **x** |  |  |  |

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Ray Lees, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Gabriel Guevara, Logan Chapman, and Debbi La Rue. Others: Chris Schmidt- IDOT Central Office, Al Barre-Shebib-Local Roads, Nicole Fayant- Ciorba Group

1. Public Comment-none
2. Approval of Minutes, January 17, 2024, Meeting

Andrea Klopfenstein moved to approve January 17, 2024, meeting minutes and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.

1. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
   1. Project S-24-25 Safety Shoulders

Michael Bruner mentioned it should be Project S-24-26 Safety Shoulders

Jeff Gilles moved to recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendment and Paola Mendez seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

* Adding to IDOT Dist. 4 FY 2024 Safety Program. The project is currently scheduled for the June 24, 2024, letting. The project is for construction of Hot Mixed Asphalt (HMA) safety shoulders along IL-9 from 0.4 miles east of Veterans Drive in Pekin to 0.5 miles West of the western city limits of Tremont.

Motion carried.

1. Discussion of the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

* The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is one of the cores MPO planning documents and is updated annually. It serves as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day0to-day work of the MPO. The document describes all transportation planning activities with a corresponding budget Tri-County proposes to undertake during the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).
* Staff is in the beginning stages of developing the draft FY 2024 UPWP and has submitted the draft Uniform Budget Template (UBT) and Programmatic Risk Assessment (PRA) to IDOT. The following remainder of the UPWP schedule listed in the memo in your packet:
  + Feb. 21: Staff presents draft UPWP to Technical Committee.
  + March 6: Staff presents draft UPWP to Commission.
  + March 20: Technical Committee recommends UPWP to Commission for approval.
  + April 3: Commission approves final UPWP & staff submits document to IDOT.
  + July 1: IDOT accepts UPWP, work begins.

1. Discussion of the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

* As an MPO, Tri-County is federally required to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a short-term plan that identifies all federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects programmed for state and local jurisdictions for the next four fiscal years (FY 2025-28).
* Tri-County updates the TIP on an annual basis in coordination with IDOT and local jurisdictions. The TIP includes roadway, non-motorized, and transit projects. Al projects must be consistent with the region’s LRTP. The TIP must be fiscally constrained, meaning projects are not included on the active project lists without a funding source. Projects that are regionally significant, reflect local jurisdiction priorities, and would be included in the TIP if reasonable funding sources were available are included in the Illustrative Project List.
* Staff will be reaching out in the next couple of weeks to get status updates on your jurisdiction’s current projects and to see if there are any additional projects that should be added to the FY 2025-25 TIP.
  + Jeff Gilles asked if these will be combined or separated.
  + Michael Bruner said they will be using a matrix.
  + Reema Abi-Akar added that for 5310 will have a need for more information.
  + It will be 1 committee.
  + Eric Miller asked if it will be the same cap for multiple funds or just 1?
  + Jeff Gilles said to keep the caps as is.
  + Kinga Krider asked for a draft application at the next Technical meeting.
  + Jeff Gilles asked if there is an extended deadline?
  + Michael Bruner said 30 to 45 days.
  + Jeff Gilles suggested no more than 60 days.

1. Discussion of combining Call for Projects for Commission-allocated federal funds

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

As an MPO with an urbanized population over 200,000, TCRPC receives an annual

allotment of federal funds from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (ILJA). These funds come from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Federal Highway administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Every year, our region is allocated federal funding in several different categories, including the following:

Surface Transportation Block Grants (STBG)

STBG funds are allocated annually to the MPO for regionally significant roadway projects in the Greater Peoria area. Tri-County utilizes 80% of STBG funding for Traditional projects (New roadways or reconstruction projects) and 80% for Preservation.

projects.

Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside

TA funds allocated annually to the MPO for small scale transportation projects that provide active transportation facilities.

Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)

CRP is a new federal program funded through the infrastructure bill to fund projects to reduce transportation emissions.

Section 5310

Section 5310 funds are allocated by both IDOT through their Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) program and Tri-County’s grant program funding capital and operational expenses to help improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

We are presenting this to you to get your thoughts and potential green light to move forward with combining these funding sources into one call for projects. Traditionally each of these funding programs would be done separately. This would provide an opportunity for a project request funding from multiple funding sources.

1. Updates
   1. Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050 Call for Projects – Reminder

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

This is a friendly reminder of the deadline for submitting projects to be considered for the LRTP 2050 update is 3:30 p,m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024. To access the application, please visit Tri-County’s website at:

<https://tricountyrpc.org/transportation/lrtp/lrtp-2050/>. Each project you would like to be considered for inclusion in the LRTP 2050 update will need its own separate application. Please note that projects listed in the existing 2045 LRTP will not automatically be carried forward into the new plan.

* 1. IDOT
     + Local Roads

Al Barrae-Shebib updated on the following:

* Introduced IDOT rotation engineer joining the meeting.
* Identified E-Week
* IDOT District 4 Next Bi-monthly coordination meeting scheduled for April 18th. If you have projects with federal funds planned for the next 3 years work with your field engineer to plan to attend.
* New Phase I Engineering forms- IDOT BLRS Circular Letter 2024-04 Phase I Engineering Forms Update
* One note is the importance of including TIP number early in the process in phase I.
* IDOT BLRS Circular Letter 2024-05 QBS Threshold Adjustment for QBS threshold has been adjusted for the CPI.
  + - Central Office

Chris Schmidt commented on the following:

* + - 1. IDOT is working on their Long-Range Transportation Plan. The website for that is [www.moveillinois2024.com](http://www.moveillinois2024.com)
      2. IDOT is working on a national Electric Vehicle Notice of funding Opportunity. More information about that can be found at <https://idot.illinois.gov/transportation-system.environment/drive-electric.html>
      3. Get on everyone’s radar on February 27,2024 the U.S. EPA finalized a revised ambient air quality standard for Particular Matter 2.5 micrometers (PM 2.5). The revised ruling lowers the Primary Annual Standard from 12 micrograms per cubic meter to 9. This may in the future bring the Peoria area into non-attainment. This will be a long process including needing 3 years of air quality data to support the change. More information can be found at: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/03/06/2024-02637/reconsideration-of-the-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-for particulate matter.
  1. FHWA-nothing to add.

1. Other
   1. Next meeting scheduled for March 20, 2024- ok.
      * Eric Miller asked about Tesla charging stations on Washington St, in East Peoria. Had discussion and explanation of different plugs.
      * Michael Bruner said a memo will be going out for UPWP draft form of joint funding agreement.
2. Adjournment

Jeff Gilles moved to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator