



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CT
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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	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	x		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		x			
Dustin Sutton* Peoria Heights		x			

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Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Gabriel Guevara, Logan Chapman-virtual, and Debbi La Rue. Other: Mike Vanderhoof- IDOT

3. Public Comment- none

4. Approval of Minutes, February 21, 2024, Meeting

Ty Livingston moved to approve the minutes of February 21, 2024, meeting and Andrea Klopfenstein seconded. Motion carried.

5. Recommend to Commission the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Amy McLaren moved to recommend to the Commission the FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program and Jeff Gilles seconded.

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 metropolitan transportation and is updated annually. It serves as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day-to-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).

Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission Resolution 24-47 FY 2025 Joint Funding Agreement

Patrick Meyer moved to recommend to the Commission Resolution 24-47 Joint Funding Agreement and Conrad Moore seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

The MPO's PL marks for FY 2025 are \$974,535.02, which requires a non-federal match of \$243,633.76. For determining member jurisdiction fees, each agency's Calendar Year 2025 MFT allotment is divided by the sum of all MPO members' MFT portion available to our MPO region. This percentage is used for calculating the percentage of the required non-federal match for determining each agency's membership dues. Please note that the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District provides a \$3,800 pass-through membership fee for participation in the transportation planning process. Tri-County requests each jurisdiction pay their due by no later than November 1, 2024.

- Jeff Gilles asked if this is more or less, and Michael Bruner replied a little more.

Motion carried.

7. Discussion of Combined Call for Projects for Commission-allocated Funds – Handout
Michael Bruner updated on the following:

Call for Projects

The Call for Projects document outlines the four funding programs available:

1. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - a. This program provides an opportunity to use federal funding for implementing low-cost, high-impact projects that reduce transportation emissions while increasing the quality of life in the region.
2. Section 5310
 - a. This program is an opportunity to use federal funding for implementing capital and operational transit projects to help improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
3. Surface Transportation Block Grant
 - a. This program is divided into three categories: (1) New Roadways, (2) Pavement Preservation, and (3) Reconstruction. This funding provides federal dollars for regionally significant transportation projects on FAU routes.
4. Transportation Alternatives
 - a. This program provides an opportunity to use federal funds for small-scale transportation projects that provide facilities for active transportation users. Additionally, the program funds historic preservation, vegetation management, and environmental mitigation transportation projects.

Pages 6 of the Call for Projects document outlines the **available funding** for each program. The CRP has \$1,188,992, Section 5310 has \$175,040 available, STBG Traditional (New Roads & Reconstruction) has \$7,017,115.20, STBG Preservation had \$877,139.40, and TA has \$1,170,320 available. In total, this call for projects has \$11,305,746 available for funding.

Pages 6 and 7 outline the matching requirements.

Pages 9 and 10 outline the eligible projects for CRP.

Page 11 outlines the eligible projects for Section 5310

Pages 11 and 12 outline the eligible projects for STBG.

Pages 12-15 outline the eligible projects for TA.

Our Draft Schedule is shown on page 25.

Application

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- a. One combined application for all these funding streams, but if **you are only applying for one, you only need to fill out question for that one.**
 - b. You can see the six different options listed on the cover page table of contents in bold.
 - c. This is actually a **Google Form** (works better that way), and the "funding selection question" will take you to the one you need and will skip all the rest. Printed, it looks very long because it includes all six.
 - i. Each individual section, in addition to the General and Project Request questions, is only up to 11 pages long (each page is widely spaced).
 - ii. There is an additional budget sheet you have to fill out as well that will be separate, since Google Forms does not have Excel functionality.
 - iii. Additionally, some questions will ask you to email additional things such as location maps separately.
 - d. Pages 18-24 show the point systems for each funding stream for you to understand as you fill out each application.
 - e. Note: we are considering adding functionality on the Google Form that allows you to apply for two separate funding streams after you have applied for one. If folks here are interested in that, we can look into what that will take.
 - Cindy Loos asked where the reduction goes thru, and Michale Bruner said IDOT.
 - Josie Esker how is it combined?
 - Michael Bruner said 1 application for all processes. It will be restricted to the following rules. This is all Federal funds.
 - Cindy Loos asked if this can be used for engineering? Michael Bruner said only in the fundamental area.
 - Cindy Loos mentioned we can use it for both, and Eric Miller replied apply for all.
 - Kinga Krider asked for TCRPC to send out a sample to practice filling out,
 - Eric Miller asked if we want a webinar. After discussion it was decided to discuss it at next month's meeting. Michael Bruner said that if you have questions to please let us know.
8. Updates
- a. Statewide Planning and Research (SPR)
Michael Bruner reported on the following:

The SPR application was released late last week and is open until April 14, 2024. An informational webinar will be held on March 14, 2024. Tri-County is planning on submitting a regional grant application to update Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford county's comprehensive plans, along with the City of Pekin's comprehensive plan and two multi-modal subarea plans for IL-29.

- b. IDOT
 - Local Roads-nothing
 - Central Office- Mike Vanderhoof updated on Comp. Plans. Explained Carbon Reduction
 - c. FHWA-nothing
9. Other
- a. Next meeting scheduled for April 17, 2024- ok.
 - b. Eric Miller mentioned considering CFI for federal \$ for charging stations.
 - c. Amy McLaren mentioned to get registered for APWA.
10. Adjournment
- Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:54 a.m. and Ty Livingston seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by:

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