



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 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 9:04 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		
Vacant* City of Peoria			David Horton City of Chillicothe	v	
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			

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Debbi La Rue, Khephra Jackson, and Logan Chapman- Virtual. Brandon Geber, Al-Barrae Shebib, and Michael Slonicker- IDOT

3. Public Comment-none

4. Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2024, Meeting

Terry Koegel moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, meeting and Andrea Klopfenstein seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Meeting: Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan

<https://tricityrpc.org/title-vi-ppp-review>

Jeff Gilles moved to open Public Meeting: Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan and Sie Marron seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that “no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
- As a recipient of USDOT financial assistance, Tri-County is required to prepare a Title VI Program as stipulated by 49 CFR and FTA Circular 4702.1B.
- Tri-County’s Title VI Program is updated every three years and outlines the federally required policies and procedures to ensure no person is discriminated against in federally assisted programs of the US Department of Transportation.
- Environmental Justice considerations are included to build to the Title VI policy by considering the impacts to low-income, minority, and other disadvantaged populations within transportation planning and decision-making.
 - Population considered disadvantaged are:
 - Carless households,
 - Persons with a disability,
 - Elderly households,
 - Limited English proficiency (LEP) households,’
 - Minority populations,
 - Households in poverty, and single heads of households with children.

- Per FTA guidance, Title VI Programs are required to address language assistance needs to ensure meaningful access to transportation planning-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.
- Title VI requires the promotion of inclusive public participation. Tri-County maintains a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to comply with this requirement.
- The PPP describes the continues efforts and sets forth the policy of TCRPC to involve public officials, community leaders, organizations, and area citizens in the transportation planning process.
- There is no federally required time period to review and update this plan: however, TriCopunty reviews the plan every three years along with the Title VI Policy update.
- Tri-County conducted stakeholder interviews with various community organizations and members to gain insight into best management practices for public engagement.
 - Central Illinois Friends
 - Southside Mission Community Center
 - Peoria Community Against Violence
 - CityLink
 - Phoenix Community Development Services
 - Urban Acres Farm
 - We Can Hear You
 - Council Member
- The Title VI Policy and PPP are currently in a 45-day public comment period.
 - April 17-May 31
 - 3 public hearings
 - April 17, 2024; 9:00 am- Technical committee meeting
 - May 1, 2024; 9:00am- Full Commission Meeting
 - May 15, 2024; 9:00 am- Technical Committee meeting
 - Both documents are available for review on our website, at Tri-County's office, and 20 local libraries in the 20-year planning boundary.
 - Expected adoption during the June Full Commission Meeting

Jodie Esker moved to close Public Meeting: Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission FY 2024-27 TIP Amendments- **Pulled from agenda**
 - a. Project PC-24-03 Radnor Road Engineering – Handout

7. Call for Projects for Commission-allocated Funds.

<https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/call-for-projects/>

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Instructions and applications are available on TCRPC's website. As discussed at the March Technical Committee meeting, the application is a Google Form. The required supporting documents and budgets should be emailed to funding@tricountyrpc.org
- Call for Projects anticipated Schedule.
 - April 17, 2024- Released
 - May 9+, 2024- Pre-application webinar (virtual)
 - June 28, 2024- Applications are due by 3:30 pm
 - July 2024- Staff reviews applications, ensuring completeness and validity.
 - August 21, 2024- Project presentations at & Project Review Committee established.
 - September 18, 2024- Project Review Committee convenes & makes recommendation.
 - October 16, 2024- Technical Committee recommends project to Commission.
 - November 6, 2024- Commission programs funding

8. Updates

a. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program

Eric Miller updated on the following:

- Tri- County procured Dewberry to assist with a regional application for the CFI Grant Program
 - Federal program to help deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel infrastructure.
 - Actively preparing for the next round of applications
- Held an informational meeting April 11, 2024, for interested participants.

b. Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Grant Submission

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Tri- County submitted two SPR applications.
 - The first application was for Peoria County Comp Plan Update and a Multi-Modal Corridor Plan along Illinois Route 29 from Peoria Heights to Chillicothe

- The second application was for Comp Plan Updates for the City of Pekin, and Tazewell and Woodford counties, along with a Multi-Modal Corridor Plan along Illinois Route 29 from East Peoria to Pekin.
 - c. APWA Illinois Chapter Conference
Michael Bruner reminded to register for 2024 APWA on May 2, 2024, at Peoria Civic Center
 - d. IDOT
 - Local Roads
Al Barrae-Shebib updated on the following:
 - Introduced Michael Sloniker, engineer in the IDOT rotation program, attending the meeting today.
 - This week is Work zone Safety Awareness Week. IDOT Bureau of Safety has concerning numbers for work zone deaths and injuries. It is a reminder to stress the importance of this with staff and crews as they begin going out on projects.
 - IDOT Circular Letter CL 2024-12 Federal NOFO includes the MEGA, INFRA, and RURAL Grants. Deadline is May 6th. One application will put the project in consideration for all 3 grants.
 - May 8th is National Bike and Roll to School Day. There is a link to register your schools for the event.
 - Central Office
Brandon Geber updated on Greenhouse targets.
 - e. FHWA-nothing
- 9. Other
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2024-ok.
- 10. Adjournment
Paola Mendez moved to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. and Jodie Esker seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Logan Chapman, GIS I

Transcribed by:

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