

Annual Listing of Federally Obligated Projects

Fiscal Year 2016
(JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016)



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REPORT PURPOSE

The transportation bill passed in 2016, Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), outlines the requirement for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to publish an annual listing of obligated projects for which Federal funds have been given in the preceding year, including a listing of pedestrian and bicycle projects. From MAP-21, 23 U.S.C., Sec. 1201:

"An annual listing of projects, including investments in pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities, for which Federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year shall be published or otherwise made available by the cooperative effort of the State, transit operator, and metropolitan planning organization for public review. The listing shall be consistent with the categories identified in the [transportation improvement program] TIP."

This report is published in response to the above mentioned criteria by listing all federally funded transportation projects in the MPO's urbanized area that were obtained during the State fiscal year (FY) from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016. The word *obligated* refers to the Federal government's financial commitment to pay or reimburse the lead agency for the federal share of a project's cost. Obligation in no way refers to the expenditure or project completion; but only that the specific project has been marked and approved for federal reimbursement. This report's purpose, other than that of listing federally obligated transportation projects, is to provide increased transparency of government spending on transportation projects and strategies to state and local officials, and to the general public. In order to realize this federal objective, a proactive approach to sharing information with the public in a user-friendly format has been provided in this report.

PPUATS BACKGROUND

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria/Pekin Metropolitan Planning Area. TCRPC has delegated the responsibilities of the MPO to the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Transportation Study (PPUATS).

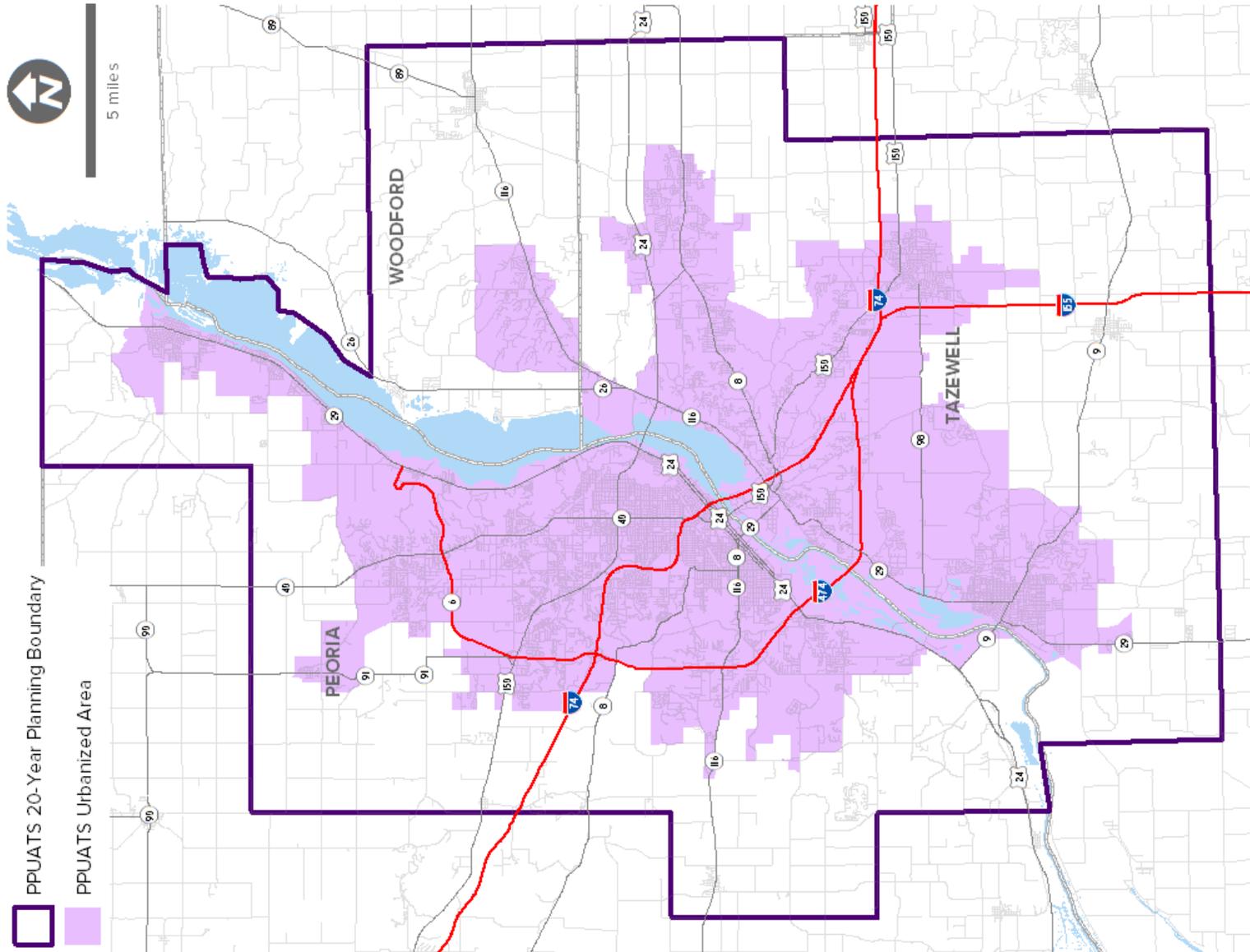
Representation on PPUATS is drawn from elected officials and staff of local municipalities and counties, along with the Peoria International Airport, the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (CityLink), and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).

Two committees make up PPUATS; a Policy Committee and a Technical Committee.

The PPUATS Policy Committee is made up of elected officials representing their respective communities. The Policy Committee function is to determine transportation policy within the framework of the urban transportation planning process. The Policy Committee is mandated to vote on the Technical Committee recommendations.

The PPUATS Technical Committee is made up of individuals appointed by their respective PPUATS communities. Most of the individuals are public works and/or engineering staff. Throughout the year the Technical Committee reviews and recommends planning policies and measures to the Policy Committee.

A current map of the urbanized area and 25-year planning boundary for PPUATS can be seen in Figure 1.



PPUATS MEMBER AGENCIES AND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

	PPUATS Policy	PPUATS Technical
Peoria County (2)	Thomas O'Neill, Peoria County - District 17 (Vice Chairman) Stephen Morris, Peoria County - District 10	Amy Benecke-McLaren - County Engineer, Peoria County Jeff Gilles - Assistant County Engineer, Peoria County (Alternate) Josh Sender - Engineer, Peoria County
Tazewell County (2)	Greg Sinn, Tazewell County - District 2 Russ Crawford, Tazewell County - District 3	Craig Fink - County Engineer, Tazewell County Dan Parr - Highway Department, Tazewell County
Woodford County	Barry Logan, Woodford County - District 2	Lindell Loy - County Engineer, Woodford County
City of Peoria (3)	Mayor Jim Ardis, Peoria Michael Rogers - Director of Public Works, Peoria Scott Reeise - City Engineer, Peoria (Alternate) Nick Stoffer - Traffic Engineer, Peoria	Scott Reeise - City Engineer, Peoria Nick Stoffer - Traffic Engineer, Peoria Stephen Letsky - Civil Engineer II, Peoria
City of Pekin	Mayor John McCabe, Pekin (Alternate) Darin Girdler - City Manager, Pekin	Michael Guerra - City Engineer, Pekin (Alternate) Darin Girdler - City Manager, Pekin
City of East Peoria	Mayor Dave Mingus, East Peoria (Alternate) Steve Ferguson - Director of Public Works, East Peoria	Rick Semonski - Street Dept. Supervisor, East Peoria (Alternate) Ty Livingston - Planning Director, East Peoria
City of Washington	Mayor Gary Manier, Washington	Ed Andrews - City Engineer, Washington (Alternate) Jon Oliphant - Planning & Development Director, Washington
Village of Bartonville	Mayor Rhonda Wolfe, Bartonville (Alternate) Tina Hart - Trustee, Bartonville	Patrick Meyer - Engineer, Bartonville
Village of West Peoria	Mayor James Dillon, West Peoria (Alternate) John Carlson - City Administrator, West Peoria	Henry Strube, Jr. - Manager Street Dept., West Peoria (Alternate) Alicia Hermann - Engineer, West Peoria
Village of Morton	(Chairman) President Ronald Rainson, Morton (Alternate) Ginger Herman - Trustee, Morton	(Chairman) Craig Loudermilk - Director of Public Works, Morton (Alternate) Frank Sturm - Engineer, Morton
Village of Peoria Heights	Mayor Mark Allen, Peoria Heights (Alternate) Matt Fick - Village Administrator, Peoria Heights	(Vice Chairman) Kyle Smith - Director of Public Works, Peoria Heights
Village of Creve Coeur	Mayor Fred Lang, Creve Coeur	Alicia Hermann - Engineer, Creve Coeur
City of Chillicothe	Mayor Douglas Crew, Chillicothe	Kenneth Coulter - Engineer, Chillicothe
CityLink	Sharon McBride - Trustee, CityLink (Alternate) Al Stanek - General Manager, CityLink	Josh Moore - Assistant General Manager, CityLink (Alternate) Joe Alexander - Planning Administrator, CityLink
IDOT	Maureen Addis - Program Development Engineer, IDOT 4 (Alternate) Terrisa Worsfold - Programming Engineer, IDOT 4	Terrisa Worsfold - Programming Engineer, IDOT 4 (Alternate) Maureen Addis - Program Development Engineer, IDOT 4
TCRPC	N/A	Eric Miller, Acting Executive Director
Peoria Airport	N/A	Gene Olson - Director of Airports, Peoria Airport (Alternate) Mary DeVries - Director of Finance & Admin., PIA

PLANNING DOCUMENTS

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) requires the cooperation of all state and local jurisdictions and other transportation stakeholders to be in concert with each other while addressing transportation and other governmental issues within the 20-Year Metropolitan Planning Area (MA). No federal funding can be applied towards transportation improvement projects, transportation services, or transportation studies in the MA unless the project, service, or study are included in one or more of the following three comprehensive, coordinated, and cooperative documents developed by PPUATS and approved by TCRPC:

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is a comprehensive proposal for the further development, improvement and maintenance of the major transportation systems for the Peoria Metropolitan Area. The LRTP has a 20-year (minimum) time horizon and addresses all modes of transportation: highway, transit, freight, and enhancement. The LRTP is updated every five years. TCRPC staff completed a new LRTP, referred to as *Envision HOI*, which was adopted by PPUATS Policy in March 2015.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP (this document) proposes expenditures using federal dollars for transportation improvements scheduled for the next four years. The listing includes all transportation projects proposed within the 20-Year Metropolitan Planning Area for the Peoria Metropolitan Area. The listing establishes priorities and is financially constrained (i.e., a project can only be included if there is a reasonable expectation of sufficient funding for its completion). The TIP is updated annually.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UWP). The UWP is prepared annually to direct day-to-day work of the TCRPC staff and committees. The UWP outlines specific planning activities to be accomplished in the coming fiscal year, and assigns responsibilities to the various TCRPC departments. The bulk of the work is funded by grants from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Since its inception, PPUATS has been actively committed to involving the public in its planning process. Mailings, public notices, and frequently updated postings to the PPUATS website are all common methods utilized to keep the public informed of projects, documents, and public input sessions.

ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY OBLIGATED PROJECTS FY 2016

Federal law, as dictated by the FAST Act, requires PPUATS to publish for the public an annual listing of projects for which federal funds has been obligated in the preceding year. This document serves as a record of project delivery and as a progress report for public information and disclosure.

This report lists each project which received federal funding during FY 2016. For each project, a brief description of the work to be completed, the location of the project, the fund type, project ID number, project status, and cost is listed. This report indicates that approximately \$26 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016.

A complete listing of acronyms and transportation funding sources can be found on the pages following this table.

PROJECT SPONSOR	COUNTY	TIP #	AUTHORIZATION DATE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL OBLIGATION	ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION
IDOT	Peoria	S-16-11	05/05/2016	Replace guardrail and end terminals on I-74 from IL 97 to Sterling Avenue in Peoria.	\$2,716,284.00	\$0.00
IDOT	Peoria/ Tazewell	S-18-01	01/21/2016	Resurfacing, bridge repairs, signals and lighting on I-474 from the Illinois River to I-74 near Morton	\$13,531,635.00	\$0.00
IDOT	Peoria	S-16-04*	04/11/2016	Construction Inspection services for improvements to IL Route 16,8,29 and Cedar Street over the Illinois River	\$0.00	\$551,736.00
IDOT	Peoria/ Tazewell	S-17-06	12/02/2015	Rehabilitation of Cedar Street Bridge over the Illinois River in Peoria/East Peoria	\$7,987,203	\$0
Chillicothe	Peoria	C-16-01	03/08/2016	Construction of sidewalks and ramps on parts of Sycamore Street and Hickory Street in Chillicothe	\$136,332	\$0
Germantown Hills	Woodford	SRTS-16-02*	11/10/2015	Construction of sidewalks, and curb and gutter along Fandel Road in Germantown Hills	\$0	\$160,000
Morton	Tazewell	MO-16-01	09/22/2015	Reconstruction part of Detroit Avenue in Morton.	\$1,866,000	\$0
Peoria	Peoria	PEO-16-02*	01/26/2016	Replace Sheridan Road Bridge over Dry Run Creek in Peoria	\$0	\$1,469,385
Washington	Tazewell	TAP-14-01*	04/21/2016	Construction of bike trail on north side of Cruger Rd in Washington, Cummings Ln to Nofsinger Rd	\$0	\$33,516
Washington	Tazewell	ITEP-13-01*	04/22/2016	Construction of a multi-use path along north side of Business 24 in Washington	\$0	\$508,050
Total					\$26,237,454	\$2,722,687

Projects in the list above with an asterisk (*) are advanced construction. Definition of “Advanced Construction” and current operating procedures from the STIP FY15-18:

Advanced Construction (AC) is a cash flow management tool that allows IDOT to begin projects with State funds and later convert these projects to Federal assistance. Advance Construction allows IDOT to request and receive approval to construct Federal-aid projects in advance of the apportionment of authorized Federal-aid funds. Under normal circumstances, states “convert” advance-constructed projects to Federal aid at any time sufficient Federal-aid funds and obligation authority are available. The department’s [IDOT] longstanding policy is to maximize the number of projects eligible for federal reimbursement.... The department’s [IDOT] new practice is to place all federally eligible highway projects on AC status at the time of authorization and to then convert projects to current funded status as needed to use up available apportionment obligation ceiling. When this occurs, the MPO’s are notified electronically. In like fashion, this STIP document indicates planned amounts of AC conversation in each fiscal year.

MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS

Mass Transit funds are primarily controlled by the mass transit agency, IDOT, and the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA). The local transit agency CityLink, which is also known as the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, handles a majority of the region's mass transit needs. The transit services are funded through a variety of sources.

CityLink FTA Funded Expenditures for FY16

Project or Expenditure Item	Federal Funds Amount
Bus shelter – Installation	\$234,800
Bus Shelter – Solar Panel Shelters (Duogard)	\$116,829
2 Maintenance Service Vehicles	\$33,136
Ticket Vending Machine and Related Software	\$93,432
Mold Remediation, Administration Building	\$7,262
TOTAL	\$485,459

Other FTA Funded Expenditures for FY16

Project or Expenditure Item	Agency	Federal Funds Amount
Two paratransit vehicles 5310 CVP Vehicle Award	Council for Disadvantaged People, Inc.	\$72,945
TOTAL		\$72,945

FUNDING SOURCES AND ACRONYMS

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP): MAP-21 Program with purpose to reduce highway fatalities and serious injuries. Requires a 10% state match.

National Highway Performance Program (NHPP): MAP-21 program that provides support for the condition and performance of the National Highway System (NHS), for the construction of new facilities on the NHS, and to ensure that investments of Federal-aid funds in highway construction are directed to support progress toward the achievement of performance targets established in a State's asset management plan for the NHS. Interstate highway projects require a 10% match, while other roadways on the NHS require a 20% match.

Recreational Trails Program (RTP): provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. It is administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and requires a 20% local match.

Surface Transportation Program (STP): Federal funding program covering many surface transportation projects. Eligible projects include: roads; transit; carpool; safety; research and development; traffic monitoring, management and control facilities; planning programs; enhancement activities; control measures; management systems; environmental projects; intelligent transportation systems; pollution abatement and environmentally acceptable de-icing compositions. All STP projects require a 20% match (sometimes paid by the state and/or locally).

Surface Transportation Program-Rural (STP-Rural): Surface Transportation Program funds spent outside of the urbanized area.

Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-Urban): Surface Transportation Program funds aimed to be spent within the planning area of urbanized areas with populations exceeding 200,000. A 20% match is required (often paid by the state).

Surface Transportation Program-Urban Funds (programmed at the MPO level (**STU**)): On an annual basis, the MPO receives an allotment of funds to program towards area transportation projects. Typically, this money is programmed every two to three years in order to accumulate more funds.

Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): provides funding for programs and projects defined as transportation alternatives, including on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, and environmental mitigation; recreational trail program projects; **safe routes to school projects (SRTS)**; and projects for planning, designing, or constructing boulevards and other roadways largely in the right-of-way of former Interstate System routes or other divided highways.

Elimination of Hazards at Railway-Highway Crossings (RHX): To reduce the number of fatalities and injuries at public highway-rail grade crossings through the elimination of hazards and/or the installation/upgrade of protective devices at crossings.

Sec 5317: Federal Transit Administration-New Freedom. Provides additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing Americans with disabilities seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society.

Sec 5316: Federal Transit Administration-Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC). Addresses the unique transportation challenges faced by welfare recipients and low-income persons seeking to obtain and maintain employment.

A complete guide and listing of Federal aid programs for transportation projects can be found online at the following link – <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federalaid/projects.pdf>