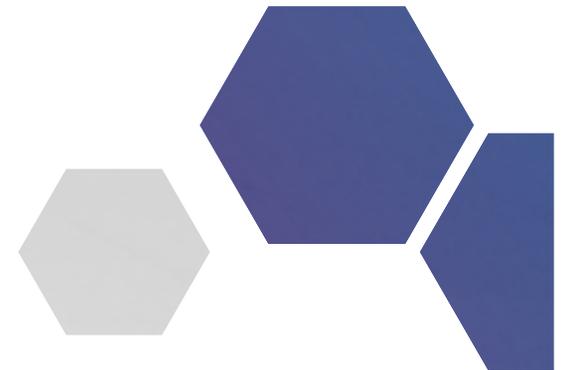




# **ANNUAL LISTING OF FEDERALLY-OBLIGATED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS**

Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study  
Fiscal Year 2017



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## REPORT PURPOSE

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) passed by Congress in 2016 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].”

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2017, from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. 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 second purpose is to provide increased transparency of government spending on transportation projects and strategies to state and local officials, and to the public.

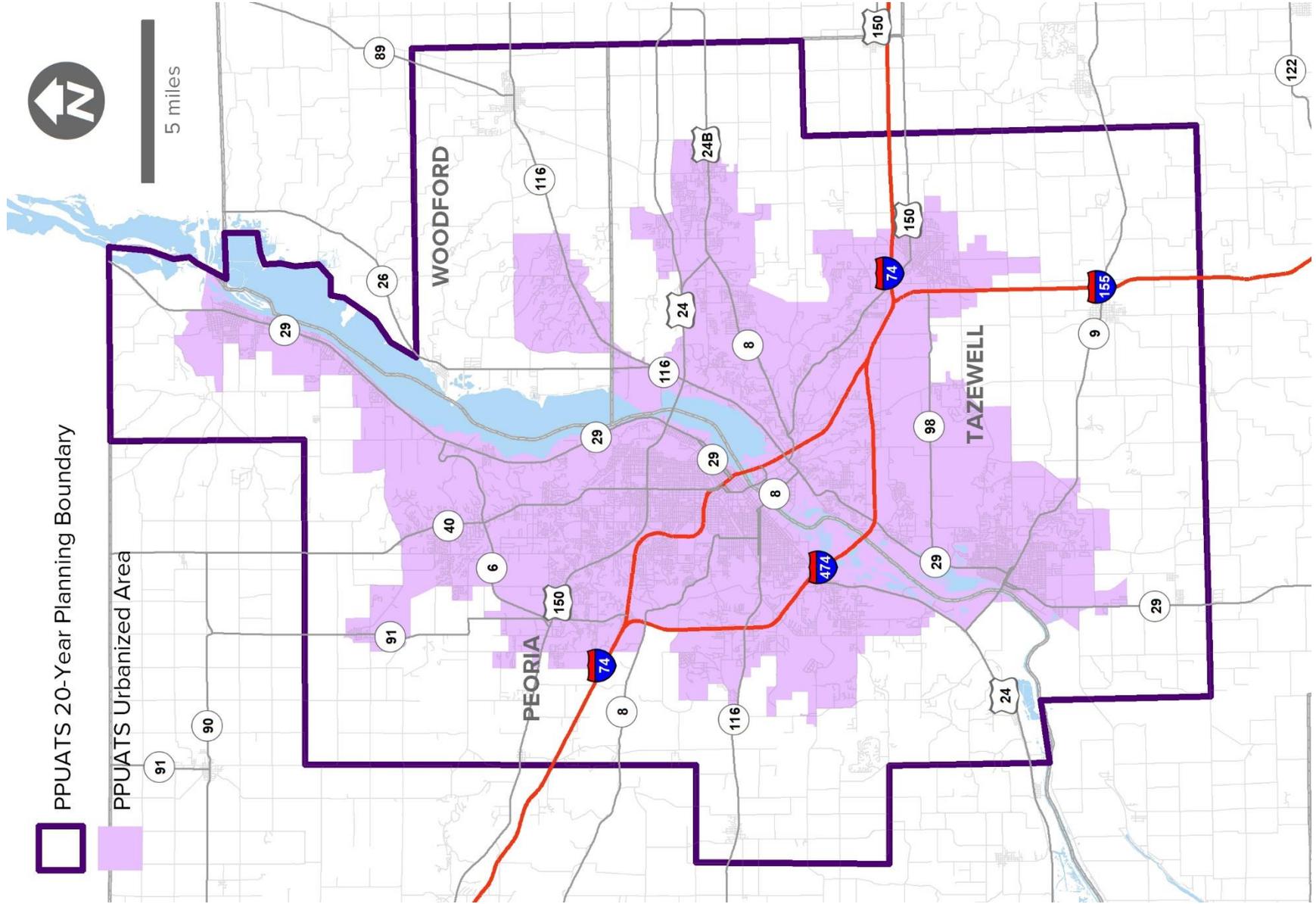
## PPUATS BACKGROUND

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). PPUATS comprises two committees: 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 map showing the PPUATS planning boundaries and a listing of PPUATS representatives may be found on the following pages.

### PPUATS Urbanized Area and 25-Year Planning Boundary



## PPUATS Member Agencies and Agency Representatives

Representative	PPUATS Policy	PPUATS Technical
Peoria County (2)	Stephen Morris, District 10 (Chair) Thomas O’Neill, District 17	Amy Benecke-McLaren, County Engineer Jeff Gilles, Asst. County Engineer
Tazewell County (2)	Greg Sinn, District 2 Michael Harris, District 3 <i>Greg Menold, District 2</i>	Craig Fink, County Engineer Dan Parr, Asst. County Engineer
Woodford County (2)	Doug Huser, District 2	Lindell Loy, County Engineer
City of Peoria (3)	James Ardis, Mayor Patrick Urich, City Manager Scott Reeise, Dir. of Public Works <i>Chris Setti, Asst. City Manager</i> <i>Nicholas Stoffer, Traffic Engineer</i> <i>Ross Black, Dir. of Community Development</i>	Bill Lewis, City Engineer Nicholas Stoffer, Traffic Engineer Stephen Letsky, Civil Engineer <i>Jane Gerdes, Civil Engineer</i>
City of Pekin	John McCabe, Mayor <i>Mark Rothert, Dir. of Administrative Services</i>	Michael Guerra, City Engineer <i>Kathryn Shackelford, City Planner</i>
City of East Peoria	Dave Mingus, Mayor <i>Jeff Eder, City Administrator</i>	Ric Semonski, Dir. of Public Works <i>Ty Livingston, Dir. of Planning and Dev’t</i>
City of Washington	Gary Manier, Mayor <i>Jim Culotta, City Administrator</i>	Ed Andrews, Dir. of Public Works <i>Jon Oliphant, Dir. of Planning and Dev’t</i>
Village of Bartonville	Leon Ricca, Mayor <i>Robert Lawless, Trustee</i>	Patrick Meyer, Engineer
City of West Peoria	James Dillon, Mayor <i>Kinga Krider, City Administrator</i>	Henry Strube, Jr., Street Dept. Manager <i>Alicia Hermann, Engineer</i>
Village of Morton	Jeff Kauffman, Mayor <i>Ginger Herman, Trustee</i>	Craig Loudermilk, Dir. of Public Works
Village of Peoria Heights	Matt Fick, Village Administrator <i>Kyle Smith, Dir. of Public Works</i>	Kyle Smith, Dir. of Public Works <i>Matt Fick, Village Administrator</i>
Village of Creve Coeur	Fred Lang, Mayor <i>Terry Keogel, Trustee</i>	Courtney Allyn, Engineer
City of Chillicothe	Donald White, Mayor	Kenneth Coulter, Engineer
Village of Germantown Hills	Mike Hinrichsen, Mayor	Richard Becklin, Dir. of Public Works
Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Sharon McBride, Trustee <i>Doug Roelfs, General Manager</i>	Doug Roelfs, General Manager <i>Joe Alexander, Planning Administrator</i>
Illinois Dept. of Transportation	Karen Dvorsky, Program Dev’t Engineer <i>Terrisa Worsfold, Programming Engineer</i>	Terrisa Worsfold, Programming Engineer <i>Karen Dvorsky, Program Dev’t Engineer</i>
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission	N/A	Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Greater Peoria Airport District	N/A	Gene Olson, Director

Legend: Representative, *Alternate*

## 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:

### 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.

### 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 and approved by PPUATS annually.

### 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

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.

### Highway Projects

This report lists highway projects that received federal funding during FY 2017. Approximately \$1.95 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation projects in the region between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. A complete listing of acronyms and transportation funding sources can be found in the final section of this document.

TIP No.	County	Project Description	Authorization Date	Federal Obligation	Advance Construction
S-17-10*	Peoria	Upgrade to AFLS and gates with constant warning time circuitry, and upgrade of crossing surface on N. Blue Ridge Road / Krause Road (FAS 1387) at BNSF Railway in Peoria County. DOT AAR Crossing: 004 583C, Railroad Milepost: 132.29	01/20/17	\$0	\$211,500
PC-20-01*	Peoria	Phase II engineering for a new intersection to replace the existing old Galena Road & Cedar Hills Drive intersection.	02/08/17	\$0	\$95,873
PEO-17-01*	Peoria	RECONSTRUCTION OF FAU 6647 (NORTHMOOR ROAD) TO A 3 LANE SECTION FROM ALLEN ROAD TO UNIVERSITY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF PEORIA. NEW PAVEMENT, CURB & GUTTER, STORM SEWER, TRAFFIC SIGNALS, LIGHTING, PEDESTRIAN PATH, RETAINING WALLS, LANDSCAPING AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS.	05/04/17	\$343,923	\$6,186,508
PEO-16-01	Peoria	CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE LANE ROUNDABOUT AT THE INTERSECTION OF FAS 381 (ALTA LANE) AND RADNOR ROAD IN THE CITY OF PEORIA.	03/20/17	\$0	\$1,400,000
TAP-17-01	Tazewell	CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN PATH FROM ADJACENT TO FAU 6737 (CRUGER RD.) FROM CUMMINGS LN. TO WEST OF NOFSINGER RD. IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.	03/09/17	\$194,040	\$0
S-17-11*	Tazewell	0.20 miles addition of right-turn lane on River Road onto IL 40 towards Bob Michael Bridge in East Peoria, mast arm relocation, pavement patch and stripe	02/23/17	\$0	\$937,699
S-18-18	Tazewell	0.787 mile surface maintenance/resurfacing on FAP 669 (IL 116 & IL8) to IL 29/US 24 in East Peoria	03/06/17	\$214,872	\$0
TA/2017	Tazewell	Construct a 1000' long, 10' wide bituminous trail on the Camp Street Trail to connect Spinder Drive with Clock Tower Drive. This is phase 2 of 4 of a trail/linear park along a former railroad right-of-way.	02/22/17	\$200,000	\$0

Projects in the Obligated Projects List with an asterisk (\*) are advanced construction projects. 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 Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, commonly known as CityLink, handles a majority of the region’s mass transit needs. Transit expenditures are funded through various FTA programs.

#### CityLink FTA-Funded Expenditures

Project or Expenditure Item	Federal Funds Amount
Bus Shelters	\$279,500
IT Server Room	\$95,000
Northside Transit Center	\$500,000
Non-Fixed Route ADA	\$900,000
Preventative Maintenance	\$1,625,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,399,500</b>

#### Other FTA Funded Expenditures

Project or Expenditure Item	Agency	Federal Funds Amount
Cost to Administer FTA 5310 Program	Tri-County Regional Planning Commission	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$10,000</b>

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## 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>**