

MINUTES

**Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS)
Policy Committee**

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 9:00 am
456 Fulton St., Suite 420
Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Chairman Logan called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Karen Dvorsky, IDOT	x		Ross Black, * City of Peoria		x
Terrisa Worsfold, * IDOT		x	Leon Ricca, Bartonville		x
Tom O'Neill, Peoria County	x		Bob Lawless, * Bartonville		x
Peoria County			James Dillon, City of West Peoria	x	
Greg Sinn, Tazewell County		x	Kinga Krider,* City of West Peoria		x
Greg Longfellow,* Tazewell County		x	Jeff Kauffman, Village of Morton		x
Greg Menold, Tazewell County	x		Sam Heer,* Village of Morton		x
Barry Logan, Woodford Co.	x		Dustin Sutton, Peoria Heights		x
Donald White, Chillicothe	x		Mike Casey,* Peoria Heights		x
Mark Luft, City of Pekin	x		Fred Lang, Creve Coeur		x
John Kahl, City of E. Peoria	x		Terry Keogel* Creve Coeur		x
Dennis Barron*, City of E. Peoria		x	Gary Manier, Washington		x
Jim Ardis, City of Peoria		x	Ray Forsythe,* City of Washington	x	
Patrick Urich, City Manager		x	Sharon McBride, CityLink	x	
Bill Lewis, City of Peoria		x	Doug Roelfs* CityLink	x	
Nick Stoffer,* City of Peoria	x		Mark Rothert* City of Pekin		x
Rick Powers,* City of Peoria	x		Mike Hinrichsen Village of Germantown Hills		

*Alternate Staff: Harms, Hendon, Bruner, Abi-Akar, and West. Also, present: Curtis Jones, IDOT, Betsy Tracy- FHWA, and Kyle Smith- Hanna City

3. Public Comment- none.
4. Approval of Minutes, October 2, 2019 Meeting
O'Neill moved to approve the October 2, 2019 minutes and Hinrichsen seconded. Motion carried.
5. Chairman's Report- nothing to report
6. Financials
 - a. Approval of September Financial Report and Performance Report – *Memo*
White moved to approve the September Financial Report and Performance Report and Menold seconded. Motion carried.
 - Harms updated the total budget for FY20 is \$825,104. As of the end of September 2019, PPUATS has used approximately 24% of its budget.
 - b. Approval of Resolution 20-08 Travel Demand Modeling – *Attachment*
Kahl moved to approve Resolution 20-08 Travel Demand Modeling and O'Neill seconded. Motion carried.
 - Harms explained that TCRPC / PPUATS has a contract with Hanson Professionals to develop a Travel Demand Model and has requested a scope of services from Hanson Professional Services to provide needed updates to the model. This will allow staff to analyze and evaluate transportation improvements to the region, including those included in the 2020-2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.
 - Hinrichsen questioned if we can factor autonomous vehicles to this model? Harms responded that it will be done by vehicle model.
 - Hinrichsen said we need to discuss the autonomous factors in which to learn on.
 - White asked if the census will factor into this and Miller replied yes.
 - c. Approval of Resolution 20-09 Hoovers Socioeconomic Data – *Attachment*
Hinrichsen moved to approve Resolution 20-09 Hoovers Socioeconomic Data and Kahl seconded. Motion carried.
 - Miller explained that EDC will be acquiring data for the use of economic and demographic data. This funding has been included in the FY2020 UPWP (Unified Work Planning Program). EDC will be contributing 25%. This data will prove vital when updating the regions federally required long-range transportation plan, as well as support other ongoing land-use planning and transportation projects.
 - d. Approval of Resolution 20-10 Public Engagement Web Tool – *Attachment*
Forsythe moved to approve Resolution 20-10 Public Engagement Web Tool and Menold seconded. Motion carried.

- Harms explained this web tool is for public engagement services related to the development of the FY2020-FY2045 Long-Range Transportation Plan.
- Hinrichsen asked what the volume of responses and inquiries and Harms is said 1,000 visitors. Miller explained that if we do not use this then we will need to go back to the Open Houses and not get the current needs of people.
- White said we need to promote this individually
- Hinrichsen mentioned to add to all our websites.

7. Approval of Letter of Support for Hanna City Rail Trail – *Attachment*

O'Neill moved to approve Letter of Support for Hanna City Rail Trail and Dillon seconded. Motion carried.

- Miller explained this is for the Western County recreational corridor. Union Pacific railway is no longer using this railway. There is interest in creating rail trails for pedestrian traffic. It will need to be purchased for \$1 million. There is funding that can be applied for.
- Kyle Smith commented this is the 21st application for this grant. The corridor needs to be bought to create the corridor. DNR money is there for this property. We need this resolution in support.
- Miller commented that he would like other communities in support of this project. It does not affect your community.
- Smith said the concern now is to get the corridor preserved.
- Menold asked if this can be extended to connect other areas and Smith said yes there is interest to connect other areas.

8. Updates

a. 2020 US Census Grant

- Bruner mentioned the deadline for each entity to enter there grant request is this Friday. Of the \$500,000 received, \$250,000 will be used for media procurement. A CORE group has been created which includes, McLean, and Peoria Counties and TCRPC staff. There is \$200,000 to be used for 10 counties.
- Hinrichsen asked how time consuming it is to fill out the grant application and Bruner responded that he can assist with the process.
- Miller commented this is severe awareness so to get an accurate count for benefits to their area.

b. IDOT 2020-2025 Multi-Year Plan

- Harms reported on the TIP- IDOT projects will be sent to Technical this month and then to Policy next month.
- Dvorsky added there is \$1.4 million to be used on US 24, US 34, expansions. Urban construction, City of Peoria, and Washington, bridge projects, bridge crossings. She also added that 3 ½ miles of lighting is to be added to selected roadways.
- Forsythe asked when will the schedule of projects be announced?
- Dvorsky said hopefully within 6 months.

- c. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Process/Criteria Subcommittee
 - Harms updated that Technical and Policy will discuss FY20/24 surface (SBG) changes. Since the decision of East Peoria project to scope down \$2 million is back in and recommend returning to FY20/21. Each community took less and wants to use half of funds to make projects whole.
- d. Long-Range Transportation Plan
 - Harms mentioned citizen involvement. This is scheduled for Nov. Technical and Dec. Policy.
- e. Special Transportation Planning Studies and State Metro Planning Funds
 - Harms mentioned there will be a call for projects for \$90,000 and to use \$60,000 for a feasible study for the Bob Michel bridge. These funds will not be necessary due to this being included in IDOT projects. Will be getting together to discuss and review the SMPF match to the grants.

9. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for December 4, 2019

10. Adjournment

Kahl moved to adjourn and Luft seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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Executive Director

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