

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

Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 9:00 am  
456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order  
Vice Chairman Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Representative	Present	Absent	Representative	Present	Absent
<b>Amy Benecke-McLaren,</b> Peoria County	x		<b>Ed Andrews,</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Jeff Gilles,</b> Peoria County	x		<b>Jon Oliphant,</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Vacant*</b> Peoria County			<b>Patrick Meyer,</b> Village of Bartonville	x	
<b>Craig Fink,</b> Tazewell County	x		<b>Terissa Worsfold,</b> IDOT		excused
<b>Dan Parr,</b> Tazewell County		x	<b>Karen Dvorsky, *</b> IDOT	x	
<b>Conrad Moore,</b> Woodford County	x		<b>James Dillon,</b> Village of West Peoria		x
<b>Bill Lewis,</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Alicia Hermann, *</b> Village of West Peoria		x
<b>Nick Stoffer,</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Craig Loudermilk,</b> Village of Morton		x
<b>Stephen Letsky,</b> City of Peoria		x	<b>Frank Sturm, *</b> Village of Morton		x
<b>Jane Gerdes, *</b> City of Peoria		x	<b>Kenneth Coulter,</b> City of Chillicothe		x
<b>Andrea Klopfenstein,</b> City of Peoria		x	<b>Courtney Allyn,</b> Village of Creve Coeur	x	
<b>Michael Guerra,</b> City of Pekin	x		<b>Doug Roelfs,</b> City Link		x
<b>Katy Shackelford, *</b> City of Pekin		x	<b>Joe Alexander, *</b> City Link	x	
<b>Rick Semonski,</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Gene Olson,</b> MAAP		x
<b>Ty Livingston,</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Eric Miller,</b> TCRPC	x	
<b>Kyle Smith,</b> Peoria Heights		x	<b>Rich Brecklin,</b> Village of Germantown Hills	x	
<b>Matt Fick, *</b> Peoria Heights		x			

\*Alternate Staff: Martin, Abi-Akar, Lees, Bruner, Hendon. Also present: Betsy Tracy–FHWA, Becca Wagner–Hansen, Ricardo Recendez–IDOT, Ken Park–IDOT, Mike Vanderhoof–IDOT

3. Public Comment—none
4. Approval of Minutes—March 21, 2018 Meeting  
Letsky moved to approve the March 21, 2018 minutes and Fink seconded. Motion carried.
5. Presentation of March Financial Report and Performance Report — *Memo*  
Martin presented the following on the March 2018 Financials:
  - Total budget for FY18 is \$1,018,148. This includes the FY18 budget of \$787,861 plus carry over of \$230,287. As of the end of March 2018, PPUATS has expended approximately 62% of its budget.
6. Recommend to Policy Committee FY19 Unified Work Program (UWP) — *Attachment*  
Semonski moved to recommend to Policy Committee FY19 Unified Work Program (UWP), and Fink seconded. Motion carried.
  - Miller introduced the UWP document to move it to Policy next month.
  - Miller said that TCRPC is working with Vanderhoof at IDOT to see if there are extra carryover funds.
  - Miller specified that by recommending this document, members of the Technical Committee will hence be recommending their community's match, shown on page 17 in the UWP.
  - Miller said there will be a formal acceptance of the UWP in May.
7. Recommend to Policy Committee Intergovernmental Agreement for Safety Performance Measures — *Attachment*  
McLaren moved to recommend to Policy Committee Intergovernmental Agreement for Safety Performance Measures, and Guerra seconded. Motion carried.
  - Martin explained that IDOT, the transit district, and the MPO will all coordinate to provide the data needed to support state/MPO targets.
  - Martin mentioned that this will also be presented at the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District Board meeting in May.
  - Vanderhoof explained that this is a federal requirement, and Miller specified that this is part of the FAST Act.
  - Andrews and Martin commented that the fact that the region is below the trendline is a positive thing.
8. Updates
  - FY18 Special Projects and Metropolitan Planning Funds  
Martin said that TCRPC is looking to bring consultants into the office on Friday during the APWA conference. Miller explained that staff felt it was important for the vendor to bring their equipment so people can become more comfortable with it. Miller elaborated that this is a pavement inventory of federal roads in the tri-county area, and communities have the option to add additional local roads.
  - IDOT Local Roads  
Park said there is no update regarding IDOT Local Roads.
  - Announcement of Spring Symposium – “Productive Streets: The Driving Force for a Stronger Region”

Lees explained that Chuck Marohn, founder and president of Strong Towns, will be speaking and straying away from the “complete streets” notion. Lees said that the schedule will include an evening session on Wednesday, May 9 from six to eight p.m. with Marohn as the primary speaker, and a panel discussion on Thursday morning moderated by Marohn. Lees mentioned that food will be served both days, and he encouraged PPUATS members to RSVP.

9. Other

- The APWA Conference begins on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> with a golf outing, then conference sessions will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Vanderhoof said that IDOT has issued its Long-Range Transportation Plan and a call for state planning and research funds. He mentioned that if anyone has planning projects that would support implementation of IDOT’s plans, they should let him know. He mentioned there will be a webinar on May 24<sup>th</sup> that will market this program. Vanderhoof elaborated that within the federal planning and research funds, there is an 80-20 percent match requirement.
- Vanderhoof also mentioned that ITEP grant recipients will be announced on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the bike summit in Chicago.
- Lees discussed an up-and-coming project regarding the beneficial use of sediment from the Peoria Lakes. Lees said that this effort blossomed from a presentation TCRPC hosted for Dr. John Marlin, a conservation researcher, in mid-February. He explained that TCRPC submitted a proposal to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) shortly after for potential funding to develop a commercialized model to utilize dredged material from the Lakes. This project is related to a similar existing project that TCRPC is working on, the Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Peoria Lakes. TCRPC is collaborating with Chuck Theiling with the USACOE on these Peoria Lakes projects.
  - Andrews mentioned that there could be difficulty in having a consistent engineered gradation—this may make it unstable because mined material and gravel is often inconsistent.
  - Semonski said that he would like to be kept in the loop about this issue as it moves along.
- Allyn mentioned that there is an Illinois Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE) social event on May 10 from 5-7:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Fink moved to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. and Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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Executive Director

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