

MINUTES

Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS)

Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 9:00 am

456 Fulton St, Suite 420

Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Andrews called the meeting to order at 9:03 am

2. Roll Call

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

* Alternate. Staff: Lees, Harms, Abi-Akar, and Martin. Also: Doug Delille-IDOT, Rebecca Wagner-Hanson Engineering

3. Public Comment- none
4. Approval of Minutes, August 15, 2018 Meeting
Casey moved to approve the August 15, 2018 minutes and Fink seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Policy Committee August Financial Report and Performance Report – *Memo*
Semonski moved to recommend to Policy the August Financial Report and Performance Report and Casey seconded. Motion carried.
Harms updated the committee the total budget for FY19 is \$817,417. At the end of August 2018, PPUATS has used about 20% of its budget. Harms explained that “Computer Hardware & Software” was already 85% used due to annual purchases of ESRI ArcGIS software/services.
 - Fink asked if staff had considered other GIS service providers or a competitive bid.
 - Miller explained that ESRI ArcGIS is the industry standard. Most communities in the region use ESRI GIS products, which are compatible and “talk” easily to each other. A move to any other GIS software would require a regional, time-consuming effort.
6. Staff Presentation: Autonomous Mobility Initiative
Martin presented a slideshow on the Autonomous Mobility Initiative.
 - Miller explained the effort to highlight Peoria as an ideal testing location. Strengths include robust regional interaction and government standpoints. We need to reach out to government entities and see if there are road blocks ahead on this subject.
 - Miller said that on Oct 11-12 there will be discussion on autonomous technology and a vehicle demonstration by AutonomouStuff at the IDOT Fall Planning Conference.
 - Guerra highlighted the potential planning implications of autonomous vehicles, specifically alleviating traffic and idle vehicle storage.
 - Semonski asked what reasons do we have to deliver message?
 - Miller responded that if we need to create a meeting with speakers on autonomous vehicles we can. He expressed the potential of a digital duplicate map of area, which would enable computer simulations as well as real-world tests.
7. Recommend to Policy Committee TIP Amendment – Project 5310-18-02 City of Peoria Pedestrian/Bus Stop Improvements – *Attachment*
McLaren moved to recommend to Policy TIP Amendment- Project 5310-18-02 City of Peoria Pedestrian/Bus Stop Improvements and Guerra seconded. Motion carried.
Harms updated that this was a FY18 project and needs to be added to FY19 program.
8. Recommend to Policy Committee TIP Amendment – Project 5310-18-03 CityLink Bus Stop Upgrades – *Attachment*
Letsky moved to recommend to Policy Committee TIP Amendment- Project 5310-18-03 City Link Bus Stop Upgrades and Casey seconded. Motion carried.
Harms updated this was a FY18 project and needs to be to FY19 program.
9. Recommend to Policy Committee FY2019 Special Transportation Studies – *Handout*
Meyer moved to recommend to Policy Committee FY2019 Special Transportation Studies with the amendment that the remaining \$14,076 in State Metropolitan Planning Funds go to the Bartonville Street Light Inventory and Guerra seconded. Motion carried.

- Harms reported that staff released a call for projects to all jurisdictions in the urbanized area on July 18, 2018. The call was open from that date until August 6, 2018. Staff received six requests, totaling \$213,000. PPUATS Technical organized a Review Subcommittee to evaluate requests using the criteria listed in the call for projects instructions and to recommend studies for funding. The subcommittee met on September 17, 2018 to score, discuss, and prioritize the requests. After scoring and discussing the proposed studies, subcommittee members identified three proposals that best met the goals of the *FAST Act* and *Envision HOI* and had considerable regional significance:
 - Peoria Thoroughfare Plan and Map
 - Pekin Traffic Signal Modernization
 - Peoria County Regional Digital Inclusion Plan
- Harms continued that the funding requests for the three Tier 1 studies total \$108,000, greater than the \$92,076 set aside in the FY19 PPUATS Unified Work Program (UWP) for special studies. The Review Subcommittee asked staff for alternatives to awarding partial funding. Staff identified \$30,000 in recently uncommitted State Metropolitan Planning Funds. The committee recommended utilizing \$15,924 of these funds to fill the gap and fully grant all three Tier 1 study requests. This solution left \$14,076 in State Metropolitan Planning Funds.
- McLaren asked Meyer if \$14,000 was enough for the Bartonville Street Light Inventory and Meyer replied it is a start.
- Alexander asked if Bartonville can request funds in a later round and Harms said yes.

10. Updates

- a. Nominations Committee
Harms reported that staff are trying to find a person to be vice chair at this time, preferably from the Peoria side of the river.
- b. FY 18-20 Transportation Alternatives (TAP) – Applications due September 21, 2018
Harms reported this has been open for 6 to 7 weeks. Did have a few questions come back. Applications are due this Friday at 4:30 pm
- c. IDOT Local Roads
Programs are coming up soon early November.
SATS applications are up from Sept. 24 thru Nov. 19.

11. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for October 17, 2018-ok
- Meyer reported on the ITA letter; Hendon has started the guardrail project and HSIP funds are available and we need to get as many communities as we can to participate.
- DeLille from IDOT reminded everyone to sign up for Fall Planning Conference; Lakeshore Drive is up for the People's Choice Award in the state. They are ranked 6th. If they win they receive a \$10,000 gift which they will donate to a local charity.

12. Adjournment

Loudermilk moved to adjourn at 10:00 am and Fink seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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