

MINUTES

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

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:00am CST

456 Fulton St, Suite 420
Peoria, IL 61602

Miller announced that Ric Semonski is quarantining himself at home and cannot run meeting, and that Steve Letsky that was vice chair is no longer employed with Peoria. Miller asked for nominations and Moore moved for Miller to go ahead and run meeting and Livingston seconded. Motion carried.

1. Call to Order

Miller called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Amy Benecke-McLaren, Peoria County		x	Dustin Sutton* Peoria Heights		x
Jeff Gilles, Peoria County	x		Dennis Carr, City of Washington	x	
Peoria County*			Jon Oliphant, City of Washington*	x	
Craig Fink, Tazewell County	x		Patrick Meyer, Village of Bartonville	x	
Dan Parr, Tazewell County		x	Terrisa Worsfold, IDOT	x	
Conrad Moore, Woodford County	x		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT		x
Bill Lewis, City of Peoria	x		James Dillon., City of West Peoria		x
Nick Stoffer, City of Peoria	x		Henry Strube, Jr., City of West Peoria*		x
City of Peoria			Craig Loudermilk, Village of Morton	x	
Jane Gerdes* City of Peoria		x	Frank Sturm, Village of Morton*		x
Andrea Klopfenstein* City of Peoria	x		Kenneth Coulter, City of Chillicothe	x	
City of Peoria			Courtney Allyn, Village of Creve Coeur		x
City of Pekin			Nick Standefer, CityLink		x
Josie Esker,* City of Pekin		x	Joe Alexander*, CityLink	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

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, and Ray Lees **Staff virtual:** Ryan Harms, Michael Bruner, Hannah Martin, Britney West, and Reema Abi-Akar **Also, in attendance virtually:** Simon Alwan (IDOT Local Roads), Ken Park (IDOT), Betsy Tracey (FHWA), Mike Vanderhoof, and Cindy Loos (Hanson)

3. Public Comment- none
4. Approval of Minutes, September 16, 2020 Meeting
Livingston moved to approve September 16, 2020 meeting minutes and Moore seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Policy Committee August-September 2020 Financial Report – *Memo*
Gilles moved to recommend to Policy Committee- August- September 2020 Financial Report and Fink seconded. Motion carried.
Harms updated the total budget for FY21 is \$851,776. As of the end of September 2020, PPUATS has used approximately 18% of its budget.
6. Public Meeting – Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2021-2024
Livingston moved to open the Public Meeting- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2021-2024 and Moore seconded. Motion carried.
 - Harms explained this is the 1st of 3 Public Meetings for 2021- 2014 TIP. He then explained the TIP capital projects for 4 years.Moore moved to close the Public Meeting and Gilles seconded. Motion carried.
7. Recommend to Policy Committee Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2021-2024 – <https://www.tricountyrpc.org/documents/draft-tip/>
Fink moved to recommend to Policy Committee Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FYs 2021-2021 and Gilles seconded. Motion carried.
Harms reported there is no change to document.
8. Recommend to Policy Committee Special Transportation Planning Studies Requests, FY 2021 – *Attachments*
Meyer moved to recommend to Policy Committee Special Transportation Planning Studies Requests, FY 2021 and Fink seconded. Motion carried.
 - Harms mentioned the 2 projects are 1 from Woodford County and 1 from City of East Peoria. The 1 from Woodford County is for Pavement Evaluation and Management Project in the amount of \$42,600, and the City of East Peoria is for Riverfront Trail in the amount of \$50,000.Moore updated on the project for Woodford County

- This money will be used to improve a network of highways within the Woodford County Highway system that would allow for year-round movement of legal loads. Currently most of the highways on said system are subject to load restrictions (seasonal weight limits) in the spring season each year. This places a burden on those wishing to move any freight be it livestock, grain, fuel, commercial freight, or other types of freight over the farm to market system in the county.

Livingston updated on the project for East Peoria

- This study is needed to look to identify the best trail connection:
 - from behind Bass Pro to EastPort Marina.
 - Spindler Marina to be established trailhead along Fairlane Drive
 - Connection to cross Main Street and connect to the planned ultimate connections to the City of Washington's trail system via ICC
 - Investigate an alternative corridor along Fondulac Drive from Highway to Main Street.

9. Updates

- a. Discussion of Merger with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Miller updated on the merging of PPUATS Policy Committee and Full Commission. The nature of this is for efficiency All 3 county board chairs agree to do this. No negative comments yet. 1st phase is that both committees will meet at the same time together. Policy must remain the same to contain MPO and Technical will not change at all. Looking to start this next year.
- b. Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)
Harms said the deadline for ITEP applications is November 4th. There is 1 more webinar left. STBG is due October 23rd. Miller added that if you need assistance or letter of support to contact TCRPC.
- c. Hanna City Trail
Bruner announced that Farmington passed full funding. Abi-Akar added there have been 500 letters of support.
- d. IDOT Local Roads
Simon Alwan-IDOT reported on the following:
 - Circular Letter 2020-16 was released yesterday. This circular letter provides additional technical guidance for the REBUILD IL. Bond funds being distributed to Local Agencies.
 - Local Roads has sent out letters to Local Agencies (that receive federal allotments) for the Federal Program Submissions. Please look out for them and let us know if you have any questions.

10. Other

a. Next meeting scheduled for November 18, 2020

- Miller said the nominations committee needs to resume to nominate a vice chair for PPUATS Policy committee
- Martin mentioned the Greg Area Study webinar today
- Miller also mentioned that Hannah Martin has taken another job at City of Pekin to pursue her engineer license. There is a Planner opening and we are advertising for the position.

11. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by Debbie Ulrich