



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 9:00am CDT

456 Fulton St, Suite 420

Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Chairman Craig Fink called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Amy McLaren, Peoria County	x		Dustin Sutton* Peoria Heights		x
Jeff Gilles, Peoria County		x	Dennis Carr, City of Washington	x	
Mark Gilles, * Peoria County		x	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
Alyssa McCain, City of Peoria	x		Kinga Krider., City of West Peoria	x	
VACANT, City of Peoria			Henry Strube City of West Peoria*		x
Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria		x	Craig Loudermilk, Village of Morton	x	
Sie Maroon* City of Peoria	x		Frank Sturm, Village of Morton*		x
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria	x		Kenneth Coulter, City of Chillicothe	x	
VACANT City of Peoria			Terry Koegel, Village of Creve Coeur	x	
Josie Esker,* City of Pekin		x	Nick Standefer, Citylink	x	
Justin Reeise City of Pekin	x		Doug Roelfs*, 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, Ray Lees, and Ryan Harms **Staff virtual:** Gabriel Guevara, Britney West, Michael Bruner, and Reema Abi-Akar **Also, in attendance virtually:** Al-Barre-Shebib, IDOT, and Mike Vanderhoof, IDOT, Betsy Tracey-FHWA and Hannah Martin

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, July 14, 2021, Meeting
Terry Koegel moved to approve July 14, 2021, meeting minutes and Rick Semonski seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Appointment of Jodi Scott to represent Advocates for Access on the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee
Conrad Moore moved to recommend to Commission Appointment of Jodi Scott to represent Advocates for Access on the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) Urban Subcommittee and Rick Becklin seconded. Motion carried.
 - Reema Abi-Akar explained the process and that this is for a 3-year term.
6. Recommend to Commission TIP Amendment — C-23-01 and C-23-02 ITEP — *Attachment*
Amy McLaren moved to recommend to Commission TIP Amendment -C-23-01 and C-23-02 ITEP and Kinga Krider seconded. Motion carried.
Ryan Harms updated these are for Chillicothe Trail/Purple Route for various locations in the City of Chillicothe for construction of multi-use path and on-road bike-ped accommodations.
7. Recommend to Commission TIP Amendment — PEK-23-02 Stadium Drive — *Attachment*
Terry Koegel moved to recommend to Commission TIP Amendment- PEK-23-02 Stadium Drive and Amy McLaren seconded.
Ryan Harms updated this is for Stadium Drive from Court St. heading north 47 miles to existing Pekin Park District trail. Motion carried.
8. Recommend to Commission TIP Amendments — Greater Peoria Mass Transit — *Handout*
Kinga Krider moved to recommend TIP Amendments- Grater Peoria Mass Transit and Terry Koegel seconded.
Ryan Harms updated on the several FY 22 TIPs for Greater Peoria Mass Transit District in the amount of \$18,573,800 Federal dollars and \$28,242,200 in State/Local funds totaling \$46,816,000. Motion carried.
9. Recommend to Commission COVID Relief Funds for Highway Infrastructure — *Memo*
Terry Koegel moved to recommend to Commission COVID Relief Funds for Highway Infrastructure and Amy McLaren seconded.
Ryan Harms explained the scoring system. The subcommittee consisted of the following persons (Simon Alwan, Craig Fink, Andrea Klopfenstein, Amy McLaren, Eric Miller, and Conrad Moore). These funds were added to FY 22-24 projects already in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and to identify and program new, shovel-ready projects of regional significance. The (2) projects awarded the COVID Relief Funds are CH25 Santa Fe Trail Preservation in Woodford County in the amount of \$501,502 and Fischer Road Preservation in Creve Coeur in

the amount of \$375,289, totaling \$876,701 and setting aside \$621,744 in future STBG funds to bring FY2023-2024 STBG projects to requested amounts being Court Street in Pekin in the amount of \$170,100, Freedom Parkway Phase 3 in Washington in the amount of \$212,244, and Pioneer Parkway and University Street in Peoria in the amount of \$239,400. Motion carried.

10. Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Award Announcement — *Attachment*
Michael Bruner explained the application he submitted for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) and was awarded in the amount of \$3,000,000 for symmetrical guardrail improvements in the Tri County Region. Is in process of contacting IDOT to proceed with process.

11. Updates

a. Call for Projects — FTA Section 5310 Funds

Reema Abi-Akar explained the FTA Section 5310 Funds enhancement for seniors. Will be allocated \$316,000. These will be used for capital and operating projects. Applications are due October 1, 2021

b. Transportation Improvement Program

Ryan Harms updated on the CityLink TIP document development.

c. IDOT Local Roads

A-Barre-Shebib- IDOT updated the following:

- HSIP Funds were awarded, congratulations on being chosen for the award, and we look forward to working with you on this project.
- SRTS Funds applications for projects open, deadline to submit is Sept. 30, 2021
 1. There will be two informational webinars available for more information on SRTS funds

Webinar 1: SRTS Grant Guidelines – Thursday, August 19, 11:30am to 1pm

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8638487243229118475>

Webinar 2: SRTS Grant Q&A – Wednesday, September 8, 11:30am to 1pm

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6293678641438934286>

Eric Miller added that we can help with letters of support for those applying.

12. Other

a. Next meeting scheduled for September 15, 2021-ok

Craig Fink commented on the following:

- DOT Secretary Omer Osman was confirmed by the Senate, so he is now the Secretary of Transportation and no longer an Acting Secretary.

- Stephen Travia is the new Director of Highways Project Implementation – Chief Engineer.
- Organizationally, the Bureau of Local Roads & Streets now answers directly to the Director of Highways Project Implementation. They are no longer tucked within another bureau.
- Bureau Chief of Local Roads & Streets, George Tapas, is working on an impressive array of initiatives, simultaneously, aimed at streamlining processes and increasing accountability to deliver local transportation projects quicker and more efficiently.
- Secretary Omer Osman urges municipalities to expend their Rebuild Illinois Bond funds that have been and continue to be distributed per the MFT formula. He reported \$1 Billion in RBI funds distributed to-date with only around \$240 Million expended. Remaining \$500 Million should be distributed this year. The quicker these funds are expended, the more likely state issued bond proceeds will be shared with local highway agencies in the future.
- Amy McLaren said there is a County Engineer Safety run off the road tool presentation.
- Mike Vanderhoof- IDOT mentioned that Steven Travia is the new OPP director. Also, IDOT is hiring a contractor to provide training and technical assistance to local agencies to improve compliance with ADA transition plan requirements.
- Patrick Meyer wanted to highlight the hard work Andrew Hendon, Britney West, and Michael Bruner for a great job on the 3-to-4-year project of inspecting guardrails.

13. Adjournment

Rick Semonski moved to adjourn at 9:50 a.m and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager