



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 9:00am CDT

456 Fulton St, Suite 420

1. Call to Order
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			Charles Hess 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 Reiese 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	
Chris Chandler, Peoria Heights		x	Rich Brecklin, Village of Germantown Hills		x

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Gabriel Guevara, Logan Chapman, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, and Michael Bruner. **IDOT-** Brandon Geber **Virtual Staff:** Britney West **Also, in attendance virtually:** Al-Barrae-Shebib- IDOT, and Betsy Tracey- FHWA

3. Public Comment- none
4. Approval of Minutes, January 19, 2022, Meeting
Kinga Krider moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2022, meeting and Rick Semonski seconded. Motion carried.
5. Approval of Technical Chair and Vice-Chair Nomination
Amy McLaren updated that she does not have a vice chair but moved to appoint Kinga Krider as Chairman of the Technical Committee and Terry Koegel seconded. Motion carried. Amy McLaren said she is asking for volunteers and to notify her.
6. Discussion of FY 2025-26 STBG Programming (Handout)
 - Michael Bruner said he is working with IDOT Local Roads that has released the STBG allotments for FY23: \$4,184,028.33. For FY 2023-2024, the MPO programmed a total of \$6,286,526 of STBG funding for traditional projects. In addition, the MPO programmed a total of \$1,679,000 of STBG funding for maintenance projects. The criteria are enclosed. He asked if a subcommittee should be formed to review and recommend policies as was done last time or just receive comments on the policies and procedures from last funding round.
 - Craig Fink asked and the consensus of the Technical Committee was that a subcommittee was not necessary. He asked everyone to review and get comments to Michael for the next meeting.
 - Rick Semonski asked what the timeline was, and Michael Bruner said next summer.
 - Conrad Moore asked if we received COVID funding can we still participate, and Eric Miller replied yes.
 - Andrea Klopfenstein made the recommendation to use leftover STBG funding to go towards underfunded projects.
 - Josie Esker concurred and the Technical Committee unanimously agreed.
 - Rick Semonski recommended that staff edit the STBG policy to include language that leftover funding will be used to make underfunded projects whole, first.
7. Discussion of FY 2023 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (Handout)
 - Michael Bruner updated that every year, MPO staff is required to develop and submit a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) that includes the transportation planning work program and budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It will be brought back next month for final acceptance.
 - Brandon Geber (IDOT) added the fiscal year is 18 months.
8. Updates
 - a. Federal MPO Certification Review
 - Betsy Tracey talked about the certification that will take place on March 2nd and 3rd of 2022

- Eric Miller said the staff was provided with questions that are due to FHWA this Friday February 18th.
- b. Congestion Management Plan
Michael Bruner mentioned the annual kick-off with Lochmueller will be the 17th and that he will send out a link.
- c. Strategic Planning
Eric Miller reported that the Strategic Plan is scheduled for April 28th at Scottish Rite Cathedral between 5 and 7 p.m. He mentioned it will be open to the public, and committees. The facilitator is from Chicago, with Senator LaHood attending also.
- d. Hanna City Trail
- Eric Miller reported that Union Pacific has questions of who is liable if issues come up on environmental issues. Hanna City is asking for an extension to talk to the environmentalist for study of trail issues.
 - Betsy Tracey suggested talking to Kickapoo Trail and Duval in Champaign County.
- e. IDOT
- Local Roads
Al Barre-Shebib
 - Central Office
Brandon Geber said he had nothing more to report except for the State Planning Funds.
- f. FHWA
- Betsy Tracey (FHWA) added she had nothing else to add and is anxious for upcoming projects.
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9. Other
- a. Next meeting scheduled for March 16, 2022- ok
 - b. Eric Miller updated on the Passenger Rail in Peoria.
10. Adjournment
Chairman Fink recessed meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Manager