



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at 9:00am CDT
456 Fulton St, Suite 420

1. Call to Order
Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:02 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	
Paul Augspurger Tazewell County		x	Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	x	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	x		Terrisa Worsfold IDOT-04	x	
Conrad Moore Woodford County	x		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-04		x
Alyssa McClain 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
			David Horton* City of Chillicothe		
Paola Mendez* City of Peoria	x		Terry Keogel Village of Creve Coeur	x	
Josie Esker* City of Pekin	x		Nick Standefer* Citylink		x
			Jamie Arbogast* CityLink		
Justin Reise City of Pekin		x	Doug Roelfs , Citylink		x
Ric Semonski City of East Peoria	x		Gene Olson* MAAP		x
Ty Livingston* City of East Peoria	x		Eric Miller TCRPC	x	
Chris Chandler Village of Peoria Heights	x		Rich Brecklin Village of Germantown Hills	x	

Staff: Gabriel Guevara, Ray Lees, Reema Abi-Akar, and Michael Bruner. **IDOT:** Brandon Geber, Carrie Bradle, and Al Barrae Shebib. Ron Talbot. **Virtual Staff:** Britney West. **Also in attendance:** **FHWA:** Betsy Tracy, **Lochmueller:** Sharif Ullah, **St. Louis Inland Waterways:** Travis Black. Hannah Martin (Virtual).

3. Public Comment -- none

4. Approval of Minutes, June 15, 2022 Meeting

Jeff Gilles moved to approve June 15, 2022 minutes and Pat Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Meeting – Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update

Rick Semonski moved to open the Public Meeting: Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update and Rich Brecklin seconded.

Michael Bruner explained the process.

Sharif Ullah presented the following:

- Tri-County retained Lochmueller Group to update the CMP in February 2022
- TCRPC's last CMP was completed in 2022
- CMP Update was completed following the FHWA CMP Guidelines in June 2022
- The current update of the CMP would ensure that congestion management is an ongoing process as part of regional long-range transportation planning activities.

Major Tasks

- Updating CMP Objectives
- Defining CMP Network
- System Evaluation
- Congestion Performance Measures and Monitoring
- Implementation Plan
- Identifying Funding Sources

CMP Objectives

- Public Health
- Mobility and Connectivity, Economy, and Freight
- Mobility and Connectivity Environment

CMP Network

- The TCRPC CMP network would involve two key aspects:
 - The geographic boundaries of the network
 - The system components of surface transportation facilities

System Evaluation

- Congestion can be categorized as
 - Recurring Congestion
 - Non- Recurring Congestion

Congestion Performance Measures

- Direct Performance Indicators
 - Travel Time Index
 - Vehicle Miles Traveled
 - Travel Time Reliability
 - Truck Time Reliability

- Indirect Performance Indicators
 - Crash Frequency
 - Transit Ridership Per Capita
 - Addition of Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Per Year
 - Increase on non-SOV Commute Trips
- About 45% is recurring congestion; the rest is non-recurring, like special events.

There were no questions.

Terry Keogel moved to close the Public Meeting and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission Congestion Management Process (CMP) Update – Handout
Paola Mendez moved to recommend to Commission Management Process (CMP) Update, and Rich Brecklin seconded. Motion carried.

7. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
 - S-23-08 Pavement Preservation
 - S-24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement
 - S-23-01 Adams Street Bridge Replacement
 - S-25-01 IL-8 Bridge Rehabilitation
 - S-20-13 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation
 - S-23-04 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation

Rick Semonski moved to recommend to Commission (a-f) Transportation Improvement Program Amendments, and Sie Maroon seconded.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- S-23-08 Interstate Pavement Preservation- various locations on I-74 and I-474 in Peoria and Tazewell County
- S- 24-08 Airport Road Bridge Replacement- Bridge Replacement
- S-23-01 Adams Street Bridge Replacement-Bridge Replacement
- S-25-01 IL-8 Bridge Rehabilitation-Bridge Rehabilitation
- S-20-13 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation- Bridge Rehabilitation
- S-23-04 IL-29 Bridge Rehabilitation- Bridge Rehabilitation
 - Terrisa Worsfold added that these are mostly updating funding and fiscal years (due to project management), and most are not new to the MVP.
 - Brandon Geber added that IDOT is waiting for the signed certification document. Once that is approved by FHWA, then we can send this amendment document.

Motion carried.

8. Recommend to Commission Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Projects – Handout
Jeff Gilles moved to forward onto Commission for approval of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Projects, and Conrad Moore seconded.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- Call for projects in mid-March; due in April
- Tri-County has Received seven submissions
- Review committee reviewed, then and assigned regional significance
- Two projects rose to the top
- Subcommittee recommended to fund the top two projects
- Email from local roads with a suggestion to round the nearest thousand

Josie Esker made a motion to amend the recommendation so Pekin receives the full \$3 million estimate they requested because they scored the highest. Pat Meyer seconded.

- Michael Bruner said that the City of Peoria would have a \$360k reduction from their original request.
- Eric Miller added that the available funding amount in this pot of money could increase, and our official policy now is to make everyone whole if funding would become available. These are estimates now. Later perhaps everyone could be made whole.
- Andrea Klopfenstein asked, since it is past practice to fund the projects by splitting the difference, wouldn't this be going against past practice?
- Kinga Krider said that the review subcommittee did not consider the local match when selecting the top projects.

A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion.

Ayes: Dan Parr, Conrad Moore, Josie Esker, Chris Chandler, Dennis Carr, Pat Meyer, Terrisa Worsfold, Kinga Krider, Craig Loudermilk.

Nays: Jeff Gilles, Andrea Klopfenstein, Alyssa McCain, Paola Mendez, Ric Semonski, Terry Keogel, Eric Miller, Rich Brecklin.

9 = Yes, 8 = No

A Roll call vote taken on the original motion:

Ayes: Dan Parr, Conrad Moore, Josie Esker, Chris Chandler, Jon Oliphant, Pat Meyer, Terrisa Worsfold, Kinga Krider, Craig Loudermilk.

Nays: Jeff Gilles, Andrea Klopfenstein, Alyssa McCain, Paola Mendez, Ric Semonski, Terry Keogel, Eric Miller, Rich Brecklin.

9 = Yes 8 = No. Motion carried.

The amended motion passed.

Alternates voted when the main member was absent.

City of Peoria selected the voting members they preferred (McCain, Klopfenstein, and Mendez), since they have multiple alternates.

Dennis Carr voted on the amended motion, but went silent for the next vote, so Jon Oliphant voted in his place as his alternate for the original agenda item.

9. Special Transportation Studies

Michael Bruner updated the FY2023 Special Transportation Studies:

Chillicothe: Trail Master Plan. Request: \$30,000, Total: \$30,000

Pekin: Master Bike & Ped Plan. Request: \$60,000, Match: \$10,000, Total \$70,000

Peoria: Intersection Study (Forrest Hill & Sterling). Request: \$28,000, Match: \$7,000, Total: \$35,000

MPO: TDM Analysis. Request: \$22,830, Total: \$22,830

- Eric Miller commented that these are TDM requests from Peoria County and the City of Peoria for traffic management plans. They total \$140k in requests including TDM analysis.
 - Jeff Gilles asked to please further explain these TDM costs.
 - Eric Miller said it cost money to conduct runs because we do not have staff to be able to run it. Our new TDM would not likely have this cost.
- Establish Review Committee
 - Conrad Moore, Rich Brecklin, and Jon Oliphant volunteered to be the committee members.

10. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant – Attachment

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- Hope to discuss the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program and make recommendations on staff's proposed actions.
- This would give the region the option to go after these dollars
- Grant is due September 15 at 4 pm
- Staff proposes that TCRPC applies for the whole region.

Eric Miller added:

- We do need another meeting to develop the scope. It does not have to be technical members. Can be law enforcement, interested citizens, public health individuals. They should be competitive.

Michael added that the meeting will likely be the first week of August.

11. Updates

- STBG Preservation Set-Aside Program

Michael Bruner added that assuming the Commission decides on STBG traditional, the next step is STBG preservation. The call for projects will take place at the August Technical Committee meeting.

 - August 17
 - \$1.64 million available for resurfacing
 - The deadline will be September 30
 - There will be a presentation from all submitting jurisdictions on October 19.
- IDOT
 - Local Roads

Al Barre Shebib presented:

- ITEP cycle
 - Series of webinars from IDOT: one this morning; was recorded
 - Second August 24th
 - Third September 14th
 - ITEP will OPEN August 3rd
 - IDOT flagger training available -- reach out to IDOT for more information
 - Rick Semonski asked, where are these trainings?
 - Al said that 2-3 different locations -- one closer to us. They are looking for interested parties; it is mostly up north for now.
 - Rick has lots of people interested
 - Sie Maroon said he can send people
 - Few more discretionary grants
 - Covered in circular letter: federal rail, relating to safety around tracks (Oct 4 deadline)
 - Reconnecting communities pilot: restoring connectivity (Range of \$)
 - Deadline is Oct. 13
 - Bridge Improvement program
 - Planning apps due July 25
 - Bridge/construction apps due Sept. 8
 - Large bridges over \$100 million -- due Aug. 9
 - 2022-16 circular letter
 - Circular letter re: GATA relief
 - Central Office
 - Brandon Geber had no updates
 - FHWA
- Betsy Tracy presented:
- Reiterated discretionary programs
 - She said if you sign up for circulars, you will be first to hear of these opportunities.

12. Other

- Eric and Ray spoke with IL Soybean Assoc. stakeholders.
 - Re: Joining units of government to work together regarding bridge bundling
 - Let TCRPC know if this is something we can facilitate
 - Otherwise, it is in the hands of the counties
 - The state is doing their own program
 - Conrad Moore said they did present to the district counties.
- Pat Meyer asked for an HSIP update
 - Michael Bruner updated the current HSIP is still trying to get off the ground
 - Put on hold due to staff workload
 - Now, Gabe is transitioning to being the lead

- Now looking at draft MOU to present to Tazewell County
 - Once this is finalized, we will get all local jurisdictions together to talk through questions and concerns
- Phased plan
 - 1. Design
 - 2. Budget & cost; put together MOU for construction & construction engineering
- Additional grant: If there is interest, we can discuss
 - Pat Meyer:
 - There were some other areas that did not get into the first one.
 - Many towns have outdated street signs
 - In the past, regulatory and warning signs were covered in a grant, but not regular street signs (regulations have changed; they must be larger now)
 - Terry Keogel: I agree with Pat, and Creve Coeur would need it.
 - Jeff Gilles: Back then, street signs were not eligible
 - Pat Meyer: Let us explore that to see if there is a significant need
- Gateway director for St. Louis Inland Waterways -- Maritime Administration
 - Discretionary grant programs
 - Working with MPOs, state DOTs to increase waterway utilization
- Next Meeting: August 17, 2022

13. Adjournment

Pat Meyer moved to adjourn, and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

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