



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 9:00am CDT  
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order  
 Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
  
2. Roll Call

| Member   | Present | Absent | Member  | Present | Absent |
|--|---------|--------|---|---------|--------|
| <b>Amy McLaren</b> ,<br>Peoria County              | x       |        | <b>Dustin Sutton*</b><br>Peoria Heights             |         | x      |
| <b>Jeff Gilles</b> ,<br>Peoria County              |         | x      | <b>Dennis Carr</b><br>City of Washington            | x       |        |
| <b>Mark Gilles*</b><br>Peoria County               |         | x      | <b>Jon Oliphant*</b><br>City of Washington          | x       |        |
| <b>Paul Augspurger</b><br>Tazewell County          |         | x      | <b>Patrick Meyer</b><br>Village of Bartonville      | x       |        |
| <b>Dan Parr</b><br>Tazewell County                 |         | x      | <b>Terrisa Worsfold</b><br>IDOT-04                  |         | x      |
| <b>Conrad Moore</b><br>Woodford County             | x       |        | <b>Karen Dvorsky*</b><br>IDOT-04                    |         | x      |
| <b>Alyssa McClain</b><br>City of Peoria            | x       |        | <b>Kinga Krider</b><br>City of West Peoria          | x       |        |
| <b>VACANT</b><br>City of Peoria                    |         |        | <b>Charles Hess</b><br>City of West Peoria*         | x       |        |
| <b>Andrea Klopfenstein</b><br>City of Peoria       | x       |        | <b>Craig Loudermilk</b><br>Village of Morton        | x       |        |
| <b>Sie Maroon*</b><br>City of Peoria               |         | x      | <b>Frank Sturm</b><br>Village of Morton*            |         | x      |
| <b>Cindy Loos*</b><br>City of Peoria               | x       |        | <b>Kenneth Coulter</b><br>City of Chillicothe       | x       |        |
| <b>Paola Mendez*</b><br>City of Peoria             | x       |        | <b>David Horton*</b><br>City of Chillicothe         |         | x      |
| <b>VACANT</b><br>City of Peoria                    |         |        | <b>Terry Keogel</b><br>Village of Creve Coeur       | x       |        |
| <b>Josie Esker*</b><br>City of Pekin               | x       |        | <b>Nick Standefer*</b><br>Citylink                  |         | x      |
| <b>Justin Reeise</b><br>City of Pekin              |         | x      | <b>Jamie Arbogast*</b><br>CityLink                  |         | x      |
| <b>Ric Semonski</b><br>City of East Peoria         | x       |        | <b>Doug Roelfs</b> ,<br>Citylink                    |         | x      |
| <b>Ty Livingston*</b><br>City of East Peoria       |         | x      | <b>Gene Olson*</b><br>MAAP                          |         | x      |
| <b>Chris Chandler</b><br>Village of Peoria Heights | x       |        | <b>Eric Miller</b><br>TCRPC                         | x       |        |
| <b>Wayne Aldrich*</b><br>Village of Peoria Heights |         | x      | <b>Rich Brecklin</b><br>Village of Germantown Hills | x       |        |

**Staff:** Gabriel Guevara, Debbie Ulrich, Reema Abi-Akar, Fran Lewis, Logan Chapman, and Michael Bruner. **Virtual IDOT:** Brandon Geber, Al-Barrae-Shebib. **Virtual FHWA:** Betsy Tracey **Virtual Staff:** Britney West.

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, August 17, 2022, Meeting  
Terry Keogel moved to approve the August 17, 2022, minutes and Amy McLaren seconded.  
Motion carried.

5. Recommend to Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
  - a. Project PEK-25-01 Court Street Reconstruction
  - b. Project PEO-26-01 Northmoor & University Intersection Reconstruction
  - c. Project CL-23-05 Diesel Buses Acquisition

Amy McLaren moved to recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments a thru c and Rich Brecklin seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. Project PEK-25-01 Court Street Reconstruction from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Stadium Drive
  - STBG Traditional Project- Court Street Reconstruction from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Stadium Drive
  - Moving from Illustrative List to FY26 Program
- b. Project PEO-26-01 Northmoor & University Intersection Reconstruction
  - STBG Traditional Project- Northmoor and University Intersection Reconstruction
  - Moving from Illustrative List to FY26 Program
- c. Project CL-23-05 Diesel Buses Acquisition
  - Adding additional Federal funds from Transit Transportation Development Credit
  - Makes the project 100% federal funded

Amy McLaren asked how many buses and Michael Bruner replied no idea.

Motion carried.

6. Call for Projects for Regional Transportation Priority List – Attachment

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- From the Strategic Planning Session, it was recommended to develop a regional prioritization process and list.
- The Commission formed a Working Group to develop this process
- The group has since met two times and has developed a starting point for identifying projects,
- Took out LRTP and filter all identified projects by budget to only include projects \$10 million and over
- Staff cross-referenced the list with projects in the TIP and IDOT MYP
- This process resulted in a list of forty-three projects

- Does not include projects that are not already included in the LRTP, such as the City of Peoria's Pioneer Parkway Extension and Village of Peoria Heights Prospect Road project.
- Therefore, Staff and the Working Group are requesting each jurisdiction to review the list and supply projects to be added to or removed from the list.
- This list should be comprehensive and include enhancement and transit projects
  - These projects will be accessed at a lower threshold that has yet to be determined.
- Eric Miller added these are Regional significant projects. If omission, we need to get them in as well where we can correct LRTP.
- Ray Lees added this list needs to be at 23
- Any McLaren asked if we could use TDM? Transit projects need to be added to list
- Ric Semonski asked if dollar amounts are accurate
- Kinga Krider asked for time frame
- Michael Bruner asked to get back to us by the end of the month
- Eric Miller said to expect a priority list from communities, then moved to committee. He will talk to Karen Dvorsky about listings.

## 7. Updates

### a. Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Preservation Set-Aside

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- \$1.64M will be available for resurfacing projects
- Twenty percent local match required
- Due: September 30<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 PM
- Match resolutions due to state October 19
- October 19<sup>th</sup> presentation
- Infrastructure and the applications can be found on our website under "Our Work," and "Funding Programs."
- The City of Pekin and City of Peoria are not eligible to receive preservation funding due to receiving funding from the traditional program.

### b. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Staff submitted an application on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> for a \$500,000 project for a consultant-led Comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the Tri-County region.
- SS4A has \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next 5 years.
- If awarded this will set our region to be eligible for implementation grants from this program

### c. Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

Michael Bruner updated:

- Due next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- If applying, please let staff know as soon as possible for a letter of support
- Planners will be out of the office starting Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> for the IL APA conference.

d. IDOT

- Local Roads
  - AI- Barrae-Shebib updated on the following
    - Circular letter of updated forms sent out soon
    - T2 demand training
    - HSIP announced for Glasford Road
    - ITEP next Friday
    - IDOT multi project next year
    - IDOT large file transfer(s) are no longer supported
- Central Office
  - Brandon Geber mentioned that SPR award letter is to be mailed out soon

e. FHWA

Betsy Tracey had nothing to add.

8. Other

- Ray Lees mentioned the passing of Tom Kelso. Brandon Geber said there is a celebration of life next week in Springfield
  - Michael Bruner said he will send out his obituary today to members of Technical.
- Michael Bruner mentioned SMART Discretionary Grant
  - Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation
  - Webinar on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:00 PM ET
  - Will offer up to \$100 million in grants annually over the next 5 years
  - Fund transportation projects that use data and technology to solve real-world challenges facing communities today.
  - Up to 30% set aside for eligible projects that primarily benefit rural communities or regional partnerships
  - The deadline for applications is November 18, 2022, at 5 PM ET.
  - Regional interest??

a. Next meeting scheduled for October 19, 2022

9. Adjournment

Conrad Moore moved to adjourn at 9:40 am and Rick Semonski. Motion carried.

Submitted by

Eric Miller, Executive Director

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