



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 9:00am CST
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order
 Vice Chairman Conrad Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

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	v		Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	v	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	v		Terrisa Worsfold IDOT-04		x
Conrad Moore Woodford County	x		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-04		x
Alyssa Barnett, City of Peoria	v		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	v	
Sie Maroon* City of Peoria		x	Frank Sturm Village of Morton*		x
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria		x	Kenneth Coulter City of Chillicothe		x
Paola Mendez* City of Peoria	x		David Horton* City of Chillicothe		x
VACANT City of Peoria			Terry Keogel Village of Creve Coeur	x	
Josie Esker* City of Pekin		x	Nick Standefer* Citylink		x
Dean Schneider City of Pekin		x	Jamie Arbogast* CityLink		x
Ric Semonski City of East Peoria	x		Doug Roelfs, Citylink		x
Ty Livingston* City of East Peoria	x		Gene Olson* MAAP		x
Chris Chandler Village of Peoria Heights		x	Eric Miller TCRPC		x
Wayne Aldrich* Village of Peoria Heights	x		Rich Brecklin Village of Germantown Hills	x	

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

3. Public Comment-none

4. Approval of Minutes, March 15, 2023, Meeting

Wayne Aldrich moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023, and Terry Koegel seconded. Motion carried.

5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment

- a. Project S-23-14 Safety – Add Turn Lane at IL-166 & Cameron Ln
- b. Project PEK-24-01 – Railroad Grade Crossing Improvement
- c. Project W-24-02 – Railroad Grade Crossing Improvement

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

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- (a) Project S-23-14 Safety- Add Turn Lane at IL-166 & Cameron Ln
 - Safety project being added to FY 2023 Program
 - Scheduled for the June letting.
 - Using HSIP funding to add a left turn lane at IL-116 and Cameron Lane.
- (b) Project PEK-24-01 Railroad Grade Crossing Improvement
 - Safety Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements being added to the FY 2024 Program
 - Two crossings along the Illinois & Midland Railroad at Washington Street and McLean St.
 - Installing new automatic flashing light signals, gates, and new constant warning time circuitry with event recorder and remote monitor and crossing surface.
- (c) Project W-24-02- Railroad Grade Crossing Improvement
 - Safety Railroad Grade Crossing Improvements being added to the FY2024 Program
 - Two crossings along the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad at Zinser Place and Wood St.
 - Installing new automatic flashing light signals, gates, and new constant warning time circuitry with event recorder and remote monitor and crossing surface.

Motion carried.

6. Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Project Presentations

a. Village of Germantown Hills

Ann Doubet presented the following:

- Transportation Alternative Project

- Presented the Project Location Map
- Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail
 - Phase I & II Engineering for design of an off-road multi-use trail along IL Route 116. Improvements will be a 10 ft wide hot-mix asphalt path separated from roadway by vegetated buffer.
 - Limits: Woodland Knolls Rd (Germantown Hills) to Douglas (Metamora)
 - Length: 5.4 miles
 - Project Funding-Phase 1/Phase 2- Engineering--TA Funds is \$240,000, Local Funds- \$60,000 Total funds- \$300,000.
 - 20% local match to be funded by the Village of Germantown Hills, and Village of Metamora.

b. Peoria County

Jeff Gilles presented the following:

- Maxwell Road & Middle Road
 - Presented location Map.
 - Presented existing and proposed cross section.
 - Proposed sidewalk and multi-use path. Will complete connection to over 400 homes.
 - 4 miles of connected sidewalk & path upon completion
 - Project Funding- TA funds \$486,188, Local funds- \$192,761- Total project- \$678,949

7. Discussion and Recommend to Commission Transportation Alternative Funding – Attachment
 Jeff Gilles moved to recommend to Commission Transportation Alternative Funding and Rich Brecklin seconded.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- Released a call for projects on Feb 15, 2023, for transportation alternative projects.
- The total finding available was \$1,458,565.
- To ensure three projects were funded, staff divided the available funding by three to get the total maximum award of \$486,188.
- Projects were due by March 31, 2023
 - Received two submissions by this date.
 - Staff extended the due date to Tuesday, April 4th due to the severe weather.
- TCRPC received a total funding request of \$726, 188 or 49.8% of the available funding amount.
 - Germantown Hills requested 80% of the total project cost of \$300,000.
 - Peoria County requested 71.6% of the total project cost of \$678,949 due to the total maximum award.

- Staff recommends funding both projects and increasing Peoria County's funding amount to the 80% level.
 - Increase the TA funds by \$56,971 to make the updated funding amount to \$543,159.
 - Makes the total funding amount to \$783,159 of 53.7% of the available funding amount.
 - This would leave \$675,406 in leftover TA funding.
- What should we do with the leftover funding?
- Release new call for projects?

Gilles moved to have another call for projects and Rich Brecklin seconded.

Motion carried to have another call for projects.

8. Updates

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. HSIP Guardrail Grant
 - Procurement completed and Engineering firm selected- Maurer-Stutz
 - Intergovernmental Agreement signed by all parties.
 - Tazewell voting on this week.
- b. Active Transportation Kickoff Event
 - Scheduled for May 16 from 4:30 to 7:30
 - Neighborhood House is allowing us to see their space for the event.
 - Talking with Mark Fenton and Charles Brown
 - More to come
- c. FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Working with Debbi La Rue on this
 - Should be getting emails in the next week on project updates.
- d. APWA Illinois Chapter Conference
 - May 4, 2023
 - Register at a reduced rate.
- e. IDOT
 - Local Roads

Al-Barrae- Shebib reported on the following:

- It is Work Zone safety week, keeping the message and public awareness to be safe at work zones.
- Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant awards announced last week—Chillicothe, Galesburg, and Aledo.
- Special Project SPAC meeting is June 5 & 7 in Peoria Public Library on Main Street. The meeting will go over; ITEP, Safe Routes, (SRTS) & Economic Development Program (EDP) funds through IDOT. Sign up link available for morning information session, and afternoon 1st day and 2nd

day all day is available for 1-1 meetings to go over your projects. If you cannot make the meeting dates, they are hosting in other areas.

- HSIP Tri-County guardrail project update, IDOT Local Roads office is working with Tazewell County the lead agency, a consultant was selected. IDOT granted request for Section 1440 for expedited start engineering work, bi-monthly coordination on April 27th. Looking forward to getting the phase 1 completed.
- Circular letters and new funding announced since the last meeting:
 - CL2023-13 Date Issued: 04-13-2023 Title: Wildlife Crossing Discretionary Grant Pilot Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 (FFY 2022) & Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FFY 2023)
 - CL2023-12 Date Issued: 04-12-2023 Title: Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Federal Fiscal Year 2023 (FFY2023)
 - CL2023-11 Date Issued: 03-24-2023 Title: 2023-2024 Federal Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grant Program
 - CL2023-10 Date Issued: 03-15-2023 Title: Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment
 - CL2023-09 Date Issued: 03-13-2023 Title: Special Programs Assistance Conference Announcement

- Central Office-nothing to report.

f. FHWA
Nothing to report.

9. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for May 17, 2023
Following meeting(s) are in person for quorum from now on.

10. Adjournment

Jeff Gilles moved to adjourn at 9:28am and Rich Brecklin seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:
Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:
Britney West, GIS Specialist III

Transcribed by:
Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator