



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at 9:00am CT  
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order  
 Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:01 am
2. Roll Call

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

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Logan Chapman, and Michael Bruner. Staff Virtual: Britney West. Also present: Brandon Geber-MPO Manager- IDOT, Simon Alwan (Local Roads), and Tony Sassine (Central Roads)-IDOT, and Virtual: Betsy Tracey- FHWA

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, April 19, 2023, Meeting  
Patrick Meyer moved to approve the April 19, 2023, minutes and Andrea Klopfenstein seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
  - a. Project S-24-11 Safety: Interstate Delineators
  - b. Project S-24-12 Safety: Guardrail Replacement
  - c. Project GH-21-01 Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail
  - d. Project PC-23-03 Maxwell & Middle Road Sidewalk/Multi-Use Trail

Amy McLaren moved to recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments a thru d and Patrick Meyer seconded.

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Project S-24-11 Safety: Interstate Delineators
  - HSIP safety project replacing delineators along Interstates in D4
  - Adding to FY 2024 Program
- Project S-24-12 Safety: Guardrail Replacement
  - HSIP safety project replacing guardrail along IL-98 from McNaugon Park Dr. to Springfield Rd in Tazewell County; and IL-18 from IL-89 to Meridan RD. in Putnam County.
  - Adding to FY 2024 Program
- Project GH-21-01 Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail
  - Transportation Alternative funding programmed by the Commission earlier this month.
  - Phase I and II engineering for the Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail.
  - Adding to the FY 2024 Program.
- Project PC-23-03 Maxwell & Middle Road Sidewalk/ Multi-Use Trail
  - Transportation Alternative funding programmed by the Commission earlier this month.

- Sidewalk and Multi-Use Trail Construction along Maxwell and Middle Road from Dirksen Parkway to Charleston Rd.
- Adding to the FY 2025 Program.

Motion carried.

6. Call for Projects – FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. The Commission has programmed approximately \$150,000 of FY 2024 Metropolitan Planning Funds for Special Transportation Studies.
- b. The project application is available on the Commission's website, under Funding Programs: <https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/special-studies/>
- c. Project Schedule
  - Project proposals are due to Staff by 3:30 pm on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - A Review Subcommittee will be established during the June Technical Committee meeting on June 21, 2023.
  - The Subcommittee will meet to review, grade, and recommend projects.
  - The Technical Committee makes recommendation to Commission at July Meeting
  - Commission approves projects at the August 2, 2023, meeting.
- d. Eligible projects are corridor plans, feasibility studies, bicycle, and pedestrian plans, TDM, data collection, asset management, etc.

7. Updates

- a. Active Transportation Kickoff Event
  - Last night we had our Active Transportation Workshop at the Neighborhood House.
  - The event went really well.
  - We had two nationally acclaimed transportation experts, Charles Brown, and Mark Fenton.
  - The event kicked off staff's new planning project to start updating our region's bicycle plan to an active transportation plan that not only focuses on bicycles, but also pedestrians and transit users.

- More is to come with this project with the opportunity to participate in the planning process by sitting on the steering committee.

b. Public Participation Plan Update

- Last Fall, the FHWA released guidance on public participation.
- To ensure TCRPC's public participation plan is compatible with this guidance, staff reviewed the guide and updated our plan accordingly.
- Additionally, Staff has been talking with local stakeholders that deals with the public on a regular basis to learn from their best management practices.
- Staff is working on putting the final touches on the document and will release the plan for the required 45-day public comment period soon.

c. FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program

- As you know, Staff has been working on updating the Transportation Improvement Program
- Everyone should have received communications from Staff on getting an update on existing projects in our TIP document and an understanding of future projects that should be added.
- Staff is also asking for any additional illustrative project to be included in the TIP as an unfunded, future project.

d. IDOT

- Local Roads

Simon Alwan updated on the following:

**1. 2023 Special Programs Assistance Conference (SPAC) Announcement**

- IDOT hosting informational conferences in each District to go over several grants' programs to help Local Agencies better understand several funding programs and to put together better applications. Conference for District 4 is June 6 & 7 at the Peoria Public Library- Main Street Branch.
- The programs covered are Economic Development Program (EDP), IL Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), and Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- IDOT will provide general information on the 3 programs and then hold one-on-one sessions with Local Agencies to go over specific projects and applications. The one-on-one sessions are by appointment only. IDOT highly encourages Local Agencies to attend.
- See Circular Letter 2023-09 for more info.

## **2. Dynamic Invoice Form (Circular Letter 2023-15)**

- To be used for reimbursements for a joint funding agreement, township Bridge Program, or Grade crossing Protection Fund
- Effective date was May 1<sup>st</sup> with transition period for reimbursements already in progress until June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- There currently is an issue with the email button so will need to email directly to your respective District Field Engineer.

## **3. Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) for FY 22-23**

- Discretionary grant
- \$848M to be distributed to projects.
- 4 categories- Planning grants/ Resilience Improvement/ Community/ Resilience and Evacuation Routes/ At-Risk Coastal Infrastructure projects
- Planning Grants- Minimum award for \$100k. No maximum award size.
- Other 3 categories- min award of \$500k. No maximum award size.
- Application Deadline is August 18, 2023, and apps to be submitted through Grants.gov.
- See circular letter 2023-16 for more info.

## **4. Local Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)**

- 31.3M for the FY25 funding cycle
- Applications will be received through Friday, June 30, 2023, with award announcements expected in September 2023.
- There was an informational webinar on May 11<sup>th</sup>. It may have been recorded and available for viewing but not completely sure.
- More info can be found in Circular Letter 2023-14

## 5. Safe Routes to School (SRTS)

- Next funding cycle coming up. Has not been officially announced yet.
- Applications will be accepted from August 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Another good reason to attend the SPAC especially if Local Agency has a specific project in mind.
- Central Office
  - Brandon Geber updated on the following:
    - Protect Grant- MPO is applying for grant.
- e. FHWA
  - Betsy Tracey has nothing to add except to comment there is a lot of programs going on.

## 8. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for June 21, 2023

## 9. Adjournment

Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:45 am and Paola Mendez seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:  
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Recorded by:  
Britney West, GIS III

Transcribed by:  
Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator