



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, June 21, 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 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		V
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 Barnett, 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
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		V
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	

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Logan Chapman, Gabriel and Reema, Abi-Akar, Debbi La Rue, and Michael Bruner. Staff Virtual: Britney West. Also present: Brandon Geber-MPO Manager- IDOT, Al- Barrae-Shebib (Local Roads), Mike Huddelson, and Virtual: Betsy Tracey- FHWA

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, May 17, 2023, Meeting
Terry Keogel moved to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023, meeting and Conrad Moore seconded. Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
 - a. Project W-24-03 Nofsinger Road
 - b. Project W-24-04 Washington Safe Routes to School
 - c. Project C-24-01 Chillicothe Shared Use Path
 - d. Project S-24-13 Safety: Peoria County Pedestrian Push Buttons
 - e. Project S-24-14 Safety Pedestrian Push Buttons

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

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- a. Project W-24-03 Nofsinger Road
 - i. Realignment and Construction of existing Nofsinger Road for Sante Fe Road to Cruger Road, including new intersection at US24 and at Dallas Road at the south end of the project.
 - ii. Adding to the FY 2024 Program
- b. Project W-24-04 Washington Safe Routes to School
 - i. Sidewalk gap construction of a 5-foot sidewalk on the south side of Grant Street from School Street to the east, and on the north side of North Street from Main Street to West Street.
 - ii. Adding to the FY2024 Program
- c. Project C-24-01 Chillicothe Shared Use Path
 - i. Construction of off-road multi-use path from the library along Bradley and Cloverdale to Calvary Baptist.
 - ii. Adding to the FY 2024 Program

- d. Project S-24-13 Safety: Peoria County Pedestrian Push Buttons
 - i. Replacement of pedestrian crosswalk pushbuttons with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons in various locations throughout Peoria County
 - 1. APS pushbuttons communicate WALK and DON'T WALK Intervals at signalized intersection in non-visual formats.
 - ii. Adding to the FY 2024 Program
 - e. Project S-24-14 Safety Pedestrian Push Buttons
 - iii. Replacement of pedestrian crosswalk pushbuttons with Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) pushbuttons in various locations throughout Peoria County
 - 2. APS pushbuttons communicate WALK and DON'T WALK Intervals at signalized intersection in non-visual formats.
 - iv. Adding to the FY 2024 Program
6. Formation of Review Subcommittee for FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies
- a. Tri-County released the Call for Projects for Special Studies on May 17th, with an application due date of Friday, June 16th at 3:30 pm
 - b. The Commission has programmed approximately \$150,000 for FY 2024 Special Transportation Studies.
 - c. Staff received a total of six applications for a total funding request of \$270,000.

Chillicothe	The cost Benefit Analysis for IL-29 Viaduct	\$30,000.00
CityLink	Pekin Area Transit Study	\$40,000.00
East Peoria	East Peoria Stormwater Inventory and Analysis	\$70,000.00
Germantown Hills	Feasibility Study for Germantown Hills to McClugage bridge Trail	\$50,000.00
Peoria Heights	Peoria Heights Active Transportation Plan	\$50,000.00
West Peoria	Corridor Study of Waverly Ave. and Aryers Ave.	

- d. Staff are seeking volunteers from member jurisdictions that did not submit an application to sit on the Review Committee
 - Paola Mendez, Terry Keogel, and Jon Oliphant volunteered for committee.
- e. Staff is proposing the Review Committee to meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 9:00a.m.

7. Call for Projects – Transportation Alternative Set-Aside – Attachment
 - a. As an MPO with an urbanized population over 200,000, TCRPC receives an annual allotment of these TA funds as a set-aside of the STBG program.
 - b. TCRPC is opening up a 2nd call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside
 - c. TCRPC previously released a call for projects on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.
 - i. Project applications were due to staff by Friday, March 31, 2023, by 4:00 p.m.
 - ii. Approximately \$1,458,565 was available for the Call for Projects
 - iii. Two projects were awarded, resulting in \$783,159 being programmed.
 - d. TCRPC is releasing a 2nd Call for Projects today, June 21, 2023, with an available funding pot of \$675,406.
 - i. Project applications are due to staff by 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 31st.
 - e. Eligible projects:
 - i. A project must demonstrate a relationship to surface transportation and pedestrian and /or bike facilities.
 - ii. Infrastructure projects to enhance non-driver access to public transportation.
 - iii. Community improvement activities
 - iv. Environmental mitigation related to stormwater.
 - f. Non-eligible projects
 - i. Routine maintenance activities are not eligible.
 - ii. Solely recreational projects are not eligible.
 - g. Local match requirements
 - i. Preliminary engineering and construction are 80/20
 - ii. Right-of-way and easement acquisition are 50/50
 - iii. Street lighting is 50/50- but if it's in a designated historic area, it may qualify at 80/20
 - h. Timeline
 - i. Applications due July 31st by 3:30 pm
 - ii. August 16th- applicants will present their projects at Technical, and TA subcommittee is formed.
 - iii. September 20th- Technical committee will convene to consider the subcommittee's recommendation.
 - iv. October 4- Commission programs TA funding
8. Discussion of Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program – Attachment
Debbi La Rue updated on the following:

- a. PROTECT stands for Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost saving Transportation.
- b. It aims to
 - i. Reduce damage and disruption to the transportation system,
 - ii. Improve the safety of the traveling public, and
 - iii. Improve equity by addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities that are often the most vulnerable to hazards.
- c. The PROTECT program offers 100% funding for Planning Grant projects that address the climate crisis by improving the resilience of the surface transportation system, including:
 - i. Highways
 - ii. Public transportation
 - iii. Ports, and
 - iv. Intercity passenger rail
- d. Up to \$45 million is available nationwide for PROTECT Planning Grants
- e. A minimum grant award of \$100,000 and no maximum award size
- f. Applications are due August 18, 2023
- g. Staff Proposed Project
 - i. TCRPC proposes the creation of a Regional Resiliency Plan (RRP) spanning the Tri-County area.
 - ii. This project would be consultant-led.
 - iii. Estimated cost is \$500,000.
 - iv. The proposed project will include:
 - 1. An assessment of vulnerabilities in the tri-county transportation network,
 - i. Including environment risks:
 - 1. Stormwater, as it relates to
 - a. Erosion, and
 - b. Flooding
 - 2. Distribution of green space and recreation access
 - 3. Heat island impacts (through a tree canopy analysis)
 - 2. An assessment of multimodal transportation access throughout the region, and
 - 3. All assessments will be assessed through an economic resiliency and social justice lenses.
 - v. The plan would produce a
 - 1. Grant-ready, coordinated but distinct projects and objectives designed to facilitate:

- i. Environmental, economic, and social resilience, and to competitively position the region for federal infrastructure funding.

vi. Letters of Support

9. Updates

a. IDOT

i. Local Roads

Al Barre- Shebib updated on the following:

- Introduced intern.
- IDOT is doing a Vulnerable Road User (VRU) Safety Assessment. Data collection map is now live for all public to input valuable VRU infrastructure, exposure, ongoing initiatives, projects, treatments, and countermeasures until June 30th. Recorded public engagement recordings are available. Next phase will be IDOT focused on Stakeholder engagement in August. Resources and date results will be available on the IDOT Strategy Highway Safety Plan website.
- CL2023-16 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The application deadline is 11:59 pm EST, on August 18, 2023.
- CL2023-14 FY 2025 Local Highway Improvement Program (HSIP) Call for Candidate Projects. The application deadline is Friday, June 30, 2023, at 5:00 PM.
- CL2034-13 Wildlife Crossing Discretionary Grant Pilot Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) The application deadline is 11:59 pm EST, on August 1, 2023.
- CL2023-11/2023-2024 Federal Charging and Fueling Discretionary Grant Program provides grants in two categories: 1) Community Charging and Fueling Grants and 2) Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants --- this deadline has passed but bringing it up to remind you of this coming around next year.
- We had a successful Special Programs Assistance Conference (SPAC) held at the Peoria Public Library. Discussed ITEP, SRTS, and EDP funding opportunities. Next grant will be announced August 1st for these funds. EDP is open all year.
- New Bridge office to Critical Findings form. Reminder to please reach out whenever a Critical Finding on a bridge.

ii. Central Office

Brandon Geber update on the following:

- Added the VRU assessment is also being used as an input into the State's Active Transportation Plan update, so we certainly encourage participation in both.
- Staff recently sent the districts data concerning the adjustment of urban areas boundaries. The districts should be reaching out to the MPO- and non-MPO urban areas in the Tri-County region soon.

b. FHWA

c. Betsy Tracy- Nothing to add but thanked IDOT for getting information out.

10. Other

a. Next meeting scheduled for July 19, 2023

Michael Bruner mentioned that the next meeting July 19, 2023, will be held at 456 Fulton St, Room 402. Area behind our office. City of Peoria needed this conference room.

11. Adjournment

Amy McLaren moved to adjourn at 9:40 am and Sid Maroon seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator