



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 9:00am CST

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
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 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	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

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Ray Lees, Gabriel Guevara, and Logan Chapman. Virtual- Britney West.
Brandon Geber- IDOT and Betsy Tracy, FHWA

3. Public Comment-none
4. Approval of Minutes, February 15, 2023, Meeting
Ty Livingston moved to approve minutes of February 15, 2023 meeting and Jeff Gilles seconded.
Motion carried.
5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments – Attachment
 - a. Project CL-24-04 Diesel Buses
 - b. Project CL-24-08 Refurbish 35' Diesel Buses
 - c. Project CL-24-09 New Farebox/Validators System
 - d. Project CL-24-10 A & E Services

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

- Michael Bruner updated on
 - a. Project CL-24-04 Diesel Buses
 - Adding additional funding
 - FTA 5307 funding- Total of \$6 million with \$5,200,000 of additional funds, and Transit Transportation Development Credit (TDC) funding- \$1.5 million
 - GPMTD has 20 buses that have reached their useful life
 - Looking to replace 9 to 10 of the 20 buses with this funding.
 - b. Project CL-24-08 Refurbish 35' Diesel Buses
 - Adding to the FY 2024 Program
 - Looking to refurbish the remaining 10 buses that have reached their useful life with \$2.7 million
 - c. Project CL-24-09 New Farebox/Validators System
 - Adding to the FY2024 Program
 - This project is upgrading CityLink, CityLift, and CountyLink buses with new validator systems that allow riders to use multiple methods for paying fares.
 - d. Project CL-24-10 A & E Services
 - Adding to FY2024 Program
 - The funding is for extending the construction oversight and administration due to delays with new maintenance and administrative facilities.

Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission Transit Asset Management Performance Measure – Attachment Jeff Gilles moved to recommend to Commission Transit/Asset Management Performance Measure and Patrick Meyer seconded.

- Michael Bruner updated on:
 - The National Transit Asset Management System requires all agencies that receive federal financial assistance that own, operate, or manage capitol assets used in provision of public transportation to create a Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan.
 - Agencies can meet this requirement either through an Individual or Group TAM Plan.
 - IDOT, the Illinois Public Transit Association (IPTA), and the Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) cooperatively supported the development of the Illinois' Group TAM Plan for all Tier 2 agencies.
 - Tier 2 provider means a recipient that owns, operates, or manages 100 or fewer vehicles in revenue service (rolling stock) during peak regular service across all non-rail fixed route modes or in any one non-fixed route mode, a sub-recipient under the 5311 Rural Area Formula Program, or any American Indian tribe.
 - Historically, TCRPC has elected to support the TIER 2 Group Plan Transit Asset Management Performance Measures and other state's targets. MPO's are not assessed for significant progress made towards established targets.
 - We are electing to support the Tier 2 Group TAM Plan targets.
 - You can find the baseline data as well as projected data on page 2 & 3 of the memo.

Motion carried.

7. Recommend to Commission FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – Handout Patrick Meyer moved to recommend to Commission FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Jeff Gilles seconded.

Michael Burner updated on the following:

- The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is one of the core MPO planning documents that is updated annually.
- It serves as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day-to-day work of the MPO. The document describes all transportation planning activities with a corresponding budget Tri-County proposes to undertake during the fiscal year (July1 through June 30).
- Staff has developed the draft 2024 UPWP and following the schedule listed in the memo:
 - Feb. 14: Draft Uniform Budget Template (UBT) and Programmatic Risk Assessment (PRA) submitted to IDOT
 - March 15: Technical Committee recommends UPWP to the Commission for approval
 - April 5: IDOT accepts UPWP, work begins.

Motion carried.

8. Recommend to Commission Section 5310 Funding – Attachment

Patrick Meyer moved to recommend to Commission Section 5310 Funding and Ty Livingston seconded,

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- Section 5310 funding is from the FTA, aimed at increasing the mobility options of seniors and people with disabilities.
- Put out a call for projects that ended in February
 - \$355,187 total from 2021, 2022, CRRSAA and ARPA funding
 - *Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act*
 - *American Rescue Plan Act*
 - TCRPC received one application- City of East Peoria
 - Phase I Engineering for a pedestrian crossing at IL-116/Main Street and Mariners Way (near Jonah's Seafood House & East Port Marina).
 - Currently no pedestrian signalized crossings or crosswalks here, and this is a busy intersection near Route #20 ICC Express CityLink bus stop.
 - Requested \$20,000 federal and a \$5,000 local match (80/20).
- Recommendation
 - Fund this project (HSTP) Urban subcommittee was not opposed
 - 100% federal- COVID funds allow up to 100% federal.
 - Rest of funds
 - Pass along the expiring 2021 funds (\$114,847) to IDOT's Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) program.
 - Statewide competitive program that distributes accessible vehicles as part of the 5310 programs
 - The remaining funds that will still be available for the next round are \$195,340, plus additional 2023 funds (\$165,242)
 - \$360,582 for next time- maybe in the fall
 - TCRPC has used a combination of these methods in the past

Patrick Meyer asked if 5310 funds are only transit funds and Reema Abi-Akar said yes.

Motion carried.

9. Discussion of FY 2024-27 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Tri-County typically updates the TIP on an annual basis at the beginning of each fiscal year.
- Soon staff will start the process to develop the FY2024-27 TIP
- To aid in the development process, staff will be reaching out to member jurisdictions
 - To get an update on current FY 2023-26 TIP projects, and
 - An idea on additional projects members expected to be funded in FY2024-27

10. Discussion of IDOT Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) Program – Attachment
Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- IDOT released a call for projects for the SPR 2024 Program on February 24, 2023
- Applications are due on March 30, 2023
- SPR funds are used to support planning and research activities.
- Eligible activities include:
 - Planning studies
 - Data purchase, collection, and/or analysis
 - Research activities
 - Program development activities
 - Performance management activities
 - Coordination/outreach activities
- A total maximum of \$7 million is available for SFY 24.
 - There is no project cost limitation.
- Statewide Planning and Research funds are federal funds.
 - A 20% match is required to use these funds.
 - However, a match greater than 20% will be considered positively when prioritizing projects.
 - Projects may request a waiver from providing local match assistance. The waiver of the matching requirement will be strongly considered for projects that benefit disadvantaged/economically distressed communities.
 - Today, March 15, 2023- Informational Webinar 10:00-12:00 p.m.
 - Announcement of successful projects is anticipated to be on or about July 1, 2023

11. Updates

a. Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside Reminder

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- i. TCRPC opened a call for projects for the Transportation Alternative (A) Set-Aside on February 15th.
- ii. Approximately \$1,458,565 is available from FYs 2021, 2022, and 2023
- iii. Maximum project award is \$486,188.
- iv. Applications are due Friday, March 31, 2023
- v. Project presentations will occur at the April 19 Technical meeting.

b. IDOT

- Local Road-nothing
- Central Office

Brandon Geber reported on the Active Transportation Plan and a conference for each area for Safe Routes to School

c. FHWA

Betsy Tracy, FHWA- nothing to add.

12. Other

Ray Lees announced we have hired a Planner III- Debbi La Rue she will start April 3, 2023. Also, we have an intern from ISU- Anthony Baumann as a planner.

- a. Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2023-ok.

13. Adjournment

Patrick Meyer moved to adjourn at 9:40 am and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

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