Peoria Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study
Transportation Alternatives Program
Fiscal Years 2015 & 2016
Application Form

Revised December 21, 2015

Provision of on-road and off-road facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized forms of transportation are eligible to apply. See TAP guidelines for full list of eligible project types.

Submittal Date	Jan 4, 2016
Project Name	Griffin Trail Extension
Project Sponsor	City of Pekin
Co-Sponsor (if applicable)	
Type of Project	Extension of off road multi-use path
Description of Project as it relates to MAP-21 and Envision HOI goals (see guidelines for full listing)	This project is to extend the existing multi-use path the originates at the western boundary of the City Pekin at the Illinois River and continue it to the eastern boundary of the City at Veterans Drive. Currently this path ends at Allentown Road which is approximately one mile west of Veterans Drive where there is no trail head or logical termini as it provides inadequate accessibility to traffic generators of employment or retail. By extending the existing trail to Veterans Drive, pedestrians and bicyclist can have better accessibility to employment centers of Pekin Insurance and Pekin Hospital's proposed medical building, recreational features of Pekin Parks and Avanti's Sports Complex, and have better connectivity to Pekin's eastern retail corridor with shops and restaurants. The City of Pekin has recently began conversations with the key stakeholders of Pekin Insurance, Avanti's Dome and the Pekin Park district to develop a partnership for this project. Therefore due to timing restrictions for federal funding the City is only requesting funding for engineering at this time to allow for the selection of final alignment, acquisition of right of way if needed, and to allow for the environmental clearance as this extension will go through possible environmental sensitive areas and not jeopardize the funding. Any

Project Qualifications

Location

Municipality: City of Pekin
County: Tazewell
Roadway: Allentown Road
Termini: Veterans
Intersection of:

Please attach a map of location.

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Funding - *$282,987 Available for FY 2015*
$282,987 (estimated) Available for FY 2016

Please indicate preferred fiscal year of funding in drop-down box to the right
FY 2015 funds must be obligated by September 30, 2018

Project Budget	Federal	Local	Total
Engineering	$24,000.00	$6,000.00	$30,000.00
Right of Way			
Construction			
Utilities			
TOTAL	$24,000.00	$6,000.00	$30,000.00

Fiscal Year: 2015

Please refer to pages 3 -6 in the instructions for eligible project activities and local match requirements

Total TAP Funds Requested
(cannot exceed Federal total): $ 24,000

Utilities

Please note what utility relocations are involved with the project.

There is sanitary sewer that runs along the proposed corridor but it will not have to be relocated. There is also overhead power lines and a water line that intersect with the proposed corridor but it is not anticipated that they will need to be relocated. By completing phase one, we will be able to determine if there is any major utility impact.

Right of Way

Please note what types of right of way acquisition are involved with the project.

Currently the City of Pekin has a sewer easement along the corridor of the extension to Vetarans Drive. This easement would need to be reviewed for to confirm the size of the easement needed for the path extension and converted over to Right of Way. Also the City has already acquired Right of Way for the extension of Barney Drive which could be used as an alternate route for the path extension. However this application is only for engineering to determine the best path and would determine any additional Right of way is needed

Project Evaluation Scoring Criteria

(100 Points Maximum)

Scores will be divided into two sections:

General Scoring Process: All applicants will complete this section in full, up to **60** points total. The project scores in this section are based upon general grant information that is requested of all applications.

General Scores:

Consistency with Envision HOI: Heart of Illinois Long Range Transportation Plan	Max 10 Points
Jurisdiction's Long Range or Comprehensive Plan	Max 10 Points
Co-Sponsorship	Max 10 Points
Documented Public Involvement	Max 10 Points
Documented Community Support	Max 10 Points
Intermodal Connections	Max 10 Points
	Max 60 Points Total

Project Scores:

Infrastructure and Facilities	Max 10 Points
Safety Factors	Max 15 Points
Public Benefits	Max 15 Points
	Max 40 Points Total

General Conditions

(60 Points Maximum)

All projects may receive up to **60** points by answering all questions in this section. For additional information, see page four, under general scoring process.

Envision HOI: Heart of Illinois Long Range Transportation Plan

Max 10 Points

Is the project consistent with the goals and objectives of Envision HOI: Heart of Illinois Long Range Transportation Plan? Please provide a narrative and identify which goals and objectives best relate to this project.

Consistency with Envision HOI	The primary Envision HOI LRTP Goal is to improve and expand pedestrian and bicyclist accommodations. After construction this project will expand the accommodations to pedestrian and bicyclist by expanding the system by over a mile of an off road path extension and to a more logical termination. This will improve the primary objective to provide efficient non-motorized access between major traffic generators. such as Pekin Insurance, Avanti's Sport Complex and the retail corridor of Pekin along Veterans Drive to the majority of its residents. By completing phase one of this project the best alignment and alternative connections can be determined to help minimize the cost for ROW and environmental impacts. This project is listed in the current Envision HOI LRTP.

☒ Project is consistent with the goals and objectives outlined in Envision HOI. 10 points

☐ Project is NOT consistent with the Envision HOI goals and objectives . 0 points

Score: 10

Co-Sponsorship

Max 10 Points

Is more than one municipality or organization involved with the planning and application process? Please identify the municipalities and organizations involved with the planning and application process of the project. Attach as a separate file from each co-sponsor indicating their interest in the project.

Municipality #1 City of Pekin AND Municipality #2 Pekin Park District

Organization #1 Pekin Insurance AND Organization #2 Avanti's Dome

☐ Does not involve any other municipality and no organizations. 0 points

☐ Involves one other municipality or one organization. 5 points

☒ Involves more than one other municipality or organization. 10 points

Score: 10

Jurisdiction's Long Range or Comprehensive Plan

Max 10 Points

Is the project consistent with the goals and objectives of the jurisdiction's long range or comprehensive plan? Please identify the goal and objective from the specified planning document(s) that best relates to the project.

Primary Goal	The City of Pekin's Comprehensive Plan outlines the goals and objectives for the City. One of the five main goals is for a strong foundation which involves improving the existing infrastructure and leverage opportunities for new infrastructure. This project will expand and improve the existing path by allowing the opportunity for federal funding. This trail will also provide for alternative modes of transportation to access additional parts of the City which improves the quality of life for Pekin residents which is also a Comprehensive Plan goal.
Primary Objective	

☒ Project consistent with goals and objectives in the Jurisdiction's Long Range or Comprehensive Plan. 10 points

☐ Project is NOT consistent with the goals and objectives in the Jurisdiction's Long Range or Comprehensive Plan. 0 points

Score: 10

Documented Public Involvement

Max 10 Points

Has a documented public involvement process been completed for the project? Please provide a brief summary of the documented public involvement process that was used for the project and attach as a separate file any public notices related to the public involvement process.

Public Involvement Process	This project is in the beginning stages therefore there has only been one meeting with local stake holders to discuss the possible corridor size, alternate alignments and support. It has also been discussed as part of the proposed bicycle plan at City of Pekin Traffic Safety Committee meetings and recently with a newly formed community bicycle advocacy group.

☐ No documented public involvement. 0 points

☒ Project discussed at an open city, county, or other board meeting. 5 points

☐ Project discussed at an advertised public hearing, community forum, or other public outreach session. 10 points

Score: 5

Community Support

Max 10 Points

Did the project receive letters of support from other entities such as neighboring communities, community organizations, individuals, businesses, etc? Please attach any letter (s) as a separate file received for the project and identify below what entity wrote each letter.

Letter #1	Pekin Insurance
Letter #2	
Letter #3	
Letter #4	
Letter #5	

☐ No letter of support from community organizations, individuals, businesses, etc. 0 points

2 points for each letter of support received for the project, with a maximum of 10 points per project.

☒ Letter #1 ☐ Letter #2 ☐ Letter #3 ☐ Letter #4 ☐ Letter #5

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Connectivity:

Max 10 Points

Does this project achieve, facilitate, or promote the use of alternative modes or the interconnection of different modes of transportation? Does the project provide connections with employment centers, shopping areas, or schools? Please provide narrative and list all types of connections that will be made available from the project.

Connectivity Narrative	By seeking to complete only the phase one of the engineering for this project the best alignment can be sought for this extension. The current trail starts at the Illinois River and extends through town connecting the portions of the downtown to business located along the route, Pekin Park District Mineral Springs Park, Coal Miner Park, the Pekin Community High School, and Pekin Insurance. The phase one engineering will help determine how to best connect to the features on the eastern portion of the City. This would include better connectivity to Pekin Insurance, Avanti's Sports Complex, the proposed Pekin Hospital medical building at the corner of Griffin and Veterans, along with better accessibility to the retail corridor along Court Street which includes many restaurants and stores.

Two points will be awarded for each type of connection made available from this project, with a maximum of 10 points possible. Please check all the boxes below that apply.

☐ Project does not achieve any type of connectivity. 0 points

☒ Connection Type #1 ☒ Connection Type #2 ☐ Connection Type #3

☐ Connection Type #4 ☐ Connection Type #5

Score: 4

General Score Total 41

Project Scoring

(40 Points Maximum)

Infrastructure and Facilities

Max 10 Points

Does this TAP project provide the following bicycle, pedestrian, or transit infrastructure and facilities?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ Project will not include any of the following factors. 0 points
- ☒ Project will connect to an existing bicycle, pedestrian, or transit network. 6 points
- ☐ Project will connect to a future bicycle, pedestrian, or transit network. 3 points
- ☐ Project will include any of the following enhancements or support facilities: trail head parking, rest rooms, lighting, crosswalks, bicycle racks, bike lockers, signs, trees, flowers, transit shelter, etc. 1 point

Score: 6

Safety Factors

Max 15 Points

Does this TAP project improve safety conditions in the regional transportation system?

Select all that apply.

- ☐ The project does not address any of the following factors. 0 points
- ☒ Project is a separate path not adjacent to a roadway; ie. multi-use bike path, rails-to-trails, etc. 5 points
- ☒ Project provides connections to locations that were previously inaccessible by bicycle, foot, or transit examples include; neighborhoods, schools, shopping, employment, municipal facilities, park and ride lot, etc. 5 points
- ☐ Project identifies and corrects a public safety problem/situation at a specific location. 5 points

Score: 10

Public Benefits

Max 15 Points

Usage

How many users will there be? For example, the number of bicyclists or pedestrians on a trail, residents/visitors walking through the community, and so on. The PPUATS Scoring Committee will assign a score of 1 thru 10 based on the projected usage of the facility.

Currently the existing path is used frequently by pedestrians and bicyclist. Since the trail currently terminates at Allentown Road this portion of the trail is used primarily for recreation as there is only Pekin Insurance and limited residential housing near this portion of the trail. There are bicyclist that utilize the trail to get to Allentown Road which they use to get to Morton, Tremont or other towns as it has lower traffic counts. Attached is a heat map indicating the usage of the existing trail.

Public Value

What will the project bring into the community or general area and the value of it? For example, tourists spending money, improving the quality of life, etc. The PPUATS Scoring Committee will assign a score of 1 thru 5 based on the projected public value of the facility.

By extending the trail to Veterans Drive and/or Griffin Drive will allow for nonmotorist to be able travel from the western boundary of the City at the Illinois River to the Eastern Boundary of the City with Veterans Drive efficiently and effectively. This will also allow the path to connect to the Avanti's Sport Dome that has athletic facilities, parking and possible location for enhancements such as bike rental. This also provides for better connectivity for to the retail corridor of Pekin with restaurants and shopping. It will also provide better accessibility to bus tops locations as they are located along Court Street. Overall the extension will provide better connectivity for non motorist as the current path ends at Allentown Road no trail head, parking or desired detestation.

Score:

Total TAP Project Score: 16

Project Scoring

Project Number

General Score Total 41

Project Score Total 16

Total Score 57

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OR

Print Form

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