

FISCAL YEAR 2006 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM



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INTRODUCTION

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was established to promote intergovernmental cooperation, regional planning, and a vision for the future. The Commission exists to serve the residents of Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties by offering a forum for leaders of local government, and to develop a vision for the future by defining regional issues, setting goals, and cooperatively implementing plans. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is the “Steward of the Regional Vision.”

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission provides regional planning services to the Tri-County Region which includes Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. These services include regional projects such as metropolitan transportation planning services provided in cooperation with the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS), and projects which promote responsible land use management and protection of the environmental assets.

FY 2005 Highlights

Major activities in the 2005 OWP Program related to Metropolitan Transportation Planning included:

- Continued support for the Peoria-To-Chicago Freeway
- Provided land use planning assistance on the design study for the City of Pekin’s Veterans Drive Extension
- Commenced the second year of a contract to perform traffic counting activities in District #4
- Completed traffic counting activities as requested by PPUATS members
- Completed the FY 2005-2007 Transportation Improvement Program
- Updated MPO Public Involvement Policy
- Updated the Environmental Justice Policy
- Updated website, including MPO section
- Continued to hold meetings for the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS)
- Provided information on Phase II Storm Water Regulations Permit Requirements
- Hosted Geographic Information System Day event
- Continued providing assistance for Illinois Tomorrow grant for Peoria County-Recreational Trails Connectivity Study
- Initiated assistance for Illinois Tomorrow grant for City of Washington Business 24 Corridor Plan
- Assisted CityLink with submitting Illinois Tomorrow grant for Regional Transit District Study

Other planning activities included:

- Continued promotion of a Erosion and Storm Water Control measures
- Continued to promote greenway and trails planning for the urbanized and unurbanized areas
- Assisted Fon du Lac Park District with C2000 grant for Spring Creek Forest Restoration and Student-Based Monitoring program
- Contracted with IDNR to develop a legacy plan that inventories natural, agricultural, and cultural resources, identifies threats to these resources, and identifies resource protection strategies to be adopted by local governments in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties.
- Assisted Peoria Park District with USDA grant to restore 250 acres of forested Illinois River Bluff and provide educational materials on the project.
- Performed staffing services for the Peoria GIS Consortium
- Coordinated Cadastral project and website for Peoria GIS Consortium
- Continued quality control and GPS utility data conversion for East Peoria
- Assisted City of Peoria with mapping in Growth Cell Three
- Continued to provide technical assistance on the Greater Peoria Sanitary District data conversion
- Assisted Tazewell and Woodford Counties submit IDOT grants for Geographic Information Systems
- Provided planning and zoning assistance to Tazewell and Woodford Counties
- Continued participation in the Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance, a cooperative effort by various agencies working on restoring the Illinois River
- Completed inventory of environmentally significant sites with a grant from the Illinois Clean Community Energy Foundation
- Began to develop a Regional Ravine Overlay District Ordinance
- Began a comprehensive planning process for the Village of El Paso
- Completed a comprehensive plan update for the City of East Peoria

Completed a C2000 grant to develop curriculum for educators on the WaterMarks CD ROM
Completed a C2000 grant to completed a streambank stabilization survey of Kickapoo Creek
Continued a C2000 grant for Peoria County- Environmental Corridor Inventory
Assisted City of Peoria with Water Company Buyout Investigation
Advised Peoria Civic Federation on regional issues
Staffed the Illinois River Valley Council of Governments and Stormwater and Legislative Subcommittees

THE 2006 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

The Fiscal Year 2006 Overall Work Program (OWP) provides the framework for developing the vision and for implementing regional goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The OWP is divided into twelve categories:

1. Overall Management and Operations
2. Regional Planning Services
3. Local Planning Services Projects

Unified Planning Work Program

4. Metropolitan Transportation Planning for PPUATS

Additional Contracts and Special Projects

5. Traffic Counting IDOT-District #4
6. Peoria GIS Consortium Staffing
7. Community GIS Support
8. Tazewell County Tri-County Supply Chain Logistics and Transportation Indicator Study
9. IRVCOG/CityLink Technical Studies Grant-Regional Transit District Study
10. City of Peoria Gateway Streetscape Land Use Plan
11. Limestone Township Storm Sewer Inventory

100-Management and Administration

SUBCATEGORY 101 - Fiscal Services

Sources: All funds

The Fiscal Services subcategory provides concise, accurate, and effective financial data to the Commission, PPUATS Committees, and the grantees on a continuing basis. Activities include the review, updating, and administration of the cost allocation plan, and the Regional Planning Commission budget. The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission administers federal assistance programs as well as locally funded programs. Costs incurred among these programs benefit more than one program. These costs must be allocated among these programs through the cost allocation plan.

The funding of this subcategory is intended to ensure that the federal regulations are followed. This includes maintaining the accounting records that substantiate the propriety of charges.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Maintain the cost allocation plan that defines the nature and extent of services provided and their relevance to the federally sponsored programs.

To ensure that the plan uses a reasonable basis for allocating costs so each program pays its fair share.

To maintain financial records regarding planning programs both in hard copy and on the computer.

To prepare monthly financial reports, payroll, invoices and other related reports.

To prepare checks, documents and related material.

It is expected that the development and completion of these activities is done in conjunction with the Executive Director and the Planning Staff.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Review and maintenance of the cost allocation plan
- Preparation of annual and work program budgets
- Preparation of invoices and requisitions
- Preparation of payroll
- Data Entry/Processing
- Review invoices and bills and recommend authorization of payment
- Maintain financial data
- Complete banking transactions and record keeping
- Arrange for financial compliance audit
- Approve cost allocation plan
- Approve budget and overall work program
- Timely payment of invoices, requisitions and payroll
- Monthly financial reports to the Commission and PPUATS
- Financial and compliance audit. (Audit starts, July, 2005), (Audit complete, December 2005).

SUBCATEGORY 102 -Management/Administration/Communications

Sources: All funds

This section of the work program represents the daily management and operations of the Commission in regard to providing regional planning services through the Commission and the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS.)

The role of the Executive Director includes the development and maintenance of the personnel program and affirmative action plan and ensuring that the policies of the Commission and PPUATS are fulfilled in a timely and effective manner. This subcategory is also to ensure that the Commission and PPUATS implement those planning activities represented in this Work Program consistent with state and federal program requirements.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The development and execution of the Overall Work Program shall reflect the input of the Policy Leaders, community planners and citizens of the three county region. The objective of the Executive Director is to work cooperatively to ensure that all aspects of the work program are addressed throughout the fiscal year and to ensure that the studies, plans and programs initiated and completed during the fiscal year meet the needs of the community policy leaders and the residents of the Tri-County Region. In addition, the Executive Director will provide ongoing reports regarding progress

over the past month, and anticipated activities in the coming month.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Schedule, attend, and administratively support Commission meetings.
- Participate in local, state and federal meetings, seminars and training programs.
- Build and monitor planning team.
- Develop FY 2007 Overall Work Program.
- Administer the Personnel, Affirmative Action, EEO Programs, and other agency policies.
- File grant applications for financial assistance
- Submit completion and quarterly/monthly progress reports.
- Facilitate intergovernmental cooperation.
- Provide and maintain advisory committees
- Prepare and distribute informational material regarding Commission/Staff activities.
- Prepare and deliver presentations on Commission activities.
- Computer and other equipment maintenance.
- Minutes, reports, plans and other documents relative to Commission action.
- Overall Work Program.
- Accounting system.
- Completion and progress reports.
- Activity/status reports.
- Various speeches, presentations.
- Seminars, workshops, symposiums.

200-Regional Planning Services

Sources: Local Funds

SUBCATEGORY 201 - Regional Organization Cooperation

Mission: To provide support and technical assistance to local communities, committees, and organizations.

The Commission and its staff cooperate with the Heartland Water Resources Council, The Nature Conservancy, Tri-County Riverfront Action Forum, Illinois River Country Cooperative Riverfront Development, the Heartland Mayors Association, the Heartland Partnership and Peoria Area Chamber/Economic Development Council, Heart of Illinois Port District, Illinois River Bluffs Ecosystem Partnership, the Conservation Congress, Tri-County Green Matters, Illinois River Coordinating Council, Peoria Civic Federation, Peoria Lakes Basin Alliance, Illinois Association of Regional Councils, Mackinaw River Ecosystem Partnership, Recreational Trails Advocacy, Natural Resources and Your Development, Illinois River Valley Council of Governments, Peoria Riverfront Association, East Peoria Riverfront Committee, and the Tri-County Groundwater Protection Committee. Each of these groups addressed specific regional issues. The Regional Planning Commission's involvement in these groups has provided input into the Commission as well as providing an exchange of ideas and technical skills between the organizations.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide "as needed" participation in organization meetings and programs and provide progress reports and updates to the Regional Planning Commission. Share expertise and assistance in areas where the Commission and the organizations share goals.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Continued and ongoing reports on organizational activity.
- Coordination of goals and objectives with the Regional Planning Commission's Goals and Objectives.
- Planning and mapping assistance for various regional activities that fit into the mission of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission is trying to accomplish.

SUBCATEGORY 202 -Transportation Planning Outside the Urbanized Area

Sources: Local Funds

The efforts of TCRPC are aimed at securing funding for the completion of the planning and construction of the Peoria/Chicago Freeway and improve the transportation network outside the urbanized area.

The Commission will continue to support the findings of the two Transportation Symposiums "Charting the Course and "Picking Up Speed," by advocating construction of the Peoria-to-Chicago Freeway and the Eastern Bypass with river crossing.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

During the corridor analysis, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission staff will provide support for the Tri County Regional Planning Commission, PPUATS and other interested parties by monitoring progress on the planning process.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Maintain on-going communication with state and federal legislators with respect to the study progress and future needs.
- Provide progress reports to the full Commission on a monthly basis including anticipated activities in the forthcoming month.
- Reports regarding progress.
- Maintaining cooperative efforts of community and business leaders throughout the Tri-County region.
- Maintain and develop cooperative relationships with community leaders within the central Illinois Region.
- Continued progress toward construction of the Peoria-to-Chicago Freeway and Eastern Bypass with river crossing
- Maintenance of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission website.

SUBCATEGORY 203-Soil Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Control Program

Sources: Local Funds

Mission: To coordinate, assist, and report on activities undertaken by the three counties and other local governing agencies regarding Erosion, Sediment, and Storm Water Control in an efficient and effective manner.

Erosion and sedimentation is one of the most critical environmental issues facing the Tri-County Region and the entire State of Illinois. The Commission assists the Illinois River Council of Governments Storm Water Committee in an effort to create a regional approach to this issue. Through their efforts, the Commission will continue to pursue creation and adoption of a Stream Buffer Ordinance, Ravine Overlay District, and a Unified Storm Water Ordinance.

The Stream Buffer Ordinance will require all development to designate a required buffer along both sides of the stream and to be a minimum of 30 feet and a maximum of 50 feet wide, depending on the watershed in which it drains into. The buffers are not required to be deeded to the City, and can become a conservation buffer easement if it stays in private hands, thereby, enabling the landowner to receive a tax write off. This ordinance will only apply to new development, and will not enable the landowner to repair existing erosion problems. The buffers can be used for flood control structures, utility rights-of-way, bike and hiking paths, road crossings, stormwater management facilities, recreational and park uses, selective tree and vegetation clearing, or sanitary sewers.

The Ravine Overlay District will be separated into districts to protect existing steep slopes from erosion, public and private property investments, and public safety. It will minimize maintenance and costs associated with improper stormwater drainage on steep slopes, and promote development/ building techniques to minimize damage of urbanization on the forested bluffs, soils and water quality in the Illinois River watershed.

The Unified Stormwater Ordinance meets NPDES Phase II ordinance requirements for construction and post-construction runoff control. Its purpose is to have fair and consistent standards, protect natural resources and water quality, reduce impacts of runoff, erosion, sedimentation, and flooding, prevent discharges of contaminated stormwater and illicit discharges, and compliance with existing state and federal regulations.

The Erosion, Sediment, and Storm Water Control effort helps reduce the following critical environmental problems:

- The high rates of soil loss occurring from commercial, industrial, and residential development.
- The washing, blowing, and falling of eroded soil across and upon roadways which endangers the health and safety of users and increases the cost of maintenance.
- The need for repair of gullies, wash-outs, embankments, drainage structures, and stream banks.
- The pollution of streams, ponds, lakes, and rivers, which creates far reaching biological impacts to aquatic life and species dependent upon aquatic life.

- The limitation of water and waterway beneficial uses, including water supply, navigation, recreation, fishery resources, drainage, and flood control.
- The increase in peak storm water runoff rates that if not controlled, can lead to increased stream bed and stream bank erosion and flooding in receiving streams.
- The costly repair or preventative measures needed to protect private and public structures and facilities from erosion and stream bank instability caused by altered stream flow rates that create unsafe conditions and adverse environmental impacts.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Lead efforts to encourage all units of local government to adopt a Unified Storm Water, Stream Buffer, and Ravine Overlay District ordinance
- Develop a program or process for assisting local governments with implementation and enforcement
- Pursue additional grant assistance
- Identify all related erosion and storm water control efforts in the region to ensure that minimal overlap exists and that coordination of efforts among “key” players is pursued whenever possible

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Promote uniformity in the implementation of the Unified Storm Water, Stream Buffer, and Ravine Overlay District ordinances between all participating agencies
- Serve as a communication forum for enforcing agencies
- Address technical issues and amendments to the ordinances as they arise.
- Use the strategies called for in the Education & Public Awareness Program (Speakers Bureau, media campaign) to *actively* pursue adoption of the ordinances
- Develop a program to make the Unified Storm Water, Stream Buffer, and Ravine Overlay District ordinances more appealing to local units of government considering their ~~its~~ adoption

SUBCATEGORY 204-Regional Greenways Planning

Sources: Local Funds

Mission: To guide implementation of the Peoria Metro Area Greenways and Trails Plan, the Unurbanized Peoria/Tazewell County Greenways and Trails Plan, the Unurbanized Woodford/McLean Plan, and the Peoria County Recreational Trail System Connection Study and to promote efforts to create, enhance and extend the existing greenways system for recreational usage, habitat protection in the Tri-County area.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The objectives of greenways planning are to implement preservation strategies for natural areas, expand recreational opportunities, direct connectivity between natural areas, cultural and historic sites, neighborhoods and communities, and increase understanding regarding the importance and value of greenways.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Regional Greenways Task Force meetings.
The Task Force is a formal subcommittee of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Bylaws have been developed and the committee will be staffed by TCRPC. The mission of the Task Force is to promote the Regional Greenways planning efforts and seek implementation.
- Recommend projects on an annual basis.
The Task Force will recommend projects from the greenways plan on an annual basis. The Task Force will work with state and federal officials to develop an annual priority list. This list will be supported collectively, thus enhancing the likelihood of receiving funding.
- Update the plans on a regular schedule, funding permitting.
It is recognized that Projects identified in the Greenways and Trails Plans will change or become unfeasible and new projects will arise. We propose to have a process in place to provide updates on a regular schedule (i.e., every 3- 5 years).
- Provide a forum to discuss related issues as they affect our region.
The Greenways Task Force is not only a forum to discuss new projects but rather an opportunity for members to discuss all topics related to greenways and trails.

SUBCATEGORY 205-Spring Creek Forest Restoration and Student-Based Monitoring

Sources: Fon du Lac Park District, IDNR C2000

The Commission was awarded a subcontract from the Fon du Lac Park District through their funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to improve two hundred acres of forested bluff owned by Fon du Lac Park District.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Two hundred acres of forested bluff will undergo ecological restoration to improve ground cover and prevent erosion of sediment into Spring Creek. Students from local high schools and colleges will geologically and biologically monitor the study area and all data will be digitized via GIS.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Formation of Spring Creek Restoration and Bio Monitoring Committee to provide forest management recommendations to Fon du Lac Park District
- Initial GIS mapping, digital photography and GIS mapping of site.
- Support student based monitoring
- Compile data from digital photography and student based monitoring to be published on Fon du Lac Park District website
- Create webpage of Spring Creek Restoration project

SUBCATEGORY 206-Local Legacy Plan

Sources: IDNR

The Commission was awarded a funding from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop a Pilot Legacy Plan for the Peoria Tri-County Region.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The pilot plan is to utilize the concept of the Local Legacy Act (P.A. 93-0328) providing technical assistance and funding to encourage partnerships between counties and municipalities to develop a plan, without creating the formal boards and committees called for in the act, and to develop a partnership between the Commission, county and local governments and state agencies, namely the Department of Agriculture, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, and the IDNR.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Develop a resource inventory
- Work with State and Local decision makers
- Develop and organize a compendium of plans
- Analyze the consistency and impacts of plans
- Develop and maintain a Local Legacy Web Site

SUBCATEGORY 207-USDA FOREST SERVICE

Sources: USDA

The Commission was awarded a funding from the United State Department of Agriculture to conduct forest management on 250 acres of Peoria Park District property and provide educational materials and workshops at the forest management demonstration site.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Peoria Park District will restore 250 acres of Illinois River Bluff forest to enhance ecosystem functionality on a publicly owned site to mitigate contamination of Illinois waterways and enhance populations of rare native species. A forest management demonstration site and two public workshops will be developed.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Expand existing restoration activities to an additional 250 acres in the Singing Woods Nature Preserve
- Enhance populations of rare native plant and animal species and their associated habitats
- Expand biotic monitoring to the restoration site to gauge success in species colonization
- Create an educational center of the demonstration site by supplying informational kiosks and erosion models that exhibit the methods used to mitigate erosion on each plot and the current status of erosion

- prevented by applying best management practices
- Bradley University has committed three research students for two year to analyze ecosystem function of each plot through a flora species composition and erosion loss analysis.
- Fund two forest management workshops for public officials, municipal staff, and land owners to be held at the demonstration site.

SUBCATEGORY 208-OAKBROOK SUBDIVISION FOREST MANAGEMENT

Sources: IEPA

The Commission was awarded funding from the Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties Soil Water Conservation Districts to administer a grant from the EPA's *Protecting Water Quality in Urban Centers of Illinois Grant Program*. This grant will apply forest management in an urbanized area and implement a direct recommendation of the *Oakbrook Subdivision Ravine Restoration Concept Plan* completed in November of 2004 by the Natural Resources and Your Development Taskforce.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Residents, municipal officials, and SWCD staff will learn the basics of maintaining a healthy forested ecosystem for the purposes of protecting and enhancing the quality of surface water runoff in the urbanized river bluffs of Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. Approximately 50 individuals are expected to visit a BMP demonstration site in a residential community located within the Illinois River Bluffs where participants will engage in hands-on forest management activities. By collaborating with the NRYDT and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC), the SWCDs will create an informational pamphlet to educate homeowners on forest management and other BMPs including rain gardens, rain barrels, vegetated swales and buffers, etc.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Applying forest management in Oakbrook Subdivision; creating a demonstration site
Method: The Oakbrook Subdivision Homeowners Association will contract with an ecological consultant to perform forest management within a 35-acre wooded area. The residents will participate in forest management activities as directed by the consultant.
Time frame: Early fall of 2005 – spring 2006
- Conduct kick-off event to publicize the Oakbrook project and educate stakeholders on forest management procedures.
Method: TCRPC will partner with the ecological consultant, NRYDT, and Peoria Park District to conduct a hands-on forest management workshop for the residents of Oakbrook, other landowners within the Illinois River Bluffs, and municipal officials. Attendees will participate in the removal of invasive tree species and witness a demonstration on creating check dams from large woody debris. The event will be publicized through local media and personal invitations.
Time frame: Early fall 2005
- Creation and distribution of *Stormwater Management BMPs in the Forested Bluffs* pamphlet
Method: With the input of the NRYDT, Peoria Park District, and the SWCD's, TCRPC will create an educational pamphlet outlining appropriate BMPs for urbanized areas in the Illinois River Bluffs. One-thousand color copies will be printed and distributed at the kick-off event and given to all project partners. All partners work frequently with the general public and will have ample opportunity to distribute the materials to interested individuals.
Time frame: complete brochure by the end of summer 2005; distribute as supplies last

SUBCATEGORY 209-SPRINGDALE CREEK RESTORATION

Sources: USEPA (pending)

The Commission has applied for funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to address Non-Point Source (NPS) pollution from sedimentation problems on the Middle Illinois River by proposing restoration and preservation measures along two tributaries that drain into the river. The proposal addresses the Springdale Creek (also known as Turkey Creek) which directly drains into the Peoria Lake in the Illinois River, and Fargo Run which drains into Kickapoo Creek and eventually into the Illinois River System.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Commission proposes to administer this grant which will include a comprehensive planning approach that focuses on restoration (stream stabilization, ecological improvement), protection (acquisition, development management), and prevention (field strategies for pollution reduction), as well as a public education component.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Install improved structures that will more efficiently and urgently handle sediment load as corrective and preventative practices for the stream
- Identify and document options available for stream stabilization to allow similar techniques to be used by stream segments experiencing similar conditions
- Promote the educational program along with corrective measures

300-Local Planning and Zoning Services

The local planning program will provide planning and zoning services for specific planning needs. The Planning Staff will work directly with elected and appointed officials of the local government agencies sponsoring the services. The major objective of this category is to provide planning services to local governing agencies as a

means of augmenting existing programs or provide planning services where none currently exist.

SUBCATEGORY 301-Tazewell County Planning

Source: Tazewell County

The Regional Planning staff will assist the county in formulating recommendations to update and amend the official county zoning map and create individual zoning classification maps for all 19 townships.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Update zoning maps to reflect changes in zoning classifications
- Document all changes and report changes to Zoning Administrator
- Attend public hearings as necessary
- Provide recommendations to update the Zoning Code and Land Use Plan as necessary or at the request of the Zoning Administrator or County Board
- Assist with the development of land use pattern analysis, aerial photo analysis, USGS analysis, demographic analysis, zoning clarification analysis, and some field analysis
- Assist in the development of geographic data and mapping (GIS)

SUBCATEGORY 302-Tazewell County Planning and Zoning Review

Sources: Tazewell County

This portion of the program will provide direct assistance to the County Zoning Administrator, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and the County Board in their decision making process.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide planning services to the county and individual local governing agencies to augment existing programs or provide planning services where none currently exist.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Review and report on re-zoning and special use requests. The review will be with respect to ensuring compliance with the Tazewell County Zoning Code, the Subdivision Ordinance, and the Tazewell County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as long range goals and objectives for the county and affected municipalities. This is scheduled on a monthly basis to coincide with Zoning Board Hearings and Land Use Committee meetings. Commission staff will field inspect, draft a report, and submit it for ZBA consideration. Commission staff will be available to the ZBA for questions and comments.
- Review and comment on subdivision proposals within the county. This will be scheduled on an as needed basis and will include a site visit and a report to the Zoning Administrator.

SUBCATEGORY 303-Woodford County Planning and Zoning Review

Source: Woodford County, Local

BACKGROUND

This portion of the program will provide direct assistance to the County Zoning Administrator, Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and the County Board in their decision making process.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide planning services to the county and individual local governing agencies to augment existing programs or provide planning services where none currently exist.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Review and report on re-zoning and special use requests. The review will be with respect to insuring compliance with the Woodford County Zoning Code, the Subdivision Ordinance, and the Woodford County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as long range goals and objectives for the county and affected municipalities. This is scheduled on a monthly basis to coincide with Zoning Board Hearings.

Commission staff will field inspect, draft a report, and submit it for ZBA consideration. Commission staff will be available to the ZBA for questions and comments.

- Review and comment on subdivision proposals with the county. This will be scheduled on an as needed basis and will include a site visit and a report to the zoning Administrator.

SUBCATEGORY 304-Woodford County Plan and Ordinance Update

Source: Woodford County

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has created the Woodford County Comprehensive Land Use Plan to guide the Woodford County Regional Planning Committee and the Woodford County Board in decisions regarding change in land use. TCRPC, in the past year, has continued the process of bringing the county zoning and subdivision ordinances up-to-date, which reflect the needs of Woodford County.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Research current zoning and subdivision ordinance.
- Make recommendations for changes in current ordinances.
- Comprehensive revision of the zoning ordinance and accompanying updated subdivision ordinance.
- Assist in updating Comprehensive Plan to coincide with new zoning ordinance
- Assist in the development of a wind farm ordinance

SUBCATEGORY 305-City of Pekin Zoning Assistance

Source: City of Pekin

This portion of the program will provide direct assistance to the City Zoning Administrator and City Planning Commission in their decision making process.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Provide planning services to the City of Pekin to augment existing programs or provide planning services where none currently exist.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Review and report on re-zoning and special use requests. The review will be with respect to insuring compliance with the City of Pekin Zoning Code, the Subdivision Ordinance, and the City of Pekin Comprehensive Land Use Plan, as well as long range goals and objectives for the City. This is scheduled on a monthly basis to coincide with Zoning Board Hearings. Commission staff will field inspect, draft a report, and submit it for Planning Commission consideration. Commission staff will be available to the Planning Commission for questions and comments.
- Review and comment on subdivision proposals within the City. This will be scheduled on an as needed basis and will include a site visit and a report to the zoning Administrator.

SUBCATEGORY 306-Comprehensive Planning Activities for Communities in the Tri-County Area

Source: Local

The Regional Planning Commission on various occasions has been contracted to provide planning services above and beyond our normal scope of projects. We view these services as an opportunity to provide service to agencies which do not have professional planning staff and agencies who do not have the technological capabilities of TCRPC.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Provide planning services to the county and individual local governing agencies to augment existing programs.
- Support development of Geographic Information Systems through education, technical assistance, and identification of State & Federal grant opportunities.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Promote planning services to units of government in the Tri-County area
- Prepare proposals and contracts for service upon request
- Conduct work as agreed in service contracts
- Various planning services provided to agencies

SUBCATEGORY 307-Village of El Paso Comprehensive Plan

Source: Village of El Paso

The Regional Planning Commission has been contracted to produce a comprehensive plan for the Village of El Paso.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Attend monthly meetings in the Village of El Paso
- Facilitate public involvement in the planning process
- Provide a comprehensive plan for the Village of El Paso

Fiscal Year 2006
Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study Planning Program
Unified Planning Work Program

Category 400

CATEGORY 400: PPUATS Planning Program

INTRODUCTION

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria/Pekin urbanized area, the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) provides technical and policy level decision making leadership for transportation planning and programming within the urbanized area and the 20-year growth area. The PPUATS organization is comprised of two committees. The Technical Committee provides for input and expertise, primarily from road engineers in the region. The Policy Committee is responsible for acting on Technical Committee recommendations and officially adopts the Long Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program, as well as other measures.

This policy documents the activities of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) in its role as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), as defined under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). TCRPC provides the staff support to PPUATS and is the forum for public input to the planning process. The following subcategories have been identified as areas of activity to be undertaken by the Commission staff for fiscal year 2006.

For fiscal year 2006, some of the transportation planning priorities for the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area includes:

- Congestion Mitigation; Interstate-74. The \$460 million reconstruction of I-74 began in the spring of 2003. Construction will continue through 2004, 2005, and is scheduled for completion winter of 2006. I-74 was built over 40 years ago and was never constructed to be an interstate. The pavement and bridges are worn down and most of the on and off ramps pose a safety threat to motorists. Many of the segments of I-74 exceed the statewide average accident rate, and some segments are more than double the statewide average accident rate. During construction, there will be some of the worst congestion the area has ever seen. Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and public transportation is to be used to improve traffic efficiency. Planning for movement of emergency vehicles must be done as well.
- Implementation of the FY 2005-2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan. The FY 2005-2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan was adopted on January 19th, 2005 and has been submitted to FHWA for approval.
- Development of the FY 2006-2008 Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Program details the transportation planning activities to be conducted through Tri-County Regional Planning Commission during each fiscal year. This work is carried out with the cooperation from our local city and county engineers and planners, the transit operators, representatives from the Illinois Department of Transportation, and staff of the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The work program focuses on the three main transportation responsibilities of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission: 1) the coordination of overall transportation planning and operations activities; 2) maintaining a long-range transportation plan; and 3) the programming of transportation projects to address the needs identified in that plan and associated studies.
- Regional Modeling: Travel Demand Forecasting. Development of a powerful, accessible, and useful GIS based transportation model to use as an effective tool in the region's long-range transportation planning efforts. This will make use of travel survey results, and employ state of the art modeling techniques; the model development program will enable PPUATS to better represent and analyze existing and future travel trends, as well as enhance the policy evaluation capabilities of the model.
- Tri-County Supply Chain Logistics and Transportation Indicator Study. An Illinois Tomorrow Grant was awarded to complete a study that will provide recommendations to the newly established Heart of Illinois Port District in the following three areas: supply chain management, land use impacts, and capacity of the existing transportation modes. Signed into law this past year, The Heart of Illinois Regional Port District is comprised of six-counties: Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Marshall, Fulton, and Mason. The central Illinois area is in need of a comprehensive, long-range strategic plan to align the Port's business and financial goals. The goal is to identify a balanced strategy through which to promote utilization of our area's existing infrastructure for freight. This study will address issues such as how much growth our region's highways, interstates, waterways, and rail lines can support, and which sites are ideal in accommodating the growth of various manufacturing and port industries.
- CityLink Regional Transit Study. A 5313 Grant was made available from the State Planning & Research Program (Division of Public Transportation) to explore the possibility of establishing a Regional Transit Authority for the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area. Currently, there are three separate transit services that operate within the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area: CityLink, the City of East Peoria, and the City of Pekin. All three operate in a different form of governance. Because of this, there is no consistency in operations, hours of service, and fares. This leads to a complex service that does not operate efficiently or effectively, and does not offer a viable regional option to most people needing the service. To solve this predicament, a

Regional Transit Authority establishment will be studied to expand service out of Peoria and into the surrounding communities: Bartonville, East Peoria, Washington, Morton, and Pekin. However, before any change can take place, the cost of expanded services, the source of revenues, and a clear description of the characteristics of the expansion will be undertaken.

- Washington Street Corridor Plan. The primary purpose of this plan is to address problems and opportunities for Washington Street to minimize negative visual impacts, coordinate and improve the appearance of streetscape elements and to promote the revitalization of the corridor to make it a more attractive place for people and businesses. The plan will also analyze the Downtown area traffic system to meet the recommended future improvements revealed by other studies and create a transportation plan that identifies opportunities and constraints of the existing vehicular and pedestrian access, boulevards, roadway widths, bicycle facilities and existing transit routes. The plan consists of two parts: Part I contains Washington Street Corridor Plan and Part II includes the Downtown Transportation Plan.
- Court Street Study. In 1985, at the request of the City of Pekin, the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Safety Committee (PPUATS) commissioned a study of the Illinois Route 9 (Court Street) corridor through Pekin from 14th Street to the City's easterly limit (Mall Road). The study was requested by the City of Pekin to establish existing and 20-year traffic counts and trends for Court Street and to provide preliminary intersection design studies that would aid in development of future technical studies for improvements. Present development trends in the City of Pekin caused additional changes in traffic at certain locations along Court Street and required improvements to accommodate the increased traffic. Recommendations in that report were based on both known proposed developments and projected future developments. They were also based on past and present traffic counts, traffic patterns, accident analyses and a travel time study. Many of the recommendations of the 1985 Report have been implement. However, due to additional development along this corridor (Downtown east to Veteran's Drive) this section of Illinois Route 9 needed to be evaluated on a short as well as long term basis. In the short term, the roadway needs to be improved (width, structurally, drainage, traffic signal coordination, etc.). In the long term, the roadway needs to be evaluated regarding its life expectancy as a state highway. With the development of the Veteran's Drive Corridor, there is now an alternate route for some of the passenger vehicles and the majority of the multiple unit trucks.
- Greater Peoria Airport Regional Signage Plan. The purpose of this project is to make the Greater Peoria Regional Airport easily and more accessible through the local, regional, and national transportation networks, to ensure that the region receives the most benefits from the Heart of Illinois Highway, and to minimize any negative impacts to a great extent as possible.
- Paratransit coordination: With the decline in rural paratransit services, it's important to maintain and improve service as well as to try to create a seamless public transportation environment for the rural areas.
- Alternative Transportation: Bicycling and walking are healthy, environmentally sound forms of transportation. Planning safe, desirable pathways for those who travel in such a manner is vital to the region.
- Regional Transportation Consensus: Staff facilitation of a regional transportation prioritization would provide wide input into what types of transportation activities are most important to the region. The Peoria Area Chambers of Commerce have already formulated regional road priorities.

SUBCATEGORY 401 - Comprehensive, Continuing, and Coordinated Planning Process

Sources: PL: Federal Highway Administration planning funds allocated to MPOs for transportation planning.
Section 5303: Federal Transit Administration planning funds allocated to MPOs for transportation planning.

The Comprehensive, Continuing and Coordinated (3-C) Planning Process has been established to develop and maintain an effective planning process within the Peoria/Pekin urbanized area and the regional 20-year growth area.

The 3-C process engages a wide range of public sector policy makers. The private sector also plays a role, primarily through the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committees in Morton, East Peoria, Washington, Pekin and Peoria.

During fiscal year 2006, the planning staff, appointed committee members, municipal planners, and the general public will have the opportunity to discuss, prioritize and recommend policies and actions to local elected officials.

OBJECTIVES

Manage and support a planning process that incorporates an appropriate level of involvement and understanding by local governmental agencies, special interests, and the general citizenry in the activities and policies associated with the continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated (3-C) local transportation planning process.

- Preservation and more efficient use of existing transportation facilities.

- Proliferation of an effective planning, geographic information systems (GIS) and administrative staff.
- Compliance with applicable Federal, State, and local energy conservation programs, goals, and objectives.
- Prevention and mitigation of future congestion.
- Coordination of transportation policy decisions with land use and development policies and the compliance with the provisions of all applicable short-and long-term land use and development plans.
- Consideration of privately funded transportation projects to be undertaken within the metropolitan area.
- Protection and enhancement of access to employment centers, ports, airports, intermodal transportation facilities, major freight distribution routes, parks and recreation areas, monuments and historic sites and military installations.
- Protection and enhancement of transportation access by elderly, youth, low-income, minority, physically disabled, mentally disabled and other transportation-disadvantaged persons.
- Assessment of the need for connectivity of roads within the metropolitan area with roads outside the metropolitan area.
- Identification of rights-of way for future transportation projects.
- Identification of projects and policies to enhance the efficient movement of freight.
- Improvement of alternative transportation options such as walking and bicycling.
- Forecasting future development.
- Monitoring of the overall social, economic, energy, and environmental effects of transportation decisions.
- Expansion, enhancement and increased usage of transit services, including paratransit.
- Coordination of GIS activities among PPUATS members, including data collection and transportation application development.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- PPUATS Policy Committee meetings, monthly.
- PPUATS Technical Committee meetings, monthly.
- TCRPC Staff Meetings, weekly.
- Other meetings including coordination with other MPO and Regional organizations.
- Reports and policy recommendations regarding the output of committee and public discussions regarding factors to be considered in developing transportation plans and programs.
- Maintain minutes and related correspondence with respect to committee and public input.
- Direct adopted policy and guidance to other areas of the work program as pertinent.
- Establish any necessary agreements, contracts, and grants to accomplish the "3C" objectives.
- Draft the FY 2007 UWP.
- Create Special Informational reports as requested.
- Help in providing administration of IL Tomorrow Grant Award to Peoria County for the Peoria County Recreational Trail System Connection Study.
- Assist the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District with the CityLink Regional Transit Study.
- Compliance with federal regulations.
- Public meetings and hearings on transportation issues.
- Bicycle trail planning.
- MPO public involvement activities.
- MPO environmental justice activities
- MPO website maintenance.
- MPO administrative activities.
- Various planning conferences and training.
- Work with IDOT and transit providers to mitigate traffic congestion during the I-74 reconstruction.
- Various GIS deliverables including maps, applications, training and technical support
- Following the seven Tea-21 Planning Factors, which state that the metropolitan area planning process shall provide for consideration of projects and strategies that will—
 1. Support the economic viability of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity, and efficiency;
 2. Increase the safety and security of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users;
 3. Increase the accessibility and mobility options available to people and for freight;
 4. Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation and improve quality of life;
 5. Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
 6. Promote efficient system management and operation; and

7. Emphasize the preservation of the existing transportation system.

SUBCATEGORY 402 -Database Development & Management

Sources: PL and Section 5303

Information is a crucial aspect of the planning process. Subcategory 402 has been established to gather, maintain, and disseminate social, economic, and transportation data in an efficient and logical manner. Surveillance and data base management activities have been integral aspects of the transportation planning process since the initial PPUATS plan was completed in 1970. The effective maintenance of these activities provides the basis from which all transportation planning and policies will evolve in the future.

These work elements define the areas of concentration for data base development, information collection, and information dissemination. Technology has advanced quickly in the area of data procurement with a considerable amount of data now available. Maintaining and building an effective comprehensive planning database and network is the main focus for this element of the work program. TCRPC staff will continue to organize and refine the data so that it can be easily accessed by members of the PPUATS Committees.

Information will be collected according to accepted survey methods and engineering practices. Such information is not only collected and summarized by the planning staff, but also by the Illinois Department of Transportation, participating agencies, PPUATS members, the US Census, Army Corps of Engineers, US Coast Guard, local rail operators, specialized and private transportation providers, and other associated transportation concerns. The data will be available directly through the planning staff, on disk, or in regional report formats. Participating PPUATS agencies (as well as potential subscription agencies) will have the opportunity to link directly into the network for data input and output.

OBJECTIVES

- Staff shall coordinate activities for a comprehensive region-wide land use, demographic, economic and transportation database for analyzing trends in the long range planning process; maintain an effective information dissemination process; monitor the effectiveness of previous activities, actions, policies and programs; identify significant issues, problems, and opportunities that may require more intensive evaluation; and continue a process designed to lead to the development of a regional GIS capability.
- Accessibility. Develop in-house methods to organize data for maximum accessibility.
- 2000 Census Support. Continue to serve as the area contact agency for census support. Assist the census bureau in updating information as needed. Insure agencies have access to census database.
- Further develop and manage the geographic information system, staff will continue in structuring, expanding, updating, and maintaining the Geographic Information System (GIS) in conjunction with the development of the Model Roadway Network. The project will include project advisement on county wide gis projects specifically coordinating specifications on data acquisition identifying and developing transportation applications that will benefit the area at large. Staff will develop maps and geographic data sets for other transportation planning projects. Coordinate with statewide GIS development. Continue implementation towards the goal of a regional approach to GIS.
- The goal of this subcategory is to further ingrain the use of GIS technology in the Peoria metro region. TCRPC will provide training opportunities and develop internet access capabilities for communities that wish to leverage their GIS investment by allowing greater access to geographic information.
- Promote Watershed Management Plans for the area tributaries to the Peoria Lakes that have the greatest potential for reduced delivery of sediment affecting the navigation channel in the Illinois River. Plans have been created for Mossville Bluffs, Ten Mile Creek, Partridge Creek, Ackerman Creek, and Farm Creek.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Collect, massage, and disseminate various data
- Regionally compatible Geographic Information Systems.
- Organization of comprehensive transportation data base system
- Data reports and maps
- Training: Develop material for a series of training courses specifically for public GIS users in the region
 - i. Introduction to GIS
 - ii. GIS for elected officials
 - iii. Introduction to ARCGIS
 - iv. Introduction to Internet Mapping
 - v. Specialty training sessions

- Regularly schedule these training courses over the lifetime of the grant.
 - i. Hold at least monthly training
- Watershed Management Plans

SUBCATEGORY 403 -Intermodal Transportation Plan Development

Sources: PL and Section 5303

The FY 2005-2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan was adopted on January 19th, 2005 and has been submitted to FHWA for approval.

The Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is developed in the interest of promoting, building, and maintaining a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system that will meet the needs of the area's citizens, businesses, and industries over a much longer time span than planned in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). By federal law, the LRTP is updated every 4-5 years and considers a time span of 20-25 years. And like the TIP, the LRTP can only include those projects or improvements for which there is sufficient funding based on reasonable forecasts. The LRTP also includes some projects that appear to be needed sometime in the future but do not have a reasonably assured potential funding source. These projects are programmed beyond the 20-year time span. The *FY 2005-2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan* builds upon PPUATS previous long-range transportation plan, *Charting the Course FY 2000-2025*.

OBJECTIVES

- The Transportation Plan encompasses the overall urban area transportation facilities, services, and needs.
- Transportation Financial Planning. A better understanding of the costs needed to sustain the proposed transportation system in the Long Range Transportation Plan is provided.
- Enhancement. Planning, design and, construction projects that are consistent with area enhancement proposals were supported.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Implement FY 2005-2030 Long Range Transportation Plan.
- Begin Intermodal Transportation Planning.
- Begin Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Planning.
- Begin Safety Planning.
- Begin Travel Demand Forecasting and traffic modeling. The staff will explore traffic modeling software options.
- Continue Data Collection. Collect and analyze trends in the various land uses and their impacts on the transportation system.
- Continue Socio-economic Projections. Coordinate with the Peoria Area Economic Development Corporation.
- Continue Environmental Justice Study

SUBCATEGORY 404 - Transportation Improvement Program Development

Sources: PL and Section 5303

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a prioritized listing of all state and federally funded surface transportation projects anticipated to be implemented within the urbanized area during a period of three to six consecutive years. All road projects and transit expenditures receiving federal transportation dollars must be programmed into the TIP. The TIP contains Annual Elements for each year and approximates funding spent on maintenance activities. The TIP also includes a reporting of the status of Surface Transportation Program funding spent attributable to, and obligated within, the urbanized area. The TIP has been formulated annually since 1975.

Projects and other uses of federal funding listed in the TIP include transportation projects sponsored by area counties and municipalities, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District, Pekin Municipal Bus Service, and other local transportation service agencies. Amendments are made to the TIP throughout the year, as needed.

Special procedures are utilized to prioritize some of the Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) funding (an allotment of STP-U funding programmed directly by the MPO). The local STP-U projects are programmed by

PPUATS up to five years in advance, which is done in an effort to facilitate the planning and design process.

OBJECTIVES

- The TIP (and TIP creation process) shall be updated and approved every year including all federally funded transportation projects, enhancement projects; provide an opportunity for public comment prior to approval; include a financial plan demonstrating how it can be implemented; be consistent with reasonably expected funding to be available; contain projects that are consistent with the Long Range Transportation Plan; and be the result of coordination with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT).
- Development of a program of needed transportation improvement actions and programs from the Transportation Plan for FY's 2007-2009, including highways and transit.
- Create a program to be carried out in each three year period accompanied with a financial plan.
- Create and approve a Transportation Improvement Program for FY 2007-2009.
- Maintain an efficient mechanism for TIP modification.
- Work in cooperation with the State and transit operators to develop a prioritized and financially reasonable TIP in order to promote the flexibility features of TEA-21.
- Manage a procedure for public input from citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, private providers of transportation, and other interested parties on the proposed TIP.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- An updated Transportation Improvement Program containing a FY 2007 element, a FY 2007-2009 element, and prioritization of locally STU-funded actions beyond FY 2010.
- As needed, create TIP amendments that are a result of a process that is open to public input.

SUBCATEGORY 405- TEA-21 Management Systems

Sources: PL and Section 5303

IDOT is the lead agency in developing the TEA-21 management systems and subsequent work programs. PPUATS cooperates with IDOT and its specific programs and works with local interest groups to build on these systems as needed for the urban area. Particular attention is paid to the following management systems: Congestion Management, Intermodal Management, and Pavement Management. The State will coordinate with PPUATS on local involvement with the Management systems.

It should be noted that pavement management and/or roadway inventory systems have already been implemented in the communities of East Peoria, Pekin, and Peoria. A micro-paver program was developed in conjunction with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for use by East Peoria, Peoria and Pekin. The continued development and maintenance of street inventories and pavement management systems among participating agencies will consider the potential of using GIS based systems.

The Peoria/Pekin urbanized area is undergoing many projects that will help reduce congestion. The reconstruction of the urban section of Interstate 74, the largest downstate highway project ever, will help to achieve safety as well as reduced congestion. This reduction will not only occur on the freeway, but on many nearby roads as well. The recently completed study of the Four Corners area in East Peoria discusses measures that can be taken to reduce congestion. Each year, PPUATS approves funding for intersection studies to determine how to best improve safety and traffic movement in congested traffic nodes.

OBJECTIVES

- Use pavement management and roadway inventory to provide information essential in analyzing, managing and guiding maintenance and reconstruction activities pertaining to the roadway facilities within the urban area. PPUATS will assist local governments as needed/requested in pavement management, implement priority recommendations of congestion management systems and use intermodal management to strive to integrate transportation facilities and systems within a systematic process. PPUATS will coordinate long range strategies with intermodal transportation systems on an informal basis. This is an ongoing management process.

Pavement Management:

Continue a formal, area-wide, coordinated roadway inventory/pavement management system with current participating agencies.

Evaluate GIS based software to track pavement conditions.

Serve as a resource center, central library facility, and backup source of data to all participating agencies.
Review and apply state and federal regulations regarding Management and Monitoring Systems.
Develop and coordinate the Annual Street Maintenance Seminar in conjunction with the APWA Illinois conference.

Congestion Management:

Implement strategies of the adopted Congestion Management Program.

Intermodal Management:

Identify designated truck routes
Identify intermodal facilities
Identify trucking industry characteristics
Develop performance measures to reduce transportation conflicts and promote efficiency
Work with intermodal providers
Identify key linkages between modes of transportation
Identify areas where the performance of one mode may affect another
Define strategies for improving the effectiveness of modal interactions
Evaluate strategy implementation in the performance of the transportation system

SUBCATEGORY 406- Transit/Paratransit Planning

Sources: PL and Section 5303

Public Transportation plays an important role in maintaining a high degree of accessibility within the region. Subcategory 406 has been designed to provide technical support to the region's public transportation planning processes. A focus of transit activity is to promote coordination among transit/paratransit providers within the region. These work elements will assist local transit/paratransit providers with their operating and planning efforts.

OBJECTIVES

- Provide technical support to transit and paratransit operators to support comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing mass transit and paratransit services.
- Work with the urban and rural transit providers to maximize limited operating funds.
- Evaluate route changes and schedule changes, as requested.
- Enhance paratransit access and service capability.
- Participate in governmental/planning meetings.
- Evaluate service needs of Greater Peoria Mass Transit District.
- Help coordinate the creation of a “seamless” transit/paratransit system for the region.
- Evaluate the merit in developing a Commuter Choice Program.
- Provide demographic, socioeconomic and other statistical related information to local transit providers, as requested.
- Provide mapping and GIS assistance to local transit providers, as requested, and as deemed feasibility by all parties.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Requested studies on route changes.
- Attendance at Greater Peoria Mass Transit District route planning meetings
- Meetings on paratransit coordination and regionalized transportation.
- Help implement the completed Marketing Analysis and Service Planning Study for the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District.
- Planning how transit can be used to reduce congestion during the I-74 reconstruction.
- Complete Ridership Studies as requested.
- Produce demographic and statistical deliverables
- Produce maps and GIS requests

SUBCATEGORY 407 - Traffic Counting/Data Collection

Sources: PL and Section 5303

It is necessary to collect specific information regarding traffic volumes and planning oriented traffic operations to support effective transportation planning.

OBJECTIVES

- Collect Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) Counts.
- Undertake special traffic trip general studies as needed.
- Develop graphic/map presentations of collected data.
- Collect data for special transportation studies.
- Provide manual passenger counting for local transit providers, as requested, and as deemed feasible by all parties.

PRODUCTS

- Traffic Volume Data
- Trip Generation Reports
- Passenger Count Data (Transit Related)

SUBCATEGORY 408 - Special Transportation Studies

Sources: PL and Section 5303

The Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study has sponsored special transportation study efforts in past work programs.

These work elements respond to individual transportation related needs. Specific project objectives and scopes of work will be developed by the planning staff in support of funding requests for special study projects.

OBJECTIVES

- Allocate resources toward the study of significant transportation studies that require a more detailed evaluation than can be obtained through normal surveillance procedures.
- Undertake studies in PPUATS communities, as requested and approved.
- Hire qualified engineering firms to perform study work.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Management of consultants
- Consultant reports that discuss techniques that can help provide safety and more efficient roadways and intersections.

City of Pekin Court Street Study

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With the development of the Veteran's Drive Corridor, there is now an alternate route for some of the passenger vehicles and the majority of the multiple unit trucks.

Scope of Study:

1. Traffic Projections with and without Veteran's Drive

2. Determine Land Use Development.
3. Recommended Short Term (within 5 years) Improvements as a State Highway- Evaluate roadway improvement including width, pavement structure, drainage, traffic signal coordination and safety.
4. Recommended Long Term Improvements, Court Street versus Veteran's Drive as Designated Illinois Route 9- Evaluate roadway life expectancy as a state highway.

City of Peoria Washington Street Downtown Corridor Plan

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The plan consists of two parts: Part I contains Washington Street Corridor Plan and Part II includes the Downtown Transportation Plan.

Goals & Objectives:

1. To enhance the gateway that announces the arrival into, or departure from, the unique downtown Peoria environment to and from the southwest bordering the Illinois River and serving travelers to and from the Greater Peoria Airport.
2. To convey a message to visitors and travelers about the unique identity of the area.
3. To treat the gateway area with uniform program of signs, landscaping, banners, sidewalks, public arts, lighting, architectural elements, and any other features that will improve safety, accessibility, and appearance; and to provide attractive fencing and screening as one of the high priorities for the plan.
4. To establish a set of visual design criteria to evaluate the potential corridor.
5. To provide recommendations for land use and zoning changes.
6. To address street deficiencies and engineering related issues.
7. To seek input from stakeholders that includes: IDOT, City of Peoria, Ameren Cilco, Art Guild, Lakeview, Airport Authority, Peoria Housing Authority, Civic Center, Bradley University, and the MPO.
8. To coordinate work with a consultant on the traffic study for Adams/Jefferson Streets, to create a unified streetscape plan.
9. To ensure public participation of businesses and property owners on future developments and enhancements.

The Greater Peoria Airport Regional Signage Plan.

Primary objectives of this project are to create a local and regional guiding and commercial signs plan for the airport. The local and regional signs plan should guide travelers on surrounded highways to Greater Peoria Airport.

Scope of Work:

1. Conduct an assessment of conditions and issues related to the Airport signs, including but not limited to:
 - a. Possible uses of surrounding state and counties highways.
 - b. Assemble an inventory for existing airport related signs and evaluate them to use as reference for future signing improvement.
2. Discuss with the political entities and municipalities the existing roads signs and review the rules of signing location and type for these jurisdictions.

SUBCATEGORY 409 - Internal Planning-Greater Peoria Mass Transit District

Source: Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (GPMTD). GPMTD may fund TCRPC staff activities related to transit. Most transit activity is billed to subcategory 406.

Maintenance of ridership statistics, conduct of origin and destination surveys, and documentation of schedule adherence is done by the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District staff. GPMTD also has the responsibility to: collect, analyze and maintain information on specific aspects of the District's operations and service levels; perform studies

on transit related operational deficiencies; monitor level-of-effectiveness of previous activities; support the designated MPO to insure a comprehensive, cooperative, and continuing transportation planning process.

OBJECTIVES

- These work elements include activities associated with internal planning by the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District and its support to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, the area's Metropolitan Planning Organization.
- Evaluate route changes and schedule changes, as needed.
- Monitor service standards, as needed.
- Identify and evaluate internal operational deficiencies, as needed.
- Monitor elderly & handicapped operations, and conduct evaluation of identified deficiencies in the operation, as needed.
- Monitor performance indicator data, as needed.
- Participate in governmental/planning meetings, as needed.
- Conduct origin and destination surveys, as needed.
- Collect National Transit Database (NTD) Reports, as needed.
- Assist the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District in updating the inventory of stops, shelters, benches and routes.
- Provide demographic, socioeconomic and other statistical related information to local transit providers, as requested.
- Provide mapping and GIS assistance to local transit providers, as requested, and as deemed feasibility by all parties.

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Requested studies on route changes.
- Attendance at Greater Peoria Mass Transit District route planning meetings
- Meetings on paratransit coordination and regionalized transportation.
- Help implement the completed Marketing Analysis and Service Planning Study for the Greater Peoria Mass Transit District.
- Planning how transit can be used to reduce congestion during the I-74 reconstruction.
- Complete Ridership Studies as requested.
- Produce demographic and statistical deliverables
- Produce maps and GIS requests

CATEGORY 500: Traffic Counting Contract with IDOT District #4

Source: Illinois Department of Transportation Contract

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has contracted with the Illinois Department of Transportation to obtain accurate machine and manual traffic counts and submit this data to the traffic count technician at IDOT.

OBJECTIVES

- Collect 24 hour volume counts and 24 hour classification count on Illinois and US routes where the jurisdiction or maintenance is the responsibility of the State of Illinois. Collect 48 hour volume counts and 48 hour classification counts at HPMS sections located in various counties in District 4. Collect manual counts on Interstate, state, and US routes in various counties located in District 4.

CATEGORY 600: Peoria GIS Consortium

Source: Outside Contract

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission has a contract with the City of Peoria, Peoria County and the Greater Peoria Sanitary District (Peoria GIS Consortium) to provide necessary services for the client's digital mapping project.

OBJECTIVES

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission shall provide work, material, supplies, transportation, plans, labor and management as may be required to perform the following:

PRODUCTS AND STAFF ACTIVITIES

- Overall staff support and administration to the Peoria GIS Consortium
 - Attend Policy and Technical Meetings
 - Develop and Present Staff Activity Reports
 - Develop and Present Financial Reports
 - Research GIS issues as directed by Policy and Technical Committees
 - Identify funding opportunities from Federal, State, and Private grants
 - Other activities directed by Policy and Technical Committees.
- Database Development (Cadastral)
 - Maintain the cadastral layer.
- Development of GIS Policy
 - At the direction of the Policy Committee develop GIS policies that address various issues
 - Copyright & Licensing
 - Ongoing maintenance
 - Cost sharing
 - Development of other data sets
 - Data sharing arrangements with utilities
 - Liability
 - Other
- Ongoing Data Maintenance
 - Develop cost benefit report on bringing planimetric & topographic maps up to date
- Departmental Support of GIS data
 - Install data on departmental computers as requested
 - Onsite technical support as needed.
- Data Distribution (Sales)
 - Develop marketing material and maintain Web site (housed at www.tricountyrpc.org or consortium web site.
 - Research and develop recommendations for pricing policy (including one time sales and subscription fees).
 - Respond to sales requests from clients
- Training
 - Develop ArcView Training Material using Peoria Database
 - Hold Monthly training sessions consisting of two half days

- GPS Support
 - Single point of contact for GPS questions concerns
 - Develop administrative procedure for use of GPS equipment among private sector companies.
 - Respond to Post Processing requests as needed
 - Coordinate pilot projects for Automated Vehicle Location

CATEGORY 700: Community GIS Support

Source: Contracts

The Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study has sponsored GIS efforts in past work programs. These work elements respond to individual community needs. Specific project objectives and scopes of work will be developed by the planning staff in support of funding requests for special GIS projects.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Promote planning services to units of government in the Tri-County area.
- Prepare proposals and contracts for service upon request.
- Conduct work as agreed upon in service contracts.
- Undertake GIS support in PPUATS communities, as requested and approved.

CATEGORY 800: Tazewell County-IL Tomorrow Grant

Source: Tazewell County (IDOT grant)

In 2003 Tazewell County was awarded an Illinois Tomorrow Grant to complete a Tri-County Supply Chain Logistics and Transportation Indicator Study.

- Sponsored by: Tazewell County
- Total Project Cost: \$225,000 including \$25,000 local match
- This project's goal is to identify a balanced strategy through which to promote utilization of our area's existing infrastructure for freight. The study will address issues such as how much growth our region's highways, interstates, waterways, and rail lines can support, and which sites are ideal in accommodating the growth of various manufacturing and port industries.
- Products to be Produced: Inventory of existing capacity on major transportation modes, inventory of capacity offered by proposed and existing developments in the Port District, analysis of projected market demand for the various components of the freight handling systems in the region, analysis and plan for land use impacts stimulated by transportation improvements
- Participants of Study: Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Marshall, Fulton, and Mason Counties, Peoria, Peoria Heights, East Peoria, Bartonville, Mapleton, Creve Coeur, North Pekin, Pekin, Chillicothe, Henry, Havana, and Lacon.
- Secondary participants: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, The Heartland Partnership, Peoria Civic Federation, and the Illinois River Valley Council of Governments
Timeline: 2 years from beginning date.

CATEGORY 900: Regional Transit Plan

Source: IDOT Division of Public Transportation

In 2003 the Illinois River Valley Council of Governments and CityLink were awarded a technical studies grant from the IDOT Division of Public Transportation to study the feasibility of a Regional Transit District. This grant will be administered by the MPO.

- Sponsored by: Illinois River Valley Council of Governments and CityLink
- Total Project Cost: \$150,000 including \$0,000 local match
- This project will produce a plan, complete with maps and site-specific graphics, to include specific plans and recommendations related to the principles and goals of
- Participants of Study: CityLink, Bartonville, East Peoria, Washington, Morton and Pekin
- Secondary participants: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission
Timeline: 2 years from beginning date.

CATEGORY 1000: Washington Street Corridor and Downtown Transportation Plan for the City of Peoria

Source: Housing and Urban Development through the City of Peoria

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission will enter into a contract with the City of Peoria to write a plan to enhance the gateway that announces the arrival into or departure from our unique downtown environment to and from the southwest bordering the Illinois River and servicing travelers to and from the Greater Peoria Airport

- Establish an Advisory Group
- Collect data
- Perform field survey, develop ground photos, and video tape the corridor
- Hold project advisory group meeting
- Hold public meetings with businesses and property owners
- Analyze existing conditions, opportunities and constraints
- Develop design options
- Refine design options into preferred option
- Develop project cost estimate for implementation
- Plan adoption and final plan
- Engage the services of a consultant in traffic engineering and transportation planning to improve vehicular access to downtown, enhance, and develop an easy to use network of downtown pedestrians/bicycle facilities and transit routes.
- Timeline: To be determined

CATEGORY 1100: Limestone Township Storm Sewer Inventory

Source: Limestone Township

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission entered into a letter of understanding with Limestone Township acting through its Supervisor and Board of Trustees to conduct a physical inventory of Storm Sewer facilities located with the jurisdiction boundaries of Limestone Township.

- Provide a Physical Inventory of Storm Sewer features
- Use GPS locating and data collecting equipment to provide a coordinate location and other relevant information
- The Township will provide at least one (1) staff person to accompany TCRPC personnel to locate features and to make data collection efforts as efficient as possible
- TCRPC will provide all information collected in both tabular and digital map formats
- Timeline: March 2004 to March 2006

COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Funding Summary

The elements within the work program are developed around the existing funding as established by the Illinois Department of Transportation (PL and Section 5303 funds), local matching funds for PL and Section 8 funds, Regional Planning Commission funds, grants from the Department of Natural Resource, and other funds provided for specific projects. These funds constitute 100% of the agency funding.

The Subcategories define the work that will be performed during the current fiscal year. Categories include four areas of focus: Category 100, which is the general administration of planning functions; Category 200, which is designated for regional programs; Category 300, for local planning projects; Category 400, which covers the metropolitan planning activities under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), Category 500 for District #4 traffic counting contract, Category 600 for the Peoria GIS Consortium staffing contract, Category 700 for the Other Community GIS Support, Category 800 for the Tazewell County IL Tomorrow subcontract, Category 900 for the CityLink 5313 State Research and Planning grant, Category 1000 for the City of Peoria Washington Street/Downtown Corridor Study, and Category 1100 for the Limestone Township Storm Sewer Inventory.

The transportation planning funds (PL, Section 5303) are programmed toward developing and maintaining a long range transportation planning program. This program is required to receive transportation project funds and grants for individual governing agencies within the Peoria/Pekin urbanized area.

The Regional fund has been split to provide staff work in the Regional category (200). The work program lists those areas funded by regional projects under the title of "REGIONAL" under Programmed Staff Time and Expenses.

Other funds are provided by the agency that directly benefits from the Work Program activity. These funds are added into the Commission budget over and above the established membership/organizational fees.

The cost allocation plan allows for equitable distribution of costs between program activities and grant funds received. There are four types of costs identified in this plan: Direct and Indirect Labor, and Direct and Indirect Non-Labor. Indirect Labor costs relate to planning staff time activities that benefit more than one grant supported program. The cost allocation plan document was approved in a FHWA letter dated January 2, 1991.

The costs incurred under Indirect Labor relate to the staff time spent within administrative and fiscal activities under Category 100 of the Overall Work Program. Table 1 reflects the allocation of these costs by percent share of the program funding for each fund source.

TABLE 1. Indirect Labor Cost Allocations:

FUND SOURCE	REVENUE AMOUNT	Percent of Total Expenses
PL	459,175	32%
FTA 9	3,800	0%
PPUATS	115,744	8%
Other Funds	841,825	60%

Indirect Non-Labor costs are costs incurred that can be attributed to the overall administration and operation of the agency. Indirect Non Labor costs include space costs, cleaning, audit, payroll, retirement, insurance, utilities, telephone, copier, postage, office supplies, travel, conferences, advertising, printing, equipment, maintenance, memberships, subscriptions, office cash fund, and hiring costs. These costs are shared by all sources based on utilization incurred by each fund.

Direct Labor costs are specific personnel costs attributed directly to activities that are targeted toward accomplishing work program goals. These goals are set forth within the work program and will have a relationship to the revenue or grant funds received for that program. These costs are defined through the completion of time and progress reports.

Direct Non-Labor costs are costs that are incurred that can be attributed to a specific subcategory or program grant source. This would include the purchase of equipment or supplies that are specifically used for the completion of that subcategory of the work program.

The Commission will arrange for a financial and compliance audit at the completion of the Commission's fiscal year, June 30, 2006, to include an audit of the contracts. The audit will be made within the prescribed audit reporting cycle. The Commission understands failure to furnish an acceptable audit as determined by the cognizant Federal audit agency may be a basis for denial for refunding of Federal funds.

