



2023 ILWW Ports Annual Meeting

Thursday, 31 Aug 23 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum
222 SW Washington St, Peoria, IL 61602

Update from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Heart of Illinois Regional Port District Master Plan and Implementation Strategy



HIRPD Port Master Plan

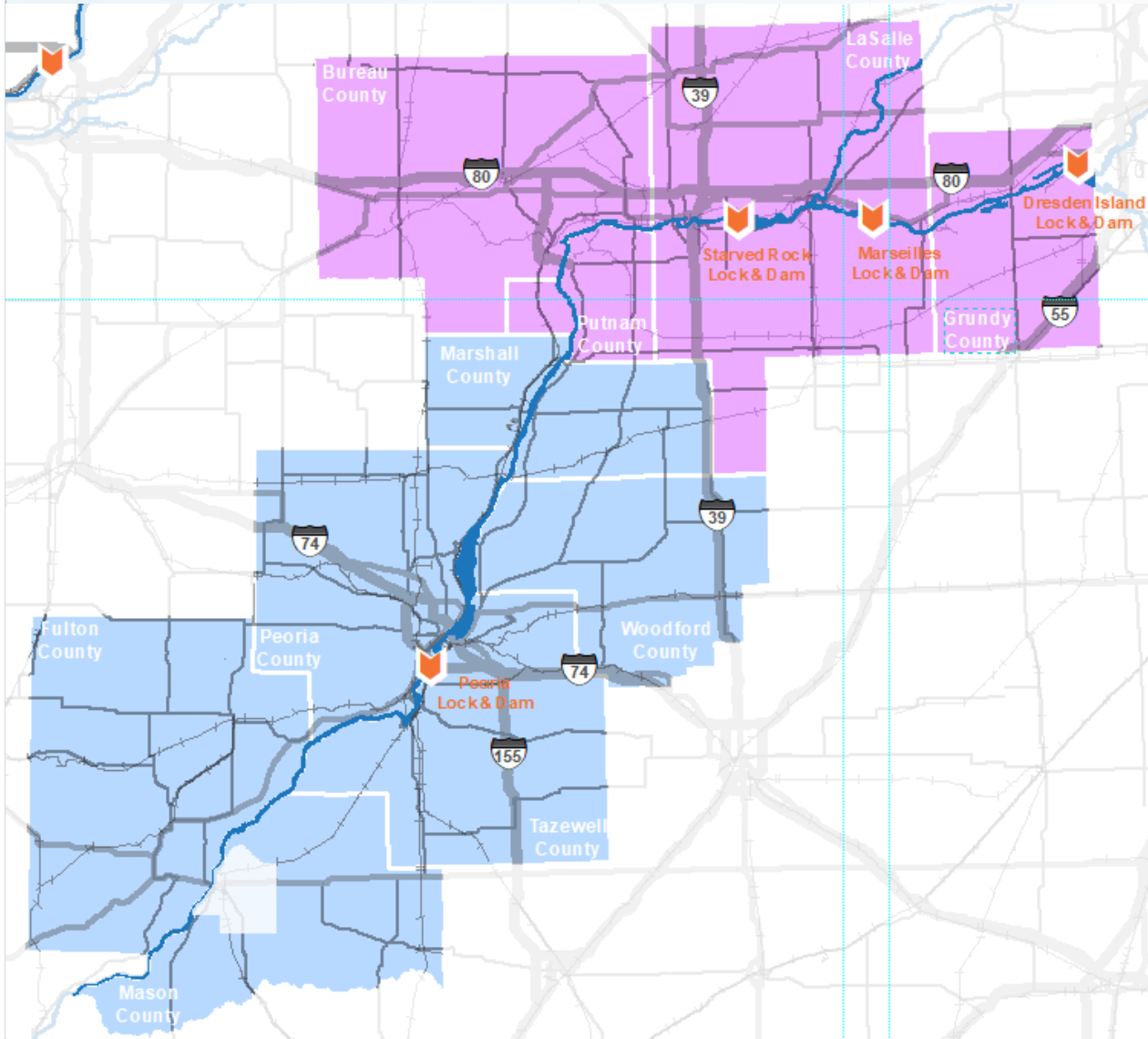
- **Work is underway**
 - Two-year master plan development study
 - One-year timeframe for primary recommendations and grant applications
- **Funded under grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation**
- **Managed by Tri-County in collaboration with the HIRPD Board & staff, Greater Peoria EDC, and IDOT**
- **Consultant team:**
 - WSP with EBP Group, Tioga Group, and International Association of Maritime and Port Executives



Study Goals

- **Consistent with the State Planning and Research funds approved for the work, the study is designed to:**
 - Fill gaps to successful implementation of the Illinois Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
 - Promote jobs, wages, and GDP growth in the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District (HIRPD); and
 - Frame collaborative and supportive opportunities for HIRPD within the larger Illinois Waterway Ports and Terminals Ports Commission Area (PCA)
- **The study will support HIRPD decision-making with respect to:**
 - Executing legislated HIRPD responsibilities
 - Achieving Illinois LRTP goals; Improving terminal assets in the HIRPD
 - Evaluating Container-on-Barge opportunities in the HIRPD and PCA;
 - Addressing land acquisition and leasing; and
 - Promoting **economic development** in the HIRPD

HIRPD Within the Illinois Waterway PCA



PORT DISTRICTS

- Heart of Illinois Regional
- Havana Regional
- Illinois Valley Regional
- Ottawa
- Seneca Regional

53 Percent of PCA tonnage comes from **HOI counties**

Commodity Type	Tonnage (Millions)	Percent
Crops, Livestock, and Farm Products	3.9	29%
Energy Products	3	22%
Food Products	2.5	19%
Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Plastics & Rubber	2.5	19%
Aggregates	1.3	10%
Metals	0.2	1%
Other	0.1	1%
Total	13.5	100%



HIRPD Assets, Powers, and Authorities



WEAKNESSES

- ✓ No physical assets
- ✓ No continuing revenue sources
- ✓ No taxing authority
- ✓ No eminent domain powers



STRENGTHS

- ✓ Acquire, own, construct, sell, lease, operate, and maintain port and harbor and land terminal facilities
- ✓ Receive gifts of land
- ✓ Issue bonds to purchase assets
- ✓ Issue permits for water infrastructure
- ✓ Enter into agreements with other public agencies via Intergovernmental Cooperation Act
- ✓ Annex additional territory not in another port district
- ✓ Apply for foreign trade zone and subzone status
- ✓ Identify and promote public and private policies and investments benefiting HOI District facilities (roads, industry expansion, etc.)
- ✓ Sponsor and administer grants for HOI, private partners
- ✓ Market and raise public/private awareness



Project Approach – Strategic Direction

Determine Strategic Direction

WORK PROGRAM ACTIVITIES (MONTHS 1-24)

- Management Controls
- Outreach and Engagement

STRATEGIC ASSETS AND OPTIONS (MONTHS 1-5)

- Organization and Governance Structure
- Asset Identification
- Partner Identification and Interviews
- Market Development Opportunities
- Funding and Revenue Stream Opportunities

Project Approach – Plan Development

Determine Strategic Direction



**Operational
Assessment,
Evaluation and
Plan**

CONTINUING OUTREACH

ALTERNATIVE PLANS AND INVESTMENTS (MONTHS 6-10)

- Performance Targets
- Development Alternatives
- Transportation Improvements
- Organizational and ROI Analysis
- Capture Plan and Economic Benefits

Project Approach – Resource and Investment

Determine Strategic
Direction

Operational Assessment,
Evaluation & Plan

Resource and Investment Priorities

FINAL OUTREACH

RESOURCE & INVESTMENT DELIVERABLES (MONTHS 11-12)

- Port Master Plan and Improvements Plan (outward)
- Operations, Infrastructure, and Finance Plan (inward)
- Grant Strategy

AS-NEEDED SERVICES (THROUGH MONTH 24)

- Special analyses
- Grant preparation
- Other implementation-focused activity



Outcomes and Potential Recommendations

GRANTS

- ✓ Leverage Illinois Waterway Port Statistical Area scale and visibility – broader support, bigger projects
- ✓ Federal: PIDP, RAISE, INFRA, Marine Highway, PROTECT, Clean Ports, Port Security, et al
- ✓ State: Competitive Freight (5 years), Legislature
- ✓ **This Plan can define opportunity and direction for future state/federal grant requests**

AUTHORITIES

- ✓ Changes to enabling legislation to expand revenue powers & streams

ASSETS

- ✓ **Partnership model:** shared planning/ investment in private facilities
- ✓ **Development model:** own and develop assets, collect payments as landlord or operator



Study Opportunities – Key Issues

- **How should the Port District be structured to:**
 - Secure grant funding and sustainable revenue streams
 - Leverage its position within the PCA
 - Create economic benefit for the region
- **How do we assist the Port District in creating a plan that meets the requirements of SPR funding?**
 - Meet goals, strategies, or objectives of IDOT's LRTP
 - ECONOMY, LIVABILITY, MOBILITY
 - Advances recommendations of IDOT's Marine Transportation System Plan
- **How do we collaborate for District, Region, and State benefit?**
 - HIRPD focus with consideration of PCA context and PCA-level COB analysis
 - Close coordination with ongoing, more focused Port of Henry study
 - Support strategic, higher-level approach to federal grant funding



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Thank you!