

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 12:00 PM

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission offices
Room 420, 456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL 61602

Meeting Minutes

Welcome, Introductions, & Roll Call

Reema Abi-Akar called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

RURAL AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Name	Organization	Representing	Present	Absent
Shelly Entrekin*	FCRC/FCRT	Fulton	X	
Barb Long*				X
Doug Manock*	Fulton County Board	Fulton		X
Audra Miles*	Fulton County PCOM		X	
Susan Lindsey	KCCDD	Knox		X
Kraig McCluskie	Galesburg Transit	Knox	X	
Diana Bradstatter	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall		X
Debbie Daykin	Marshall County Board	Marshall	X	
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria		X
Andrew Dwyer	GPMTD - CountyLink	Peoria	X	
Traci Dowell	MSW Projects	Stark	X	
Robert Mueller	Stark County Board	Stark		X
Mary Jo Holford	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Michael Godar	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Tyler Rogers	ADDWC	Woodford		X
Mike Hutchinson	We Care	Woodford		X
URBAN AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Dawn Harper	EPIC	Agency		X
Jeannine McAllister	Advocates for Access	CIL		X
Doug Roelfs	CityLink	Provider		X
Renee Razo*	Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Agency		X
James Barrett*				X
Connie Schiele	Paratransit user	User		X
Don Rulis	CWTC	Agency	X	
Greg Cassidy	TCRC	Agency	X	

*Shared seat **Proxy Vote

Also in attendance:

Reema Abi-Akar, TCRPC
Hannah Martin, TCRPC
Michael Bruner, TCRPC
Julie Briner, MSW Projects

Lee Linwood, WeCare
Audrey Barret, Snyder Village
Becky Jollay, Galesburg
Amber Connour, Galesburg Transit

Caryl Riley, US Census

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of the February 5, 2019 Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the February 5, 2019 minutes could not be approved during this meeting. They were tabled until the next meeting with a quorum. There were no comments regarding the minutes.

Approval of the April 2, 2019 Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the April 2, 2019 minutes could not be approved during this meeting. They were tabled until the next meeting with a quorum. There were no comments regarding the minutes.

Provider and Agency Updates

TCRC

Greg Cassidy said that TCRC now has a presence on the ICC campus, and they have opened a springboard classroom for those who graduated high school but need further assistance.

MSW Projects

Traci Dowell reported that their new minivan funded through CIAA is not handicapped because she said that seniors have trouble getting into handicapped vans. They received a new minivan on the previous Friday.

City of Galesburg

Becky Jollay said that they have contracted with TranSystems out of St. Louis to conduct a visibility study regarding rural service in Knox County. She said the first draft is back and the second draft is on the way.

CityLink

Andy Dwyer reported that their Comprehensive Operational Analysis, including route changes, alterations, and extensions, is in the works. They are considering half hour service throughout the day.

As for CountyLink, he said, they will have their IDOT review at the end of the month. CountyLink and CityLift offices are now under one roof; this means there are 50 vehicles out of their Olympia Drive location providing urban and rural coverage.

Galesburg Transit

Kraig McCluskie said that Knox County has a resolution to create a mass transit district.

WeCare

Lee Linwood mentioned the IDOT planning conference happening later this week in Evanston.

Snyder Village

Audrey Barrett said that they could use more drivers and another vehicle.

TCRPC

Michael Bruner discussed a grant opportunity through the state regarding the 2020 Census. He explained that Tri-County has applied for this grant, which would result in up to \$650,000 over a 10-county region if Tri-County is successful. The grant recipients will be announced in mid-October.

HSTP Coordinator Report

Reema gave updates from the IPTA conference: Zoe Keller of IDOT reported that they are still waiting on a decision from the governor's office regarding CVP. They have not yet released the 2019 application, which is normally released in March. Hannah clarified that this is due to past lags and issues that are still being fixed. These lags, in turn, hold back vehicles that come from 5311 funding.

Zoe said that 2018 CVP applications have now been scored, but notifications have not yet been sent out. Zoe also mentioned that for 5310 and 5311, all vehicles have been ordered except the super-medium vehicles. She said there is no timeline set for that.

Reema discussed Tri-County's upcoming Long-Range Transportation Plan. This is a document that is updated every five years, and it is now time to provide an update. It is a federally mandated plan that outlines projects from 2020-2045. Future transportation funding is tied to these projects. Tri-County is beginning the planning process, which involves the creation of several sub-committees across sectors: Public Health, Environment, Economy, Mobility/Connectivity, and Freight. These meetings will kick off this month and next.

SPR Grey Area Request for Proposals

Hannah introduced the SPR Grey Area project: There was a call for projects in April for statewide planning projects. Tri-County was awarded a grant for a "Grey Area" study to identify service that is not provided in the urbanized area the CityLink does not currently provide. The study will focus on the populations that have the highest need for such services.

Tri-County will work with CityLink and WeCare on this project, which will last until fiscal year 2021.

Hannah also mentioned that Peoria County is also doing a study for the 61605 zip code in Peoria to identify needs and service requirements for that area.

Andy Dwyer said that CityLink applied for two different SPR grants regarding a first mile and last mile study as well as an airport parking study. Due to administrative/paperwork issues on the state end, it is unclear which project was successful. He said that the grey area study will look at census data that emerges to see if there are changes in the definition of areas as rural or urban. If the urban area expands, CityLink will have to look further into their coverage of the region.

2020 Census Presentation

Caryl Riley spoke about the 2020 Census. She explained the importance of counting everyone once for the decennial census. Census Day will be on April 1, 2020, and the counting will be done in August. The results will be delivered to the president on December 31, 2020, then released to states and municipalities on April 1, 2021. Tracts will also be redrawn in April 2021. The ACS survey, Caryl said, is done annually and asks questions regarding transportation (2018 data will be released at the end of November).

Caryl explained that the outreach efforts will mostly target hard-to-count (HTC) populations including (but not limited to) the elderly, people with disabilities, veterans, and people in rural areas. Community-level partnerships through Complete Count Committees are crucial to counting these HTC populations—people will be more trustful when they speak to those they know in their communities.

The decennial census survey will be online for the first time (though it will be accessible via other means as well, such as telephone). This allows the process to be faster, easier to overlay data, and allow the US Census to address red flags easier. The census will dictate how money will be allocated to social services in numerous contexts.

Caryl said that there is a website that specifically addresses rumors about the 2020 Census (<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/rumors.html>). The census is partnering with libraries to create public places for people to fill out the census if needed. Therefore, there will need to be transportation available to those public places. Caryl says anyone can contact her if they have questions throughout the census process, and to please spread the word about the census.

Debbie Daykin said that in the 2000 census, Marshall and Stark counties were classified as “urban” instead of rural, and this has affected their funding negatively. She said the Town of Henry is classified as rural, but the rest of the county is classified as urban, which is odd. Caryl said she can get Debbie in touch with someone who may be able to comment further about this.

Other

No other issues were brought up.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.