

**Human Services Transportation Plan Urban Subcommittee
Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – 12:00 PM**

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC)
Suite 401, 456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL 61602

Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions, & Roll Call

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

URBAN AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Dawn Harper	EP!C	Agency	X	
Jodi Scott	Advocates for Access	CIL	X	
Dr. ShamRA Robinson*	Greater Peoria Mass Transit District	Provider	~X	
Angel Marinich*				
Kylie Rathmann	Express Employment Professionals	Agency	X	
Chris Mitchell*	Paratransit Users	User	~X	
Connie Schiele*				
Jim Bremner	Washington Township	Partner	X	
Greg Cassidy	TCRC	Agency	~X	

* = Shared seat

** = Proxy Vote

~ = Present via phone or Internet

Also in attendance:

Reema Abi-Akar, TCRPC
Lori Reynolds, TCRPC
Michael Bruner, TCRPC

Kofi Kisseh, GPMTD
Matt Wigginton, Peoria Heights
Village Board Trustee

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Discussion of Section 5310 applications

Reema Abi-Akar presented all project submissions, and the group discussed the positives and negatives of each option. The following is a summary of the discussion:

\$178,000 is available in this funding stream.

1. City of East Peoria – Main and Mariners Way intersection. No pedestrian access across the 4-lane 55mph highway. The bus stops for hotel workers and employees of the businesses in that area, but they do not have safe access to cross the highway to

get to work. East Peoria applied for more money than is available.

2. Greater Peoria Mass Transit District – As of August 2022, Washington’s paratransit service has been funded by 5310. This is their request to extend it using CityLift’s existing vehicles. \$100,000 is being requested, with a \$100,000 local match.
3. City of Peoria - Pioneer Parkway multi-use path. Asking \$2,000,000, this path will be located on the south side of the road from Knoxville to Allen Rd. There are no pedestrian crossings indicated in the application. Peoria also applied for other funding streams.
4. Pearl Transit Corporation – 24-hour trip planning and transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities in tri-county. Asking for \$260,000, which is more than what is available. This company is located in New Jersey, and they appear to be applying for funds from around the country. Nobody on this subcommittee has heard of them.
5. City of Pekin – Broadway Street rehabilitation. Asking for \$2.8 million. Section 5310 could potentially fund two bus stop benches for \$1000 each, along with \$48,000 for new sidewalks, plus additional for removal of old ones. Pekin also applied for other funding streams.
6. We Care – Rural paratransit, so this project is unfortunately not eligible for this urban funding. Greg Cassidy confirmed that they would not be able to commit the funds to an urban-only vehicle.

4. Recommendations to fund Section 5310 projects based on outcome of discussion

- After discussing all options, Greg Cassidy recommended funding the East Peoria and Washington projects since the Pekin and Peoria projects have other funding sources available to them. He also stated that the Peoria project is so large that the small amount this funding stream would be able to give would not have much impact.
- Chris Mitchell asked if we could write letters of support for the projects not chosen. Michael Bruner stated the other projects will be discussed at other meetings and it could be shared at that time that this HSTP subcommittee supported them.

- It was agreed that HSTP would fund East Peoria at \$45,200 (engineering only), GPMTD's Washington project at \$100,000 (full project), and \$33,679 would carry over to next year.

5. Other

No other comments.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

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