

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 – 12:00 PM

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC)

Suite 401, 456 Fulton St., Peoria, IL 61602

Hybrid Meeting: Both Virtual and In-Person Options

Meeting Minutes

1. 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	
Joe Coffin	KCCDD	Knox		X
Kraig Boynton	City of Galesburg	Knox	X	
Hannah Fuchs	Marshall-Stark PCOM	Marshall		X
David Lueders	Marshall County Board	Marshall		X
Mary Patton	AARP	Peoria		X
ShamRA Robinson	GPMTD - CityLink	Peoria	X	
Traci Dowell	MSW Projects	Stark		X
J. Thomas Howes	Stark County Board	Stark		X
Sierra Smith	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell	X	
Max Schnieder	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Tyler Rogers	ADDWC	Woodford	X	
Sean Griffin	We Care	Woodford	X	
URBAN AREA SUBCOMMITTEE				
Dawn Harper	EPIC	Agency	X	
Jodi Scott	Advocates for Access	CIL	X	
Angel Marinich	TransDev (CityLift/CountyLink)	Provider		X
Renee Razo	Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Agency		X
Chris Mitchell	Paratransit User	User	X	
Don Rulis	CWTC	Agency		X
Greg Cassidy	TCRC	Agency	X	

* = Shared seat

** = Proxy Vote

stricken = no longer in their position

Also in attendance:

Reema Abi-Akar, TCRPC

Francesca Lewis, TCRPC

Gabriel Guevara, TCRPC

Audrey Barrett, Snyder Village

Katy Deadmond, Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Molly Pilgreen, Phoenix Community Development Services

Marie Argubright, IL Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL)

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of the August 2, 2022 Minutes

Greg Cassidy moved to approve the August 2, 2022 minutes. Jodi Scott seconded the motion. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

4. Provider and Agency Updates

Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC)

Greg Cassidy reported that organization is dealing with the issue of catalytic converters being stolen and are exploring security solutions.

Transit Rider

Chris Mitchell commented that the dispatchers she has worked with are excellent.

Advocates for Access

Jodi Scott had no report.

EPIC

Dawn Harper had no report.

We Care

Sean Griffin reported that We Care finished online training with Tripmaster. Tripmaster will provide live training, and We Care plans to go live with the new software system by the end of the month or beginning of next month.

ADDWC

Tyler Rogers had no updates.

Tazewell County Board

Sierra Smith had no reports.

CityLink

ShamRA Robinson reports working with Angel to update the rider's guide. They will take the guides to the ADA committee to get approval for them. The Washington pilot program has reached 60 rides. ShamRA reported that after receiving comments requesting service to the Cedars of Lebanon apartment complex, CityLift will now serve that area. On election day, CityLink will offer free rides on its fixed routes.

City of Galesburg

Kraig Boynton reported that they lost a mechanic, fixed route driver, and dispatcher. There is a driver shortage, and there is a lot of competition. He said they have made an offer for a mechanic and driver, though they are still looking for a dispatcher. Kraig has contacted the local

junior college to see if they could restart their CDL program. He is also looking for other partners to get this program started.

Fulton County

Audra Miles had no report.

Fulton County Rural Transit (FCRT)

Shelly Entrekin had no report.

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL)

Marie Argubright had no report.

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA)

Katie Deadmond had no report.

Phoenix Community Development Services

Molly Pilgreen had no report.

5. Discussion of HSTP plan document

Reema gave a presentation about the status of the HSTP document. She shared that even though the draft of the document is not complete, TCRPC staff is very close. She then shared the timeline of the remaining steps left in the process. The presentation also covered the different sections that will be in the plan, and she presented the new goals and objectives of the plan.

6. HSTP Coordinator Report

Reema reported how she attended the IPTA conference in O'Fallon, Illinois.

She shared that the Peoria region has two projects that have been grandfathered into the 5310 urban funding program. Reema noted that these projects are being prioritized so funding can be spent on them.

7. Other

No comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.