

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Special Meeting

Tuesday, November 1, 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

John Corey, Public

Katy Deadmond, Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging

Kylie Rathmann, Express Employment Professionals

Eileen Setti, Phoenix Community Development Services

2. Public Meeting for Human Service Transportation Plan (HSTP) Document

Chris Mitchell motioned to open the public meeting for the HSTP document, and Sierra Smith seconded. Reema presented the status of the HSTP document. She also shared the timeline and remaining steps left in the process. After the presentation, Reema left the remaining time left open for questions.

Mary Patton asked how we intend to inform people about the different transportation options that are available to the public. She presented the idea of creating brochures or pamphlets about public transportation, then placing them at doctor's offices or state representatives' offices.

Mary also asked, how do we keep local elected officials in the loop about HSTP issues?

Chris Mitchell commented about the need for further education regarding construction areas. She also gave the example of inability of a bus to turn around in Glen Park Place, forcing individuals to walk down the entire road to get to their doctor's appointments there after being dropped off on Glen Ave.

Chris Mitchell also shared her appreciation for providing this public meeting to voice thoughts and concerns.

Kylie Rathmann asked what efforts are being made to expand routes or service in areas that don't have many transportation options. Reema shared the Washington senior citizen transportation pilot program as an example of service being expanded.

Kylie also asked how bus stops and times are determined. Reema deferred this question to ShamRA for further discussion. ShamRA explained that earlier this year, GPMTD produced a Comprehensive Operating Analysis (COA) with public input opportunities that helped restructure bus routes.

Chris commented that there is a need to educate riders about bus routes and transportation policies. An example was brought up that if people don't have enough to pay for fares in a taxi, the driver has the right to call the police and have the rider arrested for theft of services.

Chris motioned to close the public meeting for the HSTP document, and Kraig seconded.

3. Other

No other.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49pm.