

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 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 12:05 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
Joe Roberts	Tazewell County Board	Tazewell		X
Brandon Hovey	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	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

Audrey Barrett, Snyder Village

Michael Bruner, TCRPC

Gabriel Guevara, TCRPC

Deb Breyman, Woodford County

Katy Deadmond, WIAAA

Molly Anderson, TCRC

Jim Bremner, Washington Township

Marie Argubright, IVCIL

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of the August 3, 2021 and October 5, 2021 Minutes

Shelly Entrekin moved to approve both August 3, 2021 and October 5, 2021 minutes. Jodi Scott seconded. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

4. Provider and Agency Updates

Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC)

Greg Cassidy had no updates. Molly Anderson is now in charge of all the grants.

Paratransit User

Chris Mitchell had no updates, but she mentioned that she has been using CityLift occasionally and it has gone well.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging

Renee Razo had nothing new to report; she said CIAOA has been delivering shelf-stable meals.

TransDev (CityLift & CountyLink)

Angel Marinich reported that TransDev has hired seven new drivers, and six are on the road. They are still working on reaching their recruiting goal of another five drivers. Angel said that they will be installing a mobile software to help drivers be more aware of their surroundings. The drivers are receiving training and will be fully operational in approximately three weeks. Starting March 6, TransDev will be able to provide services to East Peoria on Sundays.

Advocates for Access

Jodi Scott had no updates, though she said she has received notice about CityLink's new route changes.

EPIC

Dawn Harper noted that EPIC has hired a new driver and is now fully staffed.

WeCare

Sean Griffin reported that WeCare has hired a new driver.

MSW Projects (Marshall, Stark, Woodford)

Traci Dowell had no updates.

Greater Peoria Mass Transit District: CityLink

ShamRA reported that they have completed quarterly reports for both paratransit and fixed-route service. They have created a fillable application for perspective paratransit users to fill it out online. CityLink is getting ready for their Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA), which involves the route changes. CityLink will provide fare-free services during the first week of the route changes. Greater Peoria Mass Transit District has been working with Jim Bremner regarding the Washington Paratransit Expansion project.

AARP

Mary Patton had nothing to report.

Marshall County

David Lueders had no updates.

City of Galesburg

Kraig Boynton shared that the City has been able to promote two part-time employees to full time on their fixed-route bus service. The City is still looking for additional part-time drivers for both fixed-route and paratransit. They are working on an RFP for a dispatch software to move away from an access database they've been using.

KCCDD (Galesburg)

Joe Coffin is struggling to get enough help – they need five drivers but only have one full time driver.

Fulton County PCOM

Audra Miles had no updates.

Fulton County Rural Transit (FCRT)

Shelly Entrekin has hired a new driver.

Snyder Village

Audrey Barret reported that Snyder Village is still having problems with their new bus; the lift is still not working.

Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging (WIAAA)

Katy Deadmond had nothing to report.

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL)

Marie Argubright says that IVCIL is open by appointment only, and all programs are up and running.

5. HSTP Overview Presentation

Reema shared her presentation on the overview of HSTP. This overview included the purpose of HSTP and the funding structure. This was meant to be a refresher for new members a review for old members.

6. HSTP Coordinator Report

Those who receive 5311 and DOAP funds, the application period for new funds is now open.

5310 update: In October, the HSTP Urban Sub-Committee selected three projects from the applicable submitted projects to receive funding. One of these projects, a bike share program, will no longer be receiving funding because they were unable to secure a local match. The Fiscal Year 2020 funds need to be obligated before September. The leftover funds from FY20 will be added to a Peoria project to provide safe pedestrian crossing at a bus stop near Glen Oak Park. Tri-County is beginning to apply for 5310 funding for the Washington Paratransit Expansion project and the East Peoria sidewalk project as well.

7. HSTP Plan Update

The last HSTP Plan was completed in 2016, and its time for this region's plan to be updated. The first step to this planning process is to distribute surveys. To make survey distribution easier, Tri-County will digitize these surveys, then send them out to the regional partners. The four types of surveys that will be handed out are: For agencies, providers, riders, and the community. For this plan, Tri-County will have a public engagement element as well, likely in the summer.

8. Other

Ray Lees made an announcement that Reema Abi-Akar and Michael Bruner at Tri-County will be promoted from Planner II to Planner III.

Michael made an announcement about a survey that the City of Peoria is encouraging people to take to gather interest about bringing passenger rail to Peoria. Jodi Scott mentioned that LaSalle-Peru, IL will be a stop on this proposed rail line.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.