

**Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – 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 12:02 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
Mary Fouch** (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	EP!C	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
Gabriel Guevara, TCRPC
Lindsey Kerr, LifeLine Pilots
Katy Deadmond, Western Illinois Agency on Aging

John Corey, Advocate
Jim Bremner, Washington Township
Marie Argubright, IVCIL

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of December 6th, 2022 minutes

Greg Cassidy moved to approve the December 6th, 2022 minutes. Chris Mitchell seconded the motion. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

4. Provider and Agency Updates

Advocates for Access

Jodi Scott reported that Lifeline Pilots have the capability to fill in some of the gaps of transportation for those that meet the criteria to be served. The statewide independent living council is collecting stories from consumers on transportation to advocate to our legislators for statewide transportation change. These transportation improvements will be for paratransit and regular transit, but the focus is people with disabilities.

EP!C

Dawn Harper reported that EP!C is looking to hire a bus driver.

AARP

Mary Patton reports that AARP is working on a new house bill related to a family caregiver tax credit.

MSW Projects

Traci Dowell reported that they were able to train a new driver and they are preparing for their IDOT review.

GPMTD

ShamRA Robinson reported that there is going to be an ADA WOW public event. This event will aim to teach people how to sign up for and ride the paratransit public transportation system.

Washington Township

Jim Bremner reported that the Washington Pilot Program has received funding to extend the program for another 12 months. The program was able to resolve the Sunnyland fare issue where residents of Sunnyland were charged \$6, and now these residents will be charged the normal \$2 fare.

Marshall County Board

David Lueders had no report.

City of Galesburg

Mary Fauch reported that the City of Galesburg is still working on their app and applying for grants.

Fulton County

Audra Miles had no report.

Fulton County Rural Transit (FCRT)

Shelly Entrekin had no report.

Paratransit User

Chris Mitchell mentioned the wonderful experience she had taking paratransit with a driver that was being trained.

IVCIL

Marie Argubright had no report.

Western Illinois Agency on Aging

Katie Deadmond reported that there is a new caregivers support program which will be through VNA in Galesburg.

TCRC/WeCare

Greg Cassidy reported that WeCare tripmaster training is kicking off. WeCare has been awarded some capital grants, though Greg says more discussions still need to be had with IDOT about funding.

5. 5310 Funds Presentation

Reema gave a presentation about the 5310 funding program. This presentation covered where this money comes from, who is eligible for this money, and what it can be used for. This presentation also covered the application process to receive funding.

6. HSTP Coordinator Report

Reema reported that TCRPC's full commission voted to adopt the HSTP plan. Reema shared that the new plan is a little different from the old plan due to IDOT's new guidance regulations. Reema noted that TCRPC is in the process of expanding upon a list of non-traditional transit providers initially developed for the HSTP plan. However, this list is incomplete, and Reema asks that if members come across a transportation provider in their community to please send their contact information to her to be added to the list. The Rural Transit Assistance Center (RTAC) Conference is happening

in March in Springfield and is free. Reema is in the process of scheduling 5310 vehicle reviews. Reema also shared the accessibility changes the TCRPC has made to their website.

7. Other

None.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:39 p.m.