

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 7, 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 (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

Ray Lees, TCRPC

Connie Sheile, transit rider

John Corey, citizen

Marie Argubright, IVCIL

Sierra Smith, Tazewell County Board

Katie Deadmond, Western IL AOA

Ariel Ufferman, Snyder Village

Jim Bremner, Washington Township

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of the April 5, 2022 Minutes

Shelly Entrekin moved to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes. Joe Coffin seconded the motion. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

4. Public Meeting for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Document

Mary Patton motioned to open the public meeting, and Chris Mitchell seconded.

Michael Bruner presented to the committee about the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document. The TIP is a document that lists all the federally funded transportation projects within Tri-County's urbanized area, and Tri-County must produce this document to be able to obligate these funds. This presentation also provided an overview of the improvements to the TIP that Tri-County plans to implement. One such improvement is to turn the TIP into an online document. There were no comments.

Mary Patton created motion to close the public meeting, and Jodi Scott seconded.

5. Major Survey Themes and Feedback

Reema presented the findings from the surveys distributed for the HSTP document. She gave an overview of the different surveys that were distributed and the themes that were extrapolated from the data. Reema also requested feedback from the committee and discussed responses to the questions, Where are we now? Where do we want to be? and How do we get there? Responses to these questions will help shape goals and objectives for the plan document moving forward.

6. Provider and Agency Updates

FCRC/FCRT

Shelly Entrekin had no updates.

Fulton County PCOM

Audra Miles had no updates.

City of Galesburg

Kraig Boynton said that he is waiting on grants to be approved to buy equipment. Their buses are running 30 percent higher than expected.

AARP

Mary Patton had no updates on transportation.

GPMTD/Citylink

ShamRA Robinson talked about bus stop locations that have moved, listed in the COA, to align with NEPA requirements. ShamRA is working with Reema, Angel, and Jim Bremner on the 5310 Washington pilot paratransit project that will start on August 1st. She had GPMTD's CVP vehicle procurement public hearing in late April.

MSW Projects (Marshall, Stark, Woodford)

Traci Dowell reported that Marshall County has submitted their CVP application for a big van and two minivans. She said that there are 5311 application has areas that need to be updated. MSW Projects is trying to spend their CARES money and hired two drivers. Ridership has reached pre-Covid numbers.

ADDWC

Tyler Rogers had no updates.

WeCare

Sean Griffin had no updates.

EP!C

Dawn Harper reported that EP!C applied for a 5310 CVP grant for four vehicles. They closed due to COVID precautions for a week and half. They are currently undergoing inspections for their vehicles.

Advocates for Access

Jodi Scott had no updates.

TransDev (CityLift/CountyLink paratransit)

Angel Marinich reported they are working with EP!C with their shut-down. CityLift and CountyLink are almost fully staffed with drivers. Covid has hit some of their drivers. She said that on-time performance is improving, and they are approaching pre-Covid numbers.

Paratransit Users

Chris Mitchell had no updates, and Connie Sheile had no updates.

Washington Township

Jim Bremner reported that August 1st is the start date for Washington's underserved area's paratransit pilot program. Rider applications will be distributed throughout the region, and people can access them online as well.

Illinois Valley Center for Independent Living (IVCIL)

Marie Argubright had no updates.

Western IL Agency on Aging

Katie Deadmond had no updates.

Citizen

John Corey had no updates.

Central Illinois Agency on Aging (CIAOA)

Renee Razo reported that CIAOA is still actively looking for drivers. She said that they are gearing up for their annual golf tournament on August 19th. CIAOA had a couple vehicles down trying to get them fixed. Ridership is increasing.

7. HSTP Coordinator Report

Reema reported that in late April, Tri-County held a strategic planning session that was meant to outline long-term transportation goals in the Tri-County region. Several stakeholders voiced the need for expanding the public transportation system and making it more efficient.

Reema noted that she worked with IDOT to help with the grading process for CVP applications. There will an ADA celebration and resource fair for those that like to attend on July 26th from 5-7pm at the Peoria Civic Center. Finally, Reema noted that the Open Meetings Act training website is now up and running. It had been down for several months, if not over a year.

8. Other

No comment.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.