

Human Services Transportation Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 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

Audrey Barrett, Snyder Village

Francesca Lewis, TCRPC

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of the April 5, 2022 Minutes

Mary Patton moved to approve the April 5, 2022 minutes. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. There were no comments, and the minutes were approved.

4. Provider and Agency Updates

FCRC/FCRT

Shelly Entrekin reported they have their TripMaster program up and running. They are still actively looking for more drivers.

Fulton County PCOM

Audra Miles had no updates.

City of Galesburg

Kraig Boynton said they have hired two new mechanics and are finally getting caught up on repairs. They will be implementing an app to track their fixed route system relatively soon. Also, they have submitted nine requests on the most recent round of funding for grants.

AARP

Mary Patton had no updates on transportation.

MSW Projects (Marshall, Stark, Woodford)

Traci Dowell reported that they are staying busy and waiting for the next year to get going.

WeCare

Sean Griffin had no updates.

EPIC

Dawn Harper had no updates.

Advocates for Access

Jodi Scott had no updates.

TransDev (CityLift/CountyLink paratransit)

Angel Marinich reported they are finally getting closer to having enough drivers. Their on-time performance is better than it's ever been at about 95% on time on average. In the month of July, they only had two days under 90% on time; the average of those days was 89%. Dispatchers are working hard to learn new software. They are still recruiting for drivers, ideally four or five more. The six-month pilot service in Washington has just started and they will continue monitoring that program.

TCRC

Greg Cassidy reported that they are one year into the merger of TCRC and We Care. Things are going well; they have adjusted salaries to fill some gaps and are in the process of getting the TripMaster software soon. They are also in conversation with other local communities regarding how to expand transportation in the future.

Tazewell County Board

Sierra Smith had no updates.

5.) Discussion of HSTP plan document

Reema presented TCRPC's process of updating the HSTP document with guidance from IDOT. Last week, GPMTD held an ADA Celebration and Resource Fair. At the event, TCRPC staff asked event goers to rank transportation issues and solutions previously identified in rider and provider HSTP surveys. Reema then reviewed the document's timeline and proposed moving up the HSTP meeting in December by one month (November 1st) to accommodate the Commission's meeting schedule and have the document approved by IDOT's deadline.

Reema asked the HSTP committee to report back on what our region does well and some of the best practices for regional transit. Kraig Boynton said the region does well with sharing knowledge with other entities to avoid pitfalls. Jodi Scott said the region does a good job collaborating.

Reema reported that IDOT has asked TCRPC to create a master list of all agencies, organizations, or companies with transportation options in the region. Reema asked the HSTP committee to report back on any potential organizations that provide transportation they might be aware of including churches, nursing homes, senior centers, medical facilities, etc.

6. HSTP Coordinator Report

Reema reported that Washington Transit Service has started its six-month pilot service in collaboration with CityLift, GPMTD, Washington Township, and the City of Washington. They've had a few new riders register and hope to understand more about ridership in the area for future routes and planning.

Reema also reported the Illinois Public Transit Association Conference is in O'Fallon, Illinois from September 13th through 15th.

Reema reported she will be out of the office from August 24th until September 10th. During that time Reema's colleagues will be in the office and able to help while she's gone.

7. Other

No comment.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.