



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CT
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Amy McLaren , Peoria County		X	Dustin Sutton* Peoria Heights		X
Jeff Gilles , Peoria County	X		Dennis Carr City of Washington	X	
Mark Gilles* Peoria County		X	Jon Oliphant* City of Washington	X	
Paul Augspurger Tazewell County	X		Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	X-V	
Dan Parr Tazewell County		X	Dan Corp IDOT-D4	X	
Conrad Moore Woodford County	X		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-D4		X
Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria		X	Kinga Krider City of West Peoria	X	
Paola Mendez City of Peoria	X		Charles Hess* City of West Peoria		X
Sie Maroon City of Peoria		X	Craig Loudermilk Village of Morton	X	X
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria	X-V		David Horton City of Chillicothe	X	
Josie Esker City of Pekin	X		LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Dean Schneider* City of Pekin		X	Kofi Kisseh CityLink		X
Ric Semonski City of East Peoria	X		ShamRA Robinson* CityLink		X
Ty Livingston* City of East Peoria	X		Eric Miller TCRPC	X	
Chris Chandler Village of Peoria Heights		X	Ann Doubet Village of Germantown Hills	X	
Wayne Aldrich* Village of Peoria Heights	X		Gene Olson , Ex-officio MAAP		X

V = Virtual

Also in attendance: Doug DeLille, Al Barrae Shebib, Jacob Weck – IDOT

Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Debbi La Rue, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds.

Virtual attendees: Patrick Meyer – Patrick Meyer & Associates, Cindy Loos – City of Peoria, Anna Musial – FHWA

3. Public Comment - None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes on November 20, 2024

Conrad Moore moved to approve the November 20, 2024 meeting minutes and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

5. Recommend to the Commission the Following Amendments to the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – Attachment

Ric Semonski motioned to recommend to the Commission the Following Amendments to the FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and Jeff Gilles seconded the motion. Michael Bruner presented the following:

- a. Project W-25-01 Washington Safe Routes to School Phase II
- b. Project W-24-04 Washington Safe Routes to School Phase I and II
 - i. These two TIP amendments are connected and will merge Project W-25-01 with Project W-24-04, making them one project under TIP number W-24-04. This amendment will update the project location description, action, and funding breakdown.

Motion carried.

6. Discussion of FY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- a. As an MPO, Tri-County is federally required to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a short-term plan that identifies all federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects programmed for state and local jurisdictions for the next four fiscal years (FY 2026-29).

Tri-County updates the TIP on an annual basis in coordination with IDOT and local jurisdictions. The TIP includes roadway, non-motorized, and transit projects. All projects must be consistent with the region's LRTP. The TIP must be fiscally constrained, meaning projects are not included in the active project lists without a funding source. Projects that are regionally significant, reflect local jurisdiction priorities, and would be included in the TIP if reasonable funding sources were available are included in the Illustrative Project List.

Included in your packet is a listing of all the local jurisdictions' projects in the current TIP. Staff asks you to review this list and make sure all the information is correct (excluding the recent TIP amendment recommendation made earlier). Please ensure the correct Program Year is listed. The program year is based on the letting date, following the July 1st through June 30th timeline.

If any corrections or additions are needed, please reach out to staff by the end of the month. If staff does not hear from you, we will be reaching out in February to get status updates on your jurisdiction's current projects and to see if there are any additional projects that should be added to the FY 2026-29 TIP.

7. Discussion of FY 2026 Unified Planning and Work Program

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- a. As an MPO, Tri-County is federally required to develop and maintain a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which is one of the core MPO planning documents that is updated annually. It serves as the work plan for the metropolitan transportation planning process by directing the programs, projects, and products that the Commission will undertake and accomplish during the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) with a corresponding budget.

Staff is in the beginning stages of developing the draft FY 2026 UPWP by developing a draft budget and completing the required Programmatic Risk Assessment (PRA) for IDOT. As presented at our November Technical Committee meeting, the Commission is receiving the following apportionment for FY 2026:

- i. Federal Formula: \$841,856.20,
- ii. Federal Provisional: \$132,249.35
- iii. Match Requirement: \$243,526.39

8. **Overview of the Final Scope for the Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program**

Debbi La Rue presented the following:

- Tri-County partnered with the City and County of Peoria in late 2023 to apply for the FY 2023 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Program (TCP) and was selected to be part of that cohort for a project area extending along the river from the North Valley, through Downtown, and into the unincorporated areas of the South End.
- TCP is a project of the USDOT that aims to accelerate development and implementation of transportation projects in underserved communities such as rural areas and those that have experienced historical, systemic disinvestment.
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- USDOT approved our work plan over the winter holidays and this month marks the beginning of the 18-month implementation window.
- The scope of services is a living document that may be subject to revision as the project progresses, but the current version is included in your packets for review.

A few items to note:

- We have requested that Charles Brown return to Peoria to conduct some community engagement training this year.

- Over the next few months, we'll be drawing from our Public Participation Plan to develop a user-friendly community engagement toolkit to help staff determine what types of activities will be most effective for different types of projects or situations.
- And we'll be looking to implement a quick-win demonstration project this summer.
- Many more details are available in your packets.
- Please feel welcome to reach out with more information.

9. Updates

a. Combined Call for Projects

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- i. Programed projects need a BLR 17100 TIP Sheet

<https://idot.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idot/documents/idot-forms/blr/blr-17100.pdf>

1. Congratulations to those who received funding from our Combined Call for projects. The Commission approved your recommendation.
2. For those who received funding, please ensure that you submit a BLR 17100 TIP Sheet to Local Roads and staff by the end of the month.
 - a. Please include a project map with your submission

b. IDOT

i. Local Roads

Al Barrae Shebib provided an update on federal marks and bridge program funds, with expectations of no changes in applications. The announcement of special projects and bridge program funds is anticipated in the spring. Gia Biagi new IDOT Secretary. Jacob Weck is joining our Roads district.

ii. Central Office

Doug DeLille provided information that the Statewide Planning and Research funds Call for Projects will come out in about a month.

c. FHWA

No report. Anna Musial introduced herself virtually, filling in for Betsy Tracy today.

10. Other

- a. Michael Bruner discussed Open Meetings Act Training

<https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov/open-and-honest-government/pac/pac-training/>

- i. All Technical Committee Members are required to complete OMA training. Please complete and submit a PDF of the certification of completion to Lori.
- ii. If you have already completed this training in the last few years, please find and submit the certification of completion to Lori.

- b. Long-Range Transportation Plan

- i. Staff is actively working on the LRTP, and it is our goal to have the draft LRTP submitted for review in early February.

- c. Reema Abi-Akar shared a handout about Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. A public meeting for the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan is scheduled for February 6th at the Peoria Public Library Lincoln Branch from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The meeting aims to gather feedback and enhance the plan.
- d. Reema mentioned that IDOT asked Tri-County to participate in a Resiliency Improvement Plan. It focuses on building climate resilience into the transportation system.
- e. Next meeting scheduled for February 19, 2025

11. Adjournment

Paul Augsperger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paola Mendez, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Michael Bruner

Transcribed by:

Lori Reynolds