



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

456 Fulton St. Suite 401
Peoria, IL 61602

CHUCK NAGEL, CHAIRMAN

(Danny Phelan, John Kahl, Greg Menold, Camille Coates, Russ Crawford, Patrick Urich, and Autum Jones)

Monday, April 20, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
TCRPC Conference Room

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Meeting ID: 254 703 504 397
Passcode: GfNHbY

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Input
4. Motion to approve March 16, 2026 minutes
5. Executive Director report
6. Recommend to the Commission the approval of contracting with MJH CPA, LLC to complete the Financial and Compliance Audit for the Fiscal Year 2026 (Resolution 26-50)
7. Motion to Approve subcontractor agreement between TCRPC and the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council for professional services related to Water Supply Planning (Resolution 26-52)
8. Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Peoria for Human Resource Services (Resolution 26-51)
9. Discussion of FY 27 Draft Commission Budget
10. Discussion of Results of USDOT MPO Certification Review
11. Executive Session if necessary
12. Other
 - a. Next Meeting will be May 18, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
13. Adjournment



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Monday, March 16, 2026 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Chuck Nagel, John Kahl, Danny Phelan, Autum Jones, Camille Coates, Greg Menold, Patrick Urich. Russ Crawford joined virtually.

Also present were Eric Miller, Reema Abi-Akar, Michael Bruner and Lori Reynolds from TCRPC.

3. **Public Input**

None.

4. **Motion to approve January 19, 2026 minutes**

Greg Menold made a motion to approve January 19, 2026 minutes and John Kahl seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

5. **Motion to Retain as Confidential or Release to Public the following Executive Session minutes:**

- August 17, 2014
- February 23, 2015
- March 2, 2015
- March 11, 2015
- March 16, 2015
- June 20, 2016
- October 15, 2018

John Kahl made a motion to retain the above-listed Executive Session minutes and Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

6. Executive Director report

Eric Miller shared the following:

- a. Staff are in the beginning stages of developing the FY27 budget
 - b. Transportation section of UPWP submitted to IDOT, draft will be shared at next month's meeting
 - c. Staff are interviewing interns for this summer
 - d. Federal MPO certification was last week. Eric shared a list of the many accomplishments of staff over the last four years that impacted many communities. Kudos to staff for all their hard work over the years and for a successful certification.
 - e. Chillicothe board is reluctant to accept \$1 million to lead the viaduct plan, and Peoria County is also reluctant. It's a state highway and a railroad, not really a city issue.
 - i. Russ Crawford asked if there was a grant that would help Chillicothe change their mind? Eric said the county board was willing to pay half of the cost, but it would be considered 'enabling' the Chillicothe board when they may not support the project. It would be a multi-jurisdictional, regional link to the IL-29 business park that the county has in the works.
 - ii. Russ additionally asked if the Chillicothe public knows what's going on. Eric responded that about 25 people turned up for an open house. Can't get it to a Council vote.
 - iii. Danny Phelan doesn't see Peoria County giving much with the other projects in the works.
- 7. Discussion of FY 26 Financial Audit, option to request letter of engagement from incumbent auditor MH Accounting or seek proposals from qualified firms.**

After a brief discussion, the Executive Board agreed to engage MH.

8. Discussion and recommendation to move forward to full Commission a Resolution of Support for State Rail Planning Act (HB 4279)

Eric Miller referred to the information in the packet. The plan for passenger rail frequencies is every two hours, which seems excessive. Patrick Urich agreed that it is excessive and will probably be modified over time. Eric will write a carefully worded resolution that doesn't commit to every two hours.

9. Discussion of and recommendation to move forward a Resolution of Support to full Commission HB 7437, the BASICS (Bridges And Safety Infrastructure for Community Success) Act) Resolution 26-44

Eric Miller reported that this Resolution of Support would cause the Federal government to rewrite how monies are allocated, and redirect some authority to the MPOs, taking some authority away from IDOT.

Patrick Urich stated that he would support the MPO's getting more authority.

Danny Phelan stated that he would like more time to consider the issue.

Eric stated that the Commission could sign onto the BASICS Act but also ask for a rewritten formula, making it two different issues.

A decision was not made, and will be discussed further at the next meeting of the Executive Board.

10. Executive Session

Executive Session began at 9:39 a.m. to discuss personnel matters, and returned to open session at 9:52 a.m.

11. Other

- a. Next Meeting will be April 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

Patrick Urich made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Camille Coates, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded and transcribed by: Lori Reynolds

To: Members of the Commission
From Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Date: March 16, 2026
Subject: Executive Director Report for March, 2026

Project	Activity	Status
Administrative		
Headlines	Monitored Federal Govt Activities regarding Federal Funding and Reauthorization	
	Development of FY 27 Budget	Ongoing
	Ongoing discussion with stakeholders regarding IL 29 viaduct replacement	Ongoing
	Participated in Federal MPO Certification review	Ongoing
	Attended Passenger Rail stakeholder meeting/Review of HB4279 Passenger Rail Planning Act	Ongoing
	Meeting with IDOT regarding BASIC legislation	
Personnel	Internal update to Salary and benefits study	Ongoing
	Interviewing Intern Candidates	
Website	Updates to comply with ADA and ensure proper documents are published	Ongoing
Planning issues		
Illinois River Issues		
	Continued Discussion regarding Regional Strategic Planning Session on the Environment	Ongoing
HUD Healthy Homes	Work Ongoing	Ongoing
Water Supply Planning	Work has commenced	Ongoing
Watershed Planning	No activity, searching for grant opportunities	Ongoing
EPA Brownfield Assessment	Submitted program agreement amendment allowing staff time reimbursement to EPA, under review	Ongoing
	Outreach on potential sites is ongoing	Ongoing
Peoria County Comp Plan	Work is underway	Ongoing
GIS Projects/ Asset Management		
Village of Elmwood	Dunlap	Ongoing
Washburn	Peoria Heights	Ongoing
Minonk	Village of North Pekin	Ongoing
Delavan	Village of Washburn	Ongoing
North Pekin	Peoria Park District	Ongoing
El Paso	Tremont	Ongoing
Hollis Park District	Hanna City	Ongoing
Chillicothe	Creve Coeur	Ongoing
Logan County GIS technical assistance		Ongoing
MPO/Transportation		
Technical Committee	Prepare agenda for and coordination for Technical Meetings	ongoing
Transportation Improvement Program	FY 26 TIP amendments processed	Ongoing
	E-TIP is active	Ongoing
2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update	Plan is adopted	Ongoing
Highway Safety Improvement Program Guardrails	Construction contract has been let, Construction Eng Consultant selected	Ongoing
Active Transportation Planning	Work with various Stakeholders, coordination of planning efforts	ongoing
Safe Streets for All SS4A plan	SS4A action plan adopted	Complete
	Prepare for first Safety Committee Meeting	Ongoing
	Safe Routes to School Application	
IDOT Regional Bus Stop Inventory project	Data collection ongoing	Ongoing
	Advisory group meeting held	Ongoing
Special Transportation Studies FY25		
Bartonville Active Transportation plan	Plan Draft submitted to board for consideration	Ongoing
City of Peoria Bike Plan update	Final Plan submitted to City	Complete
City of East Peoria Storm Sewer Inv.	Work has Commenced	Ongoing
Peoria Heights Parking Study	Study Approved by Village board	Complete
FY 26		
Chillicothe-Sidewalk Inventory and Priority Development	Staff led project underway	Ongoing
East Peoria -Stormwater Management System-Phase 3	Consultant selected	Ongoing
Germantown Hills- Active Transportation Plan	Staff led project underway	Ongoing
State Planning and Research projects		
FY 23 State Planning and Research Funding		
Heart of Illinois Regional Port District Master Planning	Work is complete	Complete
Regional Community Planning	Project underway/ Executed No Cost contract extension with IDOT	Ongoing
East Peoria	Plan adopted by City	Complete

Bartonville	Plan adopted by Village	Complete
Creve Coeur	Plan adopted by Village	Complete
Chillicothe	Plan adopted by City	Complete
Germantown Hills	Plan Draft Submitted to Village	Ongoing
Village of Brimfield	Plan Draft Submitted to Village	Ongoing
FY 24 State Planning and Research Funding	Bike and Ped counting equipment and consultant for Traffic Signal data collection-	Ongoing
	Consultant selection complete/work is underway, Equipment acquired	
FY25 State Planning and Research Funding		
IL 29 Multimodal Study	Project Underway	Ongoing
HSTP/Transportation		
5310 program Grant		Ongoing
HSTP Plan	Commission Adopted Plan	Ongoing
HSTP meetings	Letter from IDOT requesting to add Logan County to our region\ working on contract amendment w/IDO	Ongoing

RESOLUTION 26-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO SELECT THE PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF M|H CPA, LLC TO COMPLETE THE FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.

WHEREAS, The Tri-County Regional Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is required to conduct a yearly audit of revenue and expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the firm of M|H CPA, LLC submitted a proposal to provide professional auditing services to the Commission for the year ending June 30, 2026 for an estimated fee of \$29,650.

WHEREAS, the Ways & Means Committee of the Commission recommends that the Commission enter into a contract with the firm of M|H CPA, LLC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

That the Commission enter into a contract with the firm of M|H CPA, LLC for auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, for an estimated fee of \$29,650.

Presented this 6th day of May 2026

Adopted this 6th day of May 2026

ATTEST:

Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

RESOLUTION 26-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER PEORIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO SUPPORT PHASE THREE OF A REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY PLANNING PROCESS WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000.

WHEREAS, in January 2006, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed Executive Order 2006-01, requiring the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) to lead state and regional water-supply planning activities; and

WHEREAS, the IDNR has conducted or is conducting water supply planning projects for Northeastern Illinois, East-Central Illinois, Kaskaskia Region, the Rock River Region, and the Kankakee Subregion; and

WHEREAS, the Commission and IDNR entered into an agreement to establish the third phase of a water supply plan which includes the assessment of municipal water system resiliency and management practices, identification of priority aquifer recharge areas, development of a future drought planning framework, and investigation of the relationship between water supply and regional economic development decisions for the Middle Illinois Basin comprised of Peoria, Woodford, Stark, Marshall, Putnam, LaSalle, and Livingston counties; and

WHEREAS, because the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC) partners with economic development, municipal, and industry practitioners in the region, GPEDC is well-positioned to assist the Commission in this regional water supply planning process; and

WHEREAS, GPEDC will investigate the role of water supply in economic development decisions, produce policy and strategy recommendations, and develop the Economic Development chapter of the Middle Illinois Basin Phase III Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, an amount not to exceed \$10,000 is adequate to cover the responsibilities of GPEDC's role and is within the Commission's budget; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

To authorize its Executive Director to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Greater Peoria Economic Development Council to investigate the relationship between water supply and regional economic development for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Presented this 6th day of May 2026

Adopted this 6th day of May 2026

ATTEST:

Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

RESOLUTION 26-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEORIA TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES SERVICES TO THE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, hereafter referred to as the Commission, employs a staff of professional managers, planners, and GIS specialists, and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to have professional human resources services available to the administration for various human resources issues that arise during the normal course of Commission activities, and

WHEREAS, the City has qualified Human Resources personnel capable of providing such assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has met with the City of Peoria, and the City has the capacity to provide said services to the Commission at a reasonable hourly rate

WHEREAS, the Executive Director recommends entering into an intergovernmental agreement with City of Peoria for a term of 1 year renewable annually with agreement from both parties

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

That the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to execute the intergovernmental agreement for Human resources services with the City of Peoria to be performed at rate of \$100 per hour not to exceed \$30,000 per year.

Presented this 6th day of May 2026

Adopted this 6th day of May 2026

Chuck Nagel, Chairman
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Eric W. Miller, Executive Director
Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BUDGET FY27

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

Revenue By Project	FY27 Budget	FY27 Federal	FY27 State	FY27 Local
FY26 IDOT - UPWP (Remaining Funds)	120,000.00	96,000.00	24,000.00	-
FY27 IDOT - UPWP	1,240,393.88	992,315.10	248,078.78	-
FY27 MPO Joint Funding - Local Projects (TO BE PROGRAMMED)	168,078.78	-	-	168,078.78
FY27 MPO Joint Funding - Local Projects - Peoria Passenger Rail	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
County Dues from MPO Joint Funding	45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00
5310 FTA	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-
ArcGIS Licensing - Local Invoices	7,600.00	-	-	7,600.00
HSTP - Human Services Transportation Plan	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	-
IDNR - Water Supply Planning	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	-
IDOT - IL-29 Corridor Study	120,000.00	96,000.00	24,000.00	-
IDOT - Bus Stop Inventory and Analysis	80,000.00	80,000.00	-	-
IDOT - Bus Stop Inventory and Analysis - Local Funds (GPMTD)	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
FY27 MPO Joint Funding - Local Projects - Bus Stop Inventory and Analysis	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
USEPA Brownfields Assessment	125,000.00	125,000.00	-	-
Logan County - GIS	15,000.00	-	-	15,000.00
El Paso - Comprehensive Plan	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00
Elmwood - Comprehensive Plan	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
Mackinaw - Comprehensive Plan	25,000.00	-	-	25,000.00
Peoria County - Comprehensive Plan	37,500.00	-	-	37,500.00
Tazewell County - Planning Contract	9,045.00	-	-	9,045.00
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Interest	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Total FY26 Budgeted Revenue	2,281,617.66	1,579,315.10	314,078.78	388,223.78

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

BUDGET FY27

JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

Expenses		FY27 Budget Estimate
Amortization Expenses:		
	Amortization Expense - Office	30,209.76
	Amortization Expense - Copier	5,216.45
	Amortization Expense - SBITAs	-
	Total Amortization Expenses	35,426.21
Computer Expenses:		
	Computer Hardware & Supplies	14,325.00
	Computer Software & Services	18,534.00
	Total Computer Expenses	32,859.00
Outside Services:		
	Computer Support Contracts	60,000.00
	Contractual Services	125,000.00
	Consultants	545,000.00
	Total Outside Services	730,000.00
Depreciation:		6,476.34
Employee Benefits:		
	Health Insurance	86,047.25
	Parking	9,690.00
	Payroll Taxes	60,139.84
	Retirement	57,782.59
	Workers Compensation Insurance	1,150.00
	Total Employee Benefits	214,809.68
Interest Expenses:		
	Interest Expense - Office	5,474.01
	Interest Expense - Copier	1,938.04
	Total Interest Expenses	7,412.05
Office Administration:		
	Bank Service Charges	200.00
	Copier Expense	200.00
	Fuel (Commission Vehicle)	500.00
	Internet & Phones	7,500.00
	Professional Liab & Auto Ins	7,800.00
	Office Supplies	8,000.00
	Parking (TCRPC Vehicle / Validations)	2,000.00
	Postage	250.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00
	Subscriptions	50.00
	Office Water	2,000.00
	Total Office Administration	31,000.00
Miscellaneous Projects Costs:		
	Advertising	750.00
	Community Events	200.00
	Membership Dues	4,000.00
	Legal Notices	2,500.00
	Other Miscellaneous Expenses	-
	Total Miscellaneous Project Costs	7,450.00
Professional Fees:		
	Accounting/Audit	30,000.00

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BUDGET FY27
JULY 2026 - JUNE 2027

Expenses	FY27 Budget Estimate
HR Consultants and Services	30,000.00
Legal Fees	3,000.00
Total Professional Fees	63,000.00
Facility Costs:	
Office Cleaning	2,700.00
Property & Casualty Insurance	3,750.00
Utilities	5,000.00
Total Facility Costs	11,450.00
Salaries & Wages:	792,403.26
Training & Education:	
In-State Conferences	12,500.00
Out-of State Conferences	3,000.00
Staff Training	3,000.00
Professional Membership Dues	2,500.00
Total Training & Education	21,000.00
Travel:	
Lodging	500.00
Meals	500.00
Meeting Expenses	1,000.00
Mileage Reimbursements	3,500.00
Training - Travel	14,500.00
Other Travel & Meals	-
Total Travel	20,000.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	1,973,286.53
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	308,331.13



1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On March 10, 2026, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the Certification Review of the transportation planning process for the Peoria, Illinois urbanized area. FHWA and FTA are required to jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each urbanized area over 200,000 in population at least every four years to determine if the process meets the federal planning requirements.

As a part of the TMA Certification Review process, FHWA and FTA employ a risk-based approach containing various factors to determine which topic areas require additional evaluation during the Certification Review. The Certification Review process is only one of several methods used to assess the quality of a regional metropolitan transportation planning process, compliance with applicable statutes and regulations, and the level and type of technical assistance needed to enhance the effectiveness of the planning process. This Certification Review was conducted to highlight best practices, identify opportunities for improvements, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

The Certification Review included a desk review of the metropolitan planning organization's (MPO) planning products and processes, an opportunity for public comment via a web-based survey posted by the MPO, and a site review with staff from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on March 10, 2026.

Based on the findings from the Certification Review, the FHWA and FTA jointly notified the TCRPC MPO and IDOT by letter dated [REDACTED] that the Peoria, IL, TMA's metropolitan transportation planning process meets federal requirements and is certified. The Federal Review Team recognized eight (8) commendations, zero (0) corrective actions, and nine (9) recommendations.



4.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the findings from the Certification Review, the FHWA and FTA jointly certify that the transportation planning process of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission MPO meets the federal planning requirements. The Federal Review Team recognized eight (8) commendations, no corrective actions, and nine (9) recommendations.

4.1 Commendations

The following are noteworthy practices that TCRPC is doing well in the transportation planning process:

TCRPC is commended for their use of planning funds to develop transportation studies for local communities within the region. Almost forty (40) studies have been developed since TCRPC started dedicating a portion of the MPO planning funds in 2016. The studies help local communities plan improvements that are safe, efficient and sustainable.

TCRPC is commended for including Appendix B in the LRTP. This appendix contains a LRTP Federal Compliance Checklist that cites each of the required contents of a metropolitan transportation plan as set forth in 23 U.S.C. 134 and 23 CFR 450.324. This appendix helps the MPO verify their plan is in compliance.

The Federal Review Team commends TCRPC's and CityLink's efforts to collaborate on the bus stop accessibility plan. The plan allows the MPO and transit agency to communicate on a regular basis. In addition to sharing data that helps inform decisions to provide transit services in underserved areas or allocating accessibility funding in areas of greatest need, the plan can help the MPO and transit agency collaborate on long range planning considerations such as adjusting the service area to target areas with economic development aspirations.

TCRPC is commended for their work creating a combined call for projects which consolidated the solicitation for each federal funding program into one process. Each program retained their separate scoring criteria for each program. By doing a combined call for projects, staff will be able to reduce redundancies within project selection criteria as well as improve consistency and streamline their project evaluation process.

TCRPC is commended for holding a Strategic Transportation Planning Session that gathered almost 100 participants. The result of the Planning Session was the creation of the Regional Prioritization Subcommittee to advise staff on the regional project prioritizations development process and the development of a regional priority project list. This opportunity allowed members of the public to provide their input on transportation in the MPO region. The Federal Review Team also recognizes TCRPC's work in providing MPO Committees' meeting materials in a centralized and publicly accessible location on the MPO website.



TCRPC is commended for collaborating with the Heart of Illinois Regional Port District and the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council to develop a Master Plan and Implementation Strategy for the Port District.

TCRPC is commended for their work in completing the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan and for establishing a Regional Safety Committee who is tasked with implementing the Safety Action Plan and tracking progress towards reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries.

TCRPC is commended for developing inventory of twelve (12) local agencies guardrail infrastructure and bringing a multi-jurisdictional Highway Safety Improvement Program grant to the MPO region. The grant provides phase III construction engineering for systematic guardrail improvements in the region.

4.2 Corrective Actions

There are no corrective actions identified or issued in this report.

4.3 Recommendations

The following are recommendations that would improve the transportation planning process:

TCRPC is encouraged to continue revising and updating its website and current documents for any reference to PPUATS, except for historical references and documents. The removal of PPUATS will help eliminate any lasting confusion from the merger. In an effort to clarify who is responsible for MPO functions, TCRPC is encouraged to review all agreements and update them to only have TCRPC listed. All past documents and agreements should be clearly organized on the website in a way that the reader understands they are no longer current.

TCRPC is encouraged to identify and better track multi-year projects that address regional planning. TCRPC is also encouraged to maintain accuracy for citations referencing federal requirements within its UPWP.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with all Illinois MPOs to have draft UPWP documents available for State and Federal review prior to MPO board action. Establishing a timeline in advance of MPO Board approval for review ensures that the MPO is in compliance with UPWP requirements. This coordination will also contribute to a streamlined State and Federal approval process to help ensure the MPOs' access to planning funding faster and in alignment with the State Fiscal Year.

TCRPC is encouraged to provide documentation of the MPO's performance measure target selection and adoption between update cycles of its LRTP. This can be achieved by posting the current resolutions that include the annual targets and data compiled for each of the measures to the Performance Measures page on the MPO's website, including them in the Transportation Improvement Program, and/or by displaying the targets and trendlines via a dashboard.



It is recommended that the MPO provides further explanations and details to determine fiscal constraint. The MPO should include a detailed narrative in the LRTP to explain how TCRPC will be able to deliver the projects listed in the short and mid-range categories if they are shown as overprogrammed.

TCRPC is encouraged to include an explanation of how the performance measure targets are being met. Additional narrative on what work is already being done and how the MPO is achieving the targets will help better connect the LRTP and the TIP. The TIP should also include how the projects are selected based on performance-based planning.

As the MPO begins to incorporate the eTIP in the development of the TIP, TCRPC should make sure that all required elements are within the narrative and that static financial tables are included at the time of approval.

The MPO should make sure the financial tables only include the horizon years of the TIP to clearly show fiscal constraint by year for only the years covered in the current TIP.

The Illinois Department of Transportation is encouraged to coordinate with all Illinois MPOs to have drafted TIP documents available for State and Federal review prior to MPO board action. Establishing a timeline in advance of MPO Board approval for review ensures that the MPO is in compliance with TIP requirements. This coordination will also contribute to a streamlined State and Federal approval process to help ensure the MPO's access to transportation funding is not delayed.

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