



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CT  
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order  
 Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
  
2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
<b>Amy McLaren</b> , Peoria County		x	<b>Dennis Carr</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Jeff Gilles</b> , Peoria County	x		<b>Jon Oliphant*</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Mark Gilles*</b> Peoria County		x	<b>Patrick Meyer</b> Village of Bartonville	x	
<b>Paul Augspurger</b> Tazewell County	v		<b>Terrisa Worsfold</b> IDOT-D4	x	
<b>Dan Parr</b> Tazewell County		x	<b>Karen Dvorsky*</b> IDOT-04		x
<b>Conrad Moore</b> Woodford County		x	<b>Kinga Krider</b> City of West Peoria	x	
<b>Andrea Klopfenstein</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Charles Hess</b> City of West Peoria*	x	
<b>Paola Mendez</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Craig Loudermilk</b> Village of Morton	x	
<b>Sie Maroon</b> City of Peoria		x	Village of Morton		
<b>Vacant*</b> City of Peoria			<b>David Horton</b> City of Chillicothe	v	
<b>Cindy Loos*</b> City of Peoria	v		<b>Terry Keogel</b> Village of Creve Coeur		x
<b>VACANT*</b> City of Peoria			<b>Vacant</b> CityLink		
<b>Josie Esker</b> City of Pekin	x		<b>ShamRA Robinson*</b> CityLink		x
<b>Dean Schneider*</b> , City of Pekin		x	<b>Vacant*</b> CityLink		
<b>Ric Semonski</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Gene Olson</b> MAAP		x
<b>Ty Livingston*</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Eric Miller</b> TCRPC	x	
<b>Chris Chandler</b> Village of Peoria Heights		x	<b>Rich Brecklin</b> Village of Germantown Hills	x	
<b>Wayne Aldrich*</b> Village of Peoria Heights	x				
<b>Dustin Sutton*</b> Peoria Heights		x			

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Debbi La Rue, Ray Lees, and Ian Chenoweth, and Logan Chapman -Virtual. Brandon Geber, IDOT. Betsy Tracey-FHWA - Virtual

3. Public Comment- none

4. Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2024, Meeting

Rich Brecklin moved to approve the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes and Ric Semonski seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Public Meeting:** Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan

<https://tricityrpc.org/title-vi-ppp-review>

Josie Esker moved to open the Public Meeting: Title VI Program with environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan and Andrea Klopfenstein seconded.

Gabriel Guevara updated on the following:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that “no person in the United State shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded form participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
- As a recipient of USDOT financial assistance, Tri-County is required to prepare a Title VI Program as stipulated b 49 CFR Part 21 and FTA Circular 4702.1B.
- Tri-County’s Title Program is updated every three years and outlines the federally assisted programs of the US Department of Transportation.
- Environmental Justice considerations are included to build to the Title VI policy by considering the impacts to ow-income, minority, and other disadvantaged populations within transportation planning and decision-making.
  - Population considered disadvantaged are:
    - Carless households
    - Persons with a disability\elderly households
    - Limited English proficiency (LEP) households
    - Minority populations, households in poverty, and
    - Single heads of households with children.
- Per FTA guidance, Title VI Programs are required to address language assistance needs to ensure meaningful access to transportation planning-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.
- Title VI requires the promotion of inclusive public participation. Tri-County maintains a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to comply with this requirement.

- The PPP describes the continues efforts and sets forth the policy of TCRPC to involve public officials, community leaders, organizations, and area citizens in the transportation planning process.
- There is no federally required time period to review and update this plan; however, Tri-County reviews the plan every three years along with the Title VI Policy update.
- Tri-Couty conducted stakeholder interviews with various community organizations and members to gain insight into the best management practices for public engagement.
  - Central Illinois Friends
  - Southside Mission Community Center
  - Peoria Community Against Violence
  - CityLink
  - Phoenix Community Development Services Urban Acres Farm
  - We Can Hear You
  - Council Member
- The Title VI Policy and PPP are currently in a 45-day public comment period.
  - April 17-May 31
  - 3 public hearings
    - April 17, 2024: 9:00 a.m.- Technical Committee meeting
    - May 1, 2024- 9:00 a.m.- Full Commission meeting
    - May 15, 2024- 9:00 a.m.-Technical Committee meeting
  - Both documents are available for review on our website, at Tri-County's office and 20 local libraries in the 20-year planning boundary.
  - Expected adoption during the June Full Commission Meeting.

Andrea Klopfenstein moved to close Public Meeting and Rich Brecklin seconded. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission the Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency Plan and Public Participation Plan

Wayne Aldrich moved to recommend to Commission Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency Plan and Public Participation Plan and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

7. Discussion and Recommendation of FY 2020 Transportation Alternative (TA) Funds – Attachment

Michael Bruner discussed the following:

- The Commission awarded Washington \$293,959 in FY2020 TA funding to construct a multiuse path along US24 Business from Gillman Ave. to Eagle Ave.
- Since the award, IDOT has added the reconstruction of US-24 Business in the MYP.

- Washington has paused their project until IDOT moves forward with the reconstruction.
    - However, the IDOT project timeline has taken longer than anticipated.
  - Typically, TA funds lapse in three fiscal years following the funding year unless Federally Authorized, so this project’s funding has the potential of being rescinded by US DOT.
  - Staff is looking for a recommendation from the Technical Committee to retain this FY 2020 TA funding before it is rescinded, whether that involves potentially transferring the funds to a shovel-ready project and holding the Washington project for future TA funds or considering a different solution.
    - Jeff Gilles asked if we could extend shovel ready and Michael Bruner replied not that he is aware of.
    - Dennis Carr said the council is not willing to have money spent. All the funding is spoken for.
    - Brandon Geber said they will assist to try and keep the money from losing it. Josie Esker moved to have the funds put into current funding and current operation and Rick Semonski seconded. Motion carried.
8. Discussion of FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program Project Listing – Handout  
Michael Bruner updated on the following:
- The TIP 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 2025-28).
  - The handout includes the draft project listings:
    - Surface Transportation Project List
    - Mass Transit Project List
    - Illustrative Project List
  - Please review and supply me with any necessary updates. The draft TIP is planned to be released next month for public comment.
9. Call for Projects – FY 2025 Special Transportation Study – Attachment
- The Commission has programmed approximately \$181,000 of FY 2025 Metropolitan Planning Funds for Special Transportation Studies.
  - The project application is available on the Commission’s website, under Funding Programs: <https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/special-studies/>

- Application is a Google Form, plus supporting documents that are to be emailed to Staff at [funding@tricityrpc.org](mailto:funding@tricityrpc.org).
- Project Schedule
  - Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>- Project proposals due by 3:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>- Establish Review Subcommittee at Technical
    - The Subcommittee will meet to review, grade, and recommend projects.
  - Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>- Technical Committee makes recommendations to Commission.
  - Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>- Commission programs projects
- Eligible projects are corridor plans, feasibility studies, bicycle, and pedestrian plans, TDM, data collection, asset management, etc.

10. Updates

a. IDOT

- Local Roads-nothing
- Central Office

Brandon Geber FTA update plan, CFR has a lot of new requests.

b. FHWA

Betsy Tracy reported on suballocated balances and will work with MPO and IDOT.

11. Other

- Michael Bruner added the release connect period for TIP, project review.

a. Next meeting scheduled for June 19, 2024

- This is Juneteenth -- are you available at 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday before (June 12) or the Wednesday after (June 26) instead?

Michael asked which date for June meeting and June 12<sup>th</sup> was chosen.

- Cindy Loos asked for a TIP list.

12. Adjournment

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Logan Chapman, GIS I

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator