



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, March 19, 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 9:00 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call

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

**V = Virtual**

Also in attendance: Doug DeLille, Al Barrae Shebib, Jacob Weck, Tao Dong – IDOT, Jeff Spiller – Mauer Stutz Inc., Jeff Counsil – Traffic Safety Engineer  
Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds.  
Virtual attendees: Collin Dunn, Debbi La Rue - TCRPC

#### 3. Public Comment

None

#### 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2025

Jeff Gilles moved to approve the February 9, 2025 meeting minutes, and Ty Livingston seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Public Meeting: Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update**

<https://tricountyrpc.org/notice-of-citizen-review-lrtp/>

Conrad Moore motioned to open the Public Meeting, seconded by Patrick Meyers.

Reema Abi-Akar introduced the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update, explaining that it is a 25-year snapshot of the regional transportation system, focusing on the urbanized area within the tri-county area. The plan includes a fiscally constrained project list and an illustrative list of projects that are next in line for funding. The LRTP is a federally required document that must be produced every five years.

Reema outlined the plan elements and vision for the LRTP, which include active transportation, economy, environment, freight, public health, and a general transportation system overview. Each element has its own section in the plan with specific goals.

Reema discussed the prioritization process for the LRTP, which aims to identify opportunities to support transportation planning and construction goals, encourage coordination, and identify projects for grants. The process helps reduce unproductive competition and strengthens grant applications.

Reema explained the financial plan and travel demand modeling for the LRTP. The financial plan includes short-, mid-, and long-range project lists, while the travel demand model forecasts region-wide travel behavior and helps understand traffic patterns.

Reema mentioned the fixed-route transit audit conducted by two staff members who rode CityLink buses and documented their experiences in key categories such as connectivity, comfort and wayfinding. The audit helps identify areas for improvement to be utilized when funding opportunities arise.

Reema announced the 30-day public comment period for the LRTP, which began in early March and will close on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Hard copies of the plan are available at regional libraries, and comments can be submitted via email or mail. The plan will be considered for adoption on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Cindy Loos motioned to close the Public Meeting, seconded by Jeff Gilles. Motion carried.

**6. Recommend to Commission the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update**

<https://tricountyrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/LRTP-2050-Draft-Plan-reduced.pdf>

Ty Livingston motioned to recommend to Commission the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update, which was seconded by Conrad Moore. Motion carried.

**7. Recommend to Commission the FY 2026 United Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

<https://tricountyrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-FY2026-UPWP-TCRPC.pdf>

Sie Maroon motioned to recommend to Commission the FY 2026 United\* Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update, which was seconded by Ann Doubet.

Michael Bruner corrected United\* to Unified. He then presented a brief synopsis of the document.

- a. Staff has developed the draft FY 2026 UPWP and corresponding budget and presented it at the February Technical Committee and March Commission meetings.
- b. The Commission's PL Marks are as follows:
  - o \$974,105.55 in Federal funding, and
  - o \$243,526.39 in non-Federal match funding,
  - o Total project budget \$1,217,631.94.

Motion carried.

#### **8. Recommend to Commission the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement**

Jeff Gilles made a motion to recommend to Commission the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement. Patrick Meyer seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported that the contributions for the non-federal match are almost identical to this current year. Contributions are detailed in the packets. The Commission will review at their next meeting for approval, then our accountant will send out invoices in the July-August time frame, for FY26.

Motion carried.

#### **9. Recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments**

Patrick Meyer motioned to recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments, and Conrad Moore seconded.

Michael Bruner reported the following:

- a. Project S-27-08 IL-40 Miscellaneous Improvements
  1. The project is installing a traffic signal on the IL-6 Northbound ramp terminal,
  2. The HSIP funding source is being added, and adjustments to the NHPP and State funding sources are being made accordingly.
  3. The project is being moved from the FY 2027 Program to the FY 2026 Program with the planned letting date of June 13, 2025.
- b. Project PC-27-01 Radnor Road Phase II Engineering
  1. The project will provide Phase II Engineering for Radnor Rd from 950 feet north of Ridgeview Drive to Willow Knolls Rd.
  2. The project is being added to the FY 2027 Program.

Motion carried.

## **10. Discussion of the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Guardrail HSIP Replacement Program**

Michael Bruner reported that in 2022-23, Tri-County successfully submitted an HSIP grant application for systematic guardrail improvements for 13 Jurisdictions and was awarded a not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 in FY 2023 HSIP funding.

Jeff Spiller from Mauer Stutz reported that there were 240 locations approved in Phase 1, but the cost of materials has increased, so Phase 2 consists of half the original locations. Plans are being devised, trying not to go over budget, and developing a priority list. We won't be able to hit all the locations, so jurisdictions are being notified so they don't have to try to come up with more funding, and to go over their priority lists. HSIP funding will be available again in late April. Construction should begin in Spring of 2026, after waiting for better prices.

Michael stated that since HSIP is released in April, now is the time to start thinking about adding more locations if that is the direction that the region wants to go.

## **11. Discussion of State and MPO Federal Review Requests**

Michael Bruner reported that IDOT has made us aware that USDOT Modal Administration offices, who review and approve certain state and MPO activities, have experienced a rapid decrease in staff. In response, IDOT OP&P has recommended that MPOs consider steps to decrease the need for federal review and approval of MPO documents and actions.

As a result, Tri-County is proposing the following:

- Staff will forgo developing the FY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and maintain our current FY 2025-28 TIP document.
- Staff will only consider projects in the current Program, the second out-year of the TIP, and expected FTA grant requests.

As a reminder, projects that fall into any of these categories:

- Not adding additional federal sources
- Not adjusting the budget 50% or more of the previous federal budget
- Adding minimal scoping adjustments
- Moving projects from one Program Year to another

...can be amended via Administration Modification and does not require formal TIP Amendments.

Doug DeLille stated that if you could, please don't update your TIP. Staff is very thin right now, so they are trying to minimize the workload.

## **12. Updates**

### **a. IDOT**

#### **i. Local Roads**

AI reported the following:

- May 7 is National Bike and Walk to School Day.
- Special Programs will have two sets of meetings to talk about projects and funding:
  - May 20-21 in Macomb

- May 22-23 in Peoria at the Peoria Public Library North Branch
- IDOT is hiring engineers and interns
- IDOT has received a letter about funding levels for SDBG for FY26

Doug reported the following:

- There will be no State Planning and Research (SPR) call for projects this year.
- There will be a redistribution of money on a formula basis:
  - \$1.8 million in unobligated funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program will be transferred to the STBG program

b. FHWA – none

### **13. Other**

- a. Reema stated there will be a Kickapoo Creek Watershed Open House tonight at the Peoria Farm Bureau building from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- b. Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025

### **14. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Gilles and seconded by Patrick Meyer. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Michael Bruner

Transcribed by:

Lori Reynolds