



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 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
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	
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	David Horton City of Chillicothe	X	
Tina Hauk City of Pekin		X	LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Josh Wray* 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 and Jacob Weck – IDOT, Jeff Counsil – Traffic Safety Engineer
Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman,
Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, Debbi La Rue and Lori Reynolds.
Virtual attendees: Anna Musial - FHWA

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

Ty Livingston moved to approve the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes, and Patrick Meyer seconded.

Motion carried.

5. Recommend to Commission the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update

Ann Doubet motioned to recommend to Commission the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update, and Cale Thompson seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar reported that the HSTP outlines the state of human services transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, those with low incomes, veterans, and other populations considered transit-dependent across HSTP Region 5, which includes Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, Knox, Stark, and Marshall counties.

- This plan outlines the transportation needs and options, programs and funding sources, regionwide and urban-specific demographics, service gap analysis, goals, and successes.
- This was a "lite" update
 - Updated demographic maps and charts to newer US Census data
 - Updated the HSTP Committee and collaborating entities list
 - New bylaws
 - Section 5310 projects and funding amounts
- We held a 30-day public comment period from February 3-March 4, 2025
 - Received 1 comment and incorporated the necessary change which was simply updating a photo.
- On Tuesday, April 1, the HSTP Committee unanimously voted to approve this plan. If it is recommended today, the last step will be for the Commission to approve it on May 7.

Motion carried.

6. Call for Projects – FY 2026 Special Transportation Studies

Michael Bruner reported that Tri-County has programmed approximately \$135,000 of its Fiscal Year 2026 Metropolitan Planning Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects.

- The Call for Projects and project application link is available on the Commission's website, under Funding Programs: <https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/special-studies/>
- The project application is a Google Form, plus supporting documents that are to be emailed to Staff at funding@tricountyrpc.org
- Project Schedule
 - Friday, May 16 – Project proposals are due by 3:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, May 21 – Establish Project Review Subcommittee at Technical
 - Monday, June 9 – Project Review Subcommittee meets to review, grade, and recommend projects
 - Wednesday, June 18 – Technical Committee makes recommendation to Commission

- Wednesday, July 2 – Commission approves projects
- Examples of eligible projects include
- Active transportation plans,
- Asset management (data collection & analysis),
- Corridor planning,
- Feasibility studies, and
- Transit planning.

7. Updates

- a. FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement – Michael Bruner
 - i. Friendly reminder that Staff sent an email on Tuesday, April 8th regarding collecting signatures on the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement.
 - ii. Please work with your respective Commissioner or Chief Elected Official to obtain the necessary approvals and signature on the Joint Funding Agreement.
 - iii. We ask that you submit the signed agreement to Staff by the May 21st Technical Committee meeting.
- b. IL-29 Multimodal Corridor Plan – Michael Bruner
 - i. Last year, Tri-County applied for and received Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation for developing a multimodal corridor plan for Illinois Route 29 in Peoria County.
 - ii. Last Friday, April 11, Tri-County released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking to collaborate with qualified firms to provide professional services to assist with the development of the Illinois Route 29 Multimodal Corridor Plan from Interstate 74 to the Peoria County line.
 - iii. This planning process will include:
 - An inventory of existing conditions
 - Conduct community engagement
 - Analyze multimodal options, including both bus rapid transit and multi-use path along the route
 - Create sub-area plans at key nodes along the corridor that provide more detailed analysis, and
 - Develop an implementation plan
 - iv. Proposals are due on Monday, May 12, 2025.
 - Please let Michael know if you are interested in participating on the Selection Committee.
- c. IDOT
 - i. Local Roads – Jacob Weck reported that SPAC (Special Program Assistance Conference) is back. Come learn about ITEC (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program), SRTS (Safe Routes to School) and EDP (Economic Development Plan). Those 3 things will be on the first day, and the second day will be one-on-one meetings. This is May 22-23.
 - ii. Central Office – Doug DeLille reported no updated.

- d. FHWA – Anna Musial reintroduced herself and explained that Betsy Tracy has retired and team leader Andy Brinkerhoff also left. She has only been with FHWA since December and is trying to teach herself the job, so she appreciates everyone's patience with her. If anyone needs anything, call or email and she will try to figure things out.

8. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2025
- b. SS4A CSAP update and SS4A NOFO
- The Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) will be completed by the FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant deadline – June 26, 2025.
 - We will receive a list of prioritized safety projects next month that we will be able to use to pick the best projects to submit a regional implementation application.
 - Stay tuned for future emails on this topic.
 - Save the Date: CSAP Public Open House, Thursday, May 29 from 5pm to 7pm at the East Peoria Civic Complex in the atrium between City Hall and Fondulac District Library
 - The purpose of the meeting is to present the draft Safety Action Plan and collect feedback
 - Paola Mendez asked to clarify if project needs to be finalized by June 26, Michael stated yes. Paola asked if there is someplace to submit a draft plan for review to make sure it meets the criteria. Michael said yes, it's due May 9, but it won't be finalized. Eric asked if 'finalized' means the Commission has to adopt it? Michael said that wasn't clear. Anna Musial stated that yes, when they did theirs it did need to be approved by their board. Michael stated they will have a list of projects at the next Technical meeting.

9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Meyers and seconded by Cale Thompson. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Michael Bruner

Transcribed by:

Lori Reynolds