



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 21, 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 9:08 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	
Cale Thompson* 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
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria		X	David Horton City of Chillicothe		X
Simon Grimm City of Pekin		X	LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Josh Wray* City of Pekin		X	Kofi Kisseh CityLink		X
Bret Tucker 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 Al Barrae Shebib – IDOT, Sharif Ullah – Lochmueller.

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

Virtual attendees: Anna Musial – FHWA, Michael Hudelson – IDOT

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025

Jeff Gilles moved to approve the April 16, 2025 meeting minutes, and Wayne Aldrich seconded. Motion carried.

5. Formation of Nomination Committee

Michael Bruner stated that Kinga Krider's two-year term for Chairperson and Conrad Moore's two-year term for Vice-Chair expire at the end of June. A Nomination Committee is needed to bring a recommendation back to this Committee at the next meeting for Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Paola Mendez volunteered, and Amy McLaren – who was absent today but has done it in the past – can join if she wants to.

6. Recommend to the Commission the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments.

Patrick Meyer recommended that the Commission approve the Transportation Improvement Amendments. Conrad Moore seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

a. Project S-26-10 Traffic Signal Upgrade

- i. The project is to install new traffic signal controllers, battery backup systems, and CCTV cameras at various locations in IDOT District 4.
- ii. The Carbon Reduction Program is being utilized by the State to fund this project at 80%.
- iii. The project is being added to the FY 2026 program and is currently scheduled for the 8/1/2025 letting.

b. Project S-26-11 Highway Lighting Upgrades

- i. The project is making upgrades to lighting from HPS to LED luminaries on existing light towers, poles, and underpass luminaries along I-74 from Sterling Ave to the Illinois River.
- ii. The Carbon Reduction Program is being utilized by the State to fund this project at 90%.
- iii. The project is being added to the FY 2026 program and is currently scheduled for the 9/19/2025 letting.
 - Daniel Corp stated the numbers on the handout are incorrect. The CRP/State split should be 80/20, making the cost of this project CRP \$1,499,200 / State \$374,800.

c. Project S-26-12 Highway Lighting Upgrades

- i. The project is making upgrades to lighting from HPS to LED luminaries on existing light towers, poles, and underpass luminaries along I-74 from Knoxville Ave to Washington St. in East Peoria.
- ii. The Carbon Reduction Program is being utilized by the State to fund this project at 90%.
- iii. The project is being added to the FY 2026 program and is currently scheduled for the 9/19/2025 letting.
 - Daniel Corp stated the numbers on the handout are incorrect. The CRP/State split should be 80/20, making the cost of this project CRP \$800,000 / State \$200,000.

Amended changes were approved by Patrick Meyer and Conrad Moore, the original motioners, and the motion carried.

7. Recommend to Commission the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2ztnvow24l5i5uq0ufq59/Tri-County-Safety-Action-Plan-2025_DRAFT.pdf?rlkey=0am1f5tcvia7nofbp8lsx8err&e=1&st=87598oib&dl=0

Patrick Meyer recommended the Commission approve the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan. Conrad Moore seconded the motion.

Sharif Ullah from Lochmueller Group presented a PowerPoint of the Tri-County Safety Action Plan. TCRPC received a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) grant to eliminate fatal and severe injuries pertaining to transportation. There are five system elements – people, vehicles, speed, roads, and post-crash care. There are six years of crash analysis data available from 41,440 crashes. Fatalities are up 16%.

A Crash Dashboard is available to the public at tricountysafety.org, and the data can be customized by location, year and several other criteria.

Many topics are covered in the plan, including:

- High Injury Network per county
- Equity Impact Analysis – persistent poverty
- Public survey ran from June – October 2024, with 461 responses
- The 2nd of two open houses will be May 29 in East Peoria
- Policy recommendations – framework for the next 5 years
- Safety Toolkit – examples of countermeasures
- Project Prioritization Process
- Benefit Cost Analysis spreadsheet

Participating communities need to commit to zero fatalities on roadways and eliminating traffic deaths and severe injury by 2050.

Motion carried.

8. Recommend to Commission the use of TIFIA funding redistributed to TA Set-Aside Funds

Conrad Moore recommended the Commission approve use of TIFIA funding redistributed to TA Set-Aside Funds. Paola Mendez seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar presented the following information:

- a. Tri-County received a letter from IDOT (included in the packet) allocating \$75,455 in TIFIA redistribution funds for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) program, specifically for Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).
 - i. TMAs are urbanized areas with populations over 200,000, as designated by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- b. During the recent Combined Call for Projects, TA funding was awarded to:
 - i. City of Peoria's Pioneer Parkway Multiuse Path
 - ii. Village of Peoria Heights' Glen Avenue ADA Improvements

- iii. Of these projects, the Peoria Heights project was underfunded by \$115,756 (requested \$876,305; received \$760,549).
- c. The Technical Committee previously recommended partial funding for the Peoria Heights project and stated that any future TA funds would be considered for programming this project.
- d. Applying the \$75,455 in TIFIA redistribution funds to the Peoria Heights project would reduce the funding shortfall to \$40,301.
- e. If the Technical Committee chooses to recommend this allocation to the Village of Peoria Heights Glen Ave. ADA project, the TIP will need to be amended to reflect additional federal funding.
 - i. The recommendation should include amending Project PH-26-01 to reflect the additional federal funding.
 - ii. Should be approved by Full Commission as well
- f. The group agreed to apply the \$75,455 in TIFIA redistribution funds to the Peoria Heights project and amend TIP number PH-26-01 to reflect the additional federal funding.

Amended changes were approved by Conrad Moore and Paola Mendez, the original motioners, and the motion carried.

9. Formation of Special Transportation Studies Review Committee

Michael Bruner presented the following information:

- a. Tri-County released a Call for Projects for member jurisdictions to apply for consultant-led Special Transportation Studies.
 - i. The Call was released on April 16, 2025, and projects were due to staff by May 16, 2025.
 - ii. For FY 2026, the Commission set aside \$135,000 of its PL funding for these projects.
- b. Staff received a total of four applications:
 - i. City of Chillicothe – \$65,000 – Sidewalk Inventory and Priority Development for Repairs and Expansion
 - ii. City of East Peoria – \$40,000 – Stormwater Management System Phase 3
 - iii. Village of Germantown Hills – \$50,000 – Active Transportation Plan
 - iv. City of Peoria – \$100,000 – Pavement Condition Index (PCI) Rating Update
- c. Staff is seeking volunteers to review the four applications and help provide a recommendation for Technical to consider at next month's meeting.

Volunteers need to be from jurisdictions that did not apply for funding. Jeff Gilles and Wayne Aldrich volunteered to review the submissions.

10. Discussion of IDOT's 2024 Local Project Funding Call for Projects

Michael suggested reviewing the information on the handout. Communities may submit different or more projects if they wish.

11. Updates

- a. **IL-29 Multimodal Corridor Plan** – Michael Bruner reported that nine submissions were received, and a review committee was formed to evaluate the proposals.

b. IDOT

- i. **Local Roads** – Al Barrae Shebib discussed various funding opportunities, including HSIP safety funds, Safe Routes to School, and the Special Programs Assistance Conference on May 22. He encouraged participants to join the webinar and submit application for projects.
- ii. **Central Office** – Doug DeLille reported the 2025 Fall Planning Conference will be held October 22-24 in the Quad Cities. Federal partners would like TIP amendments to be bundled. Staffing issues may cause a delay in the approval process, but it will be more efficient.

c. **FHWA** – no report

12. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2025

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ty Livingston and seconded by Conrad Moore. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Michael Bruner

Transcribed by:

Lori Reynolds