

MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CT
456 Fulton St, Suite 420
Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

- a. Chairperson Conrad Moore 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 – VICE CHAIR 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	V	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	X		Dan Corp IDOT-D4	X	
Conrad Moore - CHAIR 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		Josh Harken City of Chillicothe	X	
Simon Grimm City of Pekin	V		LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Josh Wray* City of Pekin		X	Kofi Kisseh CityLink		X
Ty Livingston City of East Peoria	X		ShamRA Robinson* CityLink		X
Bret Tucker* City of East Peoria	X		Eric Miller TCRPC	X	
Mark Lee 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:

TCRPC Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Debbi La Rue, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Gavin Hunt, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds. IDOT: Doug DeLille, Brandon Geber, Jacob Weck

3. Public Comment

Josh Harken from Fehr Graham was introduced as the new representative for Chillicothe, replacing David Horton.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2025

Jeff Gilles moved to approve the August 20, 2025 meeting minutes, and Ty Livingston seconded. Motion carried.

5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Amy McLaren moved to Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as a whole, and Cindy Loos seconded.

S-25-10 Safety & Traffic Signal Improvements	S-26-20 IL-8 Pavement Rehabilitation
S-26-15 IL-6 Pavement Rehabilitation	S-26-21 IL-98 Pavement Rehabilitation
S-26-16 I-471 Pavement Preservation	S-26-22 BUS-24 Pavement & Bridge Preserv.
S-26-17 US-24/IL-29 Pavement Preserv.	S-27-04 IL-6 Pavement Rehabilitation
S-26-18 IL-40 Over I-74 Bridge Preserv.	S-27-06 IL-6 Pavement Rehabilitation
S-26-19 IL-8 Pavement Rehabilitation	S-27-10 IL-116 Pavement Rehabilitation

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- **eTIP Update**

Michael updated everyone on the status of the eTIP system that IDOT is funding for all Illinois MPOs:

- Staff have been working with IDOT's consultant, EcoInteractive, to import all TIP projects in the eTIP system. This project is now complete, and the website is live.
- Navigate to the eTIP via [the TCRPC website](#)
 - Click on "Our Work," then expand "Transportation," and lastly, select "Transportation Improvement Program."
- This will open the TIP document web page.
 - Scroll down towards the bottom of the page to see a brief overview of the eTIP and a button to access the eTIP system. Click on the button that says "Explore Projects in eTIP."
 - This will open an external website:
<https://tricountyrpcetip.ecointeractive.com/home/>
 - The "Projects" tab allows users to explore and filter down the region's projects within the TIP. Additionally, the "Interactive Map" tab allows users to explore the projects spatially.
 - Notice that the overview of the TIP Amendments in the packet are in a new format, which is an example of one of the reports that is able to be generated with the eTIP system.

- **Handout**

- A handout that was included alongside the packet replaces page 5 of 12 of the TIP Amendment Overview Report. This is for Project S-26-18.

- **TIP Amendments**

- a. Project S-25-10

A safety and traffic signal improvement project at the intersection of War Memorial Dr and Willow Knolls. This amendment is adding an additional Federal funding source (NHPP) for items not eligible with the existing HSIP funding.

b. Project S-26-15

An Illinois Route 6 Pavement Rehabilitation project from north of Illinois Route 29 to north of Illinois Route 40 (Knoxville Ave) in Peoria. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

c. Project S-26-16

An Interstate 474 Pavement Preservation project from the Illinois River to Interstate 74 in Tazewell County. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

d. Project S-26-17

An U.S. Route 24/ Illinois Route 29 Pavement Preservation project from south of Poplar Street to north of Wesley Road in Creve Coeur. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

e. Project S-26-18

An Illinois Route 40 bridge preservation project for the structure carrying traffic over Interstate 74 to access the Interstate Entrance Loop Ramp to Westbound Interstate 74 to Downtown Peoria. Please see the handout, as the project page in the packet has an error in the location map. The Westbound I-74 Exit Ramp Bridge was highlighted, when the Westbound I-74 Entrance Ramp Bridge should have been highlighted. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

f. Project S-26-19

An Illinois Route 8 Pavement Rehabilitation project from 0.7 miles east of Taylor Road to Interstate 474. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

g. Project S-26-20

An Illinois Route 8 Pavement Rehabilitation project from Taylor Road to Texas Road. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

h. Project S-26-21

An Illinois Route 98 Pavement Rehabilitation project from Illinois Route 29 to 0.2 miles east of Parkway Dr. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

i. Project S-26-22

An U.S. Business Route 24 Pavement & Bridge Preservation project from U.S. Route 24 to Illinois Route 8. This is a new project being added to the FY 2026 Program.

j. Project S-27-04

An Illinois Route 6 Pavement Rehabilitation project from 0.7 miles north of Hoerr's Pond to War Memorial Drive. This project is being moved from the FY 2027 Program to the FY 2026 Program.

k. Project S-27-06

An Illinois Route 6 Pavement Rehabilitation project from War Memorial Drive to south of Interstate 74. This project is being moved from the FY 2027 Program to the FY 2026 Program.

l. Project S-27-10

An Illinois Route 116 Pavement Rehabilitation project from Griswold Street to Kickapoo Creek. This project is being moved from the FY 2027 Program to the FY 2026 Program.

Jeff Gilles pointed out that many of the amendments refer to jurisdictions. A jurisdiction refers to who owns the road. Michael stated that in this case, it refers to corporate limits.

An attendee asked what constitutes a “smart overlay.” Dan Corp responded that it is a single lift surface replacement.

Motion carried.

6. Request for Updated BLR 17100 Forms & Maps for all Federal & State Funded Projects on Federal Aid Eligible Routes

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- Tri-County is requesting updated information on all FAU route projects.
- This updated project information will be used:
 - To ensure TCRPC’s records are up to date, and the TIP accurately displays your project information and reflects your project’s current status and schedule, and
 - To assist IDOT in preparing for the FY 2027-2032 MYP.
- Please include the following details for each project:
 - Current project phase (e.g., PE I, PE II, ROW, Construction)
 - Anticipated letting or completion date
 - Updated BLR 17100 form with any scope or cost changes
 - Updated project maps
 - Notable issues, delays, or coordination needs
 - Projects recently completed or nearing completion
- Submit all updates to Michael Bruner by October 31, 2025. CC him on submissions to IDOT.
 - *Correction made at November meeting by Jeff Gilles that deadline would not be until the IDOT federal plan was out.*

7. Presentation – Staff’s Current Efforts in Developing a Bus Stop Accessibility Plan

TCRPC’s Gavin Hunt, Planner I, gave a presentation on the progress of the Bus Stop Accessibility Plan:

- This project aims to present a clear roadmap for accessibility and amenity enhancements in the CityLink service area with the potential to increase overall ridership and improve quality of life for everyone, especially people with disabilities.
- The key collaborators are: Riders, Technical Advisory Committee, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District (CityLink), and TCRPC
- Criteria were chosen to represent the most important factors in accessibility and rider experience, ensuring the process meets community needs.
- The inventory has been completed, providing detailed data for every bus stop in the region, serving as the foundation for all evaluation.
- Information was collected on 887 unique bus stops – stop ID, route number, intersection, path, ramp, landing pad, benches, shelters, lighting, trash bins.
- 10 stops will be chosen, placed in order of importance based on chosen criteria. This list will be useful in helping communities decide how to allocate their funding.
- Improved wayfinding and signage, more descriptive and helpful information.

- This is necessary because much of transit infrastructure has been non-ADA-compliant. This plan will not solve problems overnight, but it will provide decisionmakers with priorities. CityLink is in need of updated bus stops and asset maps.
- The outcome will be enhanced accessibility, conditions and amenities, increased ridership where improvements are made, transitions from paratransit to fixed route for conditionally eligible riders, a transit system that is seen as a preferable alternative rather than a last resort.
- Gavin showed several photos of currently non-compliant and unsafe bus stops in the area.

8. Updates

a. IDOT

- Local Roads
 - Jacob Weck reported that IDOT letters will be sent out next week, relating to #6 on the agenda. He needs a 17100 for every project.
 - The MYP is published and on the website.
 - The NOFO is published – if you’ve been awarded, you should already know.
 - \$400 million was appropriated, chosen from \$5 billion requested from 1900 applications.
 - All decisions were made on empirical data, distributed as evenly as possible throughout the state.
 - \$27 million was awarded for 11 projects in District 4 (Lori received an email from Jacob with these corrected numbers that he had mis-stated at this meeting)
- Central Office
 - Doug DeLille reported that: If you have not done so already, please complete the performance measure 1 (PM1) on safety targets. They are due in February.
 - The IDOT fall planning conference will be in the Quad Cities next week. It is sold out, but you can be put on a waiting list.

b. FHWA

- No report due to the federal government shutdown. This should not have any impact on transportation, funded through next year.

9. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for November 19, 2025

10. Adjournment

Jeff Gilles made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Paola Mendez. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.