

MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 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 9:02 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
Amy McLaren Peoria County	X		Dennis Carr City of Washington		X
Jeff Gilles – VICE CHAIR Peoria County		X	Jon Oliphant* City of Washington	X	
Cale Thompson* Peoria County		X	Patrick Meyer Village of Bartonville	X	
Paul Augspurger Tazewell County	X		Dan Corp IDOT-D4	X	
Dan Parr Tazewell County	X		Karen Dvorsky* IDOT-D4		X
Conrad Moore - CHAIR Woodford County	X		Kinga Krider City of West Peoria	X	
Andrea Klopfenstein City of Peoria	X		Charles Hess* City of West Peoria		X
Paola Mendez City of Peoria		X	Craig Loudermilk Village of Morton		X
Sie Maroon City of Peoria		X	Josh Harken City of Chillicothe	X	
Cindy Loos* City of Peoria		X	LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Simon Grimm City of Pekin		X	Kofi Kisseh CityLink		X
Josh Wray* City of Pekin		X	ShamRA Robinson* CityLink		X
Ty Livingston City of East Peoria	X		Eric Miller TCRPC	X	
Bret Tucker* City of East Peoria	X		Ann Doubet Village of Germantown Hills		X
Mark Lee Village of Peoria Heights	X		Gene Olson, Ex-officio MAAP		X
Dustin Sutton* Village of Peoria Heights		X			

• = Alternate

V = Virtual

Also in attendance, in-person:

TCRPC Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Gavin Hunt, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds

IDOT: Doug DeLille, Al Barrae Shebib, and Reema Sweidan

Member of the public: Jeff Council

Virtual: Debbi La Rue, TCRPC; and Steve Kotecki, member of the public

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025

Patrick Meyer made a motion to approve the November 19, 2025 meeting minutes, and Mark Lee seconded. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and Recommendation on Next Combined Call for Projects

Mark Lee made a motion to approve recommendations for the next Combined Call for Projects, seconded by Patrick Meyer.

a. Unspent STBG and TA Funds from Previous Program Years

Michael Bruner presented the following:

From the years of conservatively estimating our federal transportation allotments and past projects coming in under budget, the Commission's STBG, TA, CRO, and Section 5310 balance of unprogrammed funds has grown.

The region's largest balance is STBG with \$4,058,347, which results in \$3,246,678 in Traditional STBG Funding (Reconstruction/New Construction) and \$811,669 in Preservation Set-Aside Funding.

The next largest balance is Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Funding at \$264,426.

For CRP, the region has a balance of \$11,891, and for Section 5310, the balance is \$17,039.

Staff would like to survey the Technical Committee's opinions on how to proceed. Some possible options are:

- Utilize the carryover balance to fund additional projects from the FY 2024 Combined Call for Projects, or
- Hold the additional funding for the next Combined Call for Projects, which should occur this spring.

Patrick Meyer stated that he would prefer to roll it over to spring. Doug DeLille stated that there is a letter coming out soon regarding STBG allotments for the upcoming fiscal year, so he will see what it says. There was a brief discussion, and all agreed to roll it over to spring.

Patrick Meyer made a revised motion to roll the unspent STBG and TA funds over for the Spring Call for Projects. Mark Lee seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

b. Current Balances and Programming STBG funds out to FY 2029 and FY 2030

Michael Bruner presented the following:

As of the 2024 Combined Call for Projects, STBG funds have been programmed through FY 2028, with the current Federal Transportation Bill set to expire September 30, 2026. At the moment, it is unclear how Congress will address this issue. It sounds like if a new bill is passed, it would be a more traditional highway bill.

A balance sheet for the four federal transportation programs is included as Exhibit A in the provided memo.

With the uncertainty with the continuation of the Federal Transportation Bill, staff would like to survey the Technical Committee's opinions on how to proceed with the Spring 2026 Combined Call for Projects. Some possible options are:

- Continue programming out to FY 2029 and FY 2030 using estimated numbers based on previous years (assuming the IIJA will be reauthorized, or a similarly funded bill will arise).

- Do not program FY 2029 or FY 2030 STBG funding. Wait until the next calendar year to confirm how much federal transportation funding will be available. Still include FY 2026 TA, CRP, and Section 5310 in this Spring's Combined Call for Projects.

Ty Livingston suggested waiting to see what is in the bill, since the rumors are that there will be significant changes. Doug DeLille stated that Rockford is waiting to see what the bill says. After brief a discussion, all agreed to wait.

Kinga Krider made a motion to wait before programming the budgeted balances for FY 2029 and FY 2030. Patrick Meyer seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

6. Discussion and Recommendation of Reviewing and Modifying Selection Criteria.

Michael Bruner presented the following:

With the FY 2024 Combined Call for Projects completed, the recent passing of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan, and the development of the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, the Selection Criteria for the next Combined Call for Projects should be updated to avoid several redundancies and ensure alignment with the region's most recent core planning documents.

Staff would like to survey the Technical Committee's opinion on how to proceed. Some possible options are:

- Ask TCRPC staff to create a draft showing proposed selection criteria modifications based on past experiences and updated planning documents and bring it to the February 18 Technical Committee to discuss and vote on, or
- Form a subcommittee comprised of Technical Committee members to discuss and propose recommendations for modified criteria based on experiences from the 2024 Combined Call for Projects, the 2050 LRTP, and Tri-County CSAP, with the goal to have a recommendation at the February 18 Technical Committee meeting.

After a brief discussion, all agreed that staff should go over the criteria and create a draft and bring it to the next Technical Committee meeting to be voted on.

Ty Livingston made the motion to allow staff to create a draft of updated criteria, and it was seconded by Dan Parr.

Motion carried.

7. Updates

a. IDOT

- **Local Roads**

Al Barrae Shebib reported on the following:

1. Introduction of new IDOT staff Reema Sweidan.
2. STBG numbers are coming out soon, so exact allotments will be available shortly.
3. There is a funding opportunity due at the end of the month for grade crossing protection; more information can be found in Circular 2025-16.

4. Save the date for the Special Programs Informational Session for the ITEP program on May 13-14.
5. Greg Upton and Tim Peters have retired. IDOT is hoping to have Tim back part-time. The new Deputy Secretary is Ryan Mitchell.
6. The seasonal internship program is open; the Peoria office is looking for about 18 college students needing a summer job.

- **Central Office**

Doug DeLille reported the following:

1. In answer to Patrick Meyer's question, the state Motor Fuel Tax is not being impacted by a Senate bill. The sales tax on motor fuel is a different one that goes directly into the general revenue fund that is used for IDOT road projects throughout the state. That is the one that is going to Chicago transit. Doug said that the local Motor Fuel Tax is not impacted.
2. This year will be the last round of Safe Routes to Schools unless they do a reauthorization, so if anyone is planning to do implementation projects, that call comes out around April or May.
3. Amy McLaren asked when ITEP would open. Doug stated if they keep the same schedule, it should be around August. Al Barrae Shebib stated he was not aware if there would be any changes, perhaps just some modifications in criteria.

- a. **FHWA** — Nothing to report.

8. Other

- a. Eric Miller reported that Wayne Aldrich is retiring, and we received a request from one of TCRPC's board members to recognize him at the Commission meeting for the contribution he has brought to this organization on behalf of the Village of Peoria Heights.

Amy McLaren made a motion to approve Resolution 26-31 recognizing Wayne Aldrich for the work he has done with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Mark Lee seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- b. BUILD request – Eric Miller reported that Tri-County received a letter from Peoria Heights indicating they wanted a letter of support for a BUILD grant for Prospect Rd., which staff is happy to provide, and asked if there are there any other BUILD grants on the horizon. They are due at the end of February, and Tri-County will do what is possible to push projects forward. Andrea Klopfenstein stated that Peoria is submitting for a Downtown Complete Streets initiative, so she will send Tri-County staff details.
- c. Patrick Meyer asked Michael Bruner about the grant for guardrails. Michael explained that the guardrail projects that had already been funded but not completed were not eligible, that this grant was for projects in new jurisdictions, or new projects in the previous jurisdictions. So if they applied for additional funds but were denied, that was the reason. Patrick asked if he could get a meeting with the decision-makers to get clarification on what is eligible. Al Barrae Shebib stated he believes that person is Stephane Seck.
- d. Next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026

9. Adjournment

Patrick Meyer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Andrea Klopfenstein. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.