

MINUTES
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. CT
 456 Fulton St, Suite 420
 Peoria, IL 61602

1. Call to Order

Chairman 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		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	V	
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	V		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:

TCRPC Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Adam Crutcher, Lori Reynolds, Bano Moosavi, Thomas Schnelle.

IDOT: Doug DeLille, Jacob Weck, Al Barrae Shebib, Mike Hudelson (V).

Ciorba Group: Steve Kotecki.

3. Public Comment

- a. Eric Miller introduced TCRPC's interns, Bano Moosavi and Thomas Schnelle.
- b. Steve Kotecki from Ciorba Group invited the committee to an open house at their new offices at Keller Station on Knoxville on June 4.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 18, 2026

Jeff Gilles made a motion to approve the April 18, 2026 meeting minutes. Ty Livingston seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Recommendation to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

a. Project S-27-13 – BUS-24 and Dee-Mac Rd Intersection Improvements

Amy McLaren made a motion to recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Project S-27-13. Jeff Gilles seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner shared that this is for converting the intersection of BUS-24 and Dee-Mac Rd to an all-way stop. The project is being added to the FY 2027 Program.

Motion carried.

6. Recommendation to Commission Programming of FY 2024 Section 5310 Funding and Amending the Transportation Improvement Program – Handout

Cindy Loos made a motion to recommend to Commission the Programming of FY 2024 Section 5310 Funding and Amending the Transportation Improvement Program. Mark Lee seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar presented the following:

- Section 5310 funds are available for obligation for two federal fiscal years following the year they are apportioned. It's important to note that in FTA terms, obligation is at FTA grant award.
- In the Combined Call for Projects, \$17,039 of FFY 2024 Section 5310 funds are set to lapse on September 30, 2026. To accommodate these lapsing funds, Tri-County staff accelerated the Combined Call for Projects to capture these funds by the deadline.
- However, the FTA is now strongly recommending that TCRPC apply for these funds by July 2026. Under the current Combined Call for Projects, the schedule would not allow for obligation until August 2026.
- To avoid the risk of permanently losing access to these funds, Tri-County has two options to consider:
 - Transfer funds to IDOT for the Statewide Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) Program, or
 - Keep funds in the region by adding them to an existing project
- Staff recommends the following:
 - Adding \$17,039 to CityLink's Passenger Counting Equipment project. This project is already programmed but currently underfunded. CityLink has confirmed they can absorb the funds and maintain required match. Federal share increased from \$60,000 to \$77,039. Local share decreases proportionally. Federal participation increases from 38% to 49%. Total project cost remains unchanged at \$156,167.08.

- With the total federal share increasing by 28.4%, which is still below the 50% threshold, this qualifies the TIP change as an administrative modification. Therefore, no formal TIP amendment is required.

Motion carried.

7. Formation of Combined Call for Projects Review Committee

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

To keep the process on schedule, staff will establish the Project Review Subcommittee at the May 20 Technical Committee meeting. To ensure a fair, unbiased review, staff would like to survey the room to understand whether they are submitting projects and which funding programs they are applying to.

- Jurisdictions not submitting projects to a given funding stream will be eligible to serve as reviewers for the program.
- The structure of the Project Review Subcommittee will include:
 - The Human Services Transportation Plan Urban Subcommittee for transit projects, and
 - Representatives from MPO member jurisdictions not submitting projects to specific funding programs
- The Subcommittee will be divided into four Review Panels:
 - Enhancement (CRP & TA), Transit (Section 5310), Pavement Preservation, Reconstruction / New Construction
- Each Review Panel will consist of approximately 2 to 3 members
 - Panel members first score projects independently.
 - Panels then meet to discuss, average scores, and develop recommendations.
 - Recommendations are forwarded to the full Project Review Subcommittee.
 - The Subcommittee finalizes a recommendation to the Technical Committee, which then advances it to the Commission for approval.

Ann Doubet stated that she is having trouble with the form. Michael recommended typing up the answers in Word, then copying and pasting these responses into the form. Contact Isaiah if problems persist. He will send out a Word template to prepare responses prior to filling in the actual form.

The following are the responses to the in-room survey:

- Washington – Pavement Preservation
- East Peoria – Pavement Preservation
- City of Peoria – Reconstruction

- Germantown Hills – Transportation Alternatives
- Peoria Heights – Reconstruction & Transportation Alternatives
- Woodford County – None
- Tazewell County – Reconstruction & Pavement Preservation
- Peoria County – Reconstruction & Pavement Preservation
- Chillicothe – Pavement Preservation
- Morton – Transportation Alternative & Carbon Reduction
- CityLink – Section 5310
- Pekin – Reconstruction
- West Peoria – None
- Bartonville and Creve Coeur were absent.

8. Call for Projects: FY 2027 Special Transportation Studies

Michael Bruner stated that the Call for Projects is now on the TCRPC website. Applications are due June 15. They will be reviewed at the June Technical Committee meeting and will be approved at the August Commission meeting. In addition, he stated the following:

- The Commission has set aside \$130,000 of FY 2027 Metropolitan Planning Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation studies.
- The Call for Projects and project application link is available on TCRPC's website, under the following menu: Our Work > Funding Programs > Special Transportation Studies: <https://tricityrpc.org/funding-programs/special-studies/>
 - The project application is a Microsoft Form, plus supporting documents that are to be emailed to Staff at funding@tricityrpc.org
- Project Schedule
 - June 15, 2026 – Project proposals are due by 3:30 p.m.
 - June 17, 2026 – Establish Project Review Subcommittee at Technical Committee meeting
 - July 8, 2026 – Project Review Subcommittee meets to review, grade, and recommend projects
 - July 15, 2026 – Technical Committee makes recommendation to Commission
 - August 5, 2026 – Commission approves projects
- Examples of eligible projects include:
 - Active transportation plans, asset management, corridor planning, feasibility studies, and transit planning
 - Engineering is not eligible.

Doug DeLille noted that Tri-County staff needed to send an email to IDOT personnel regarding TA funds. This notification is needed in advance when releasing a Call for Projects for those funds.

Ty Livingston asked why Calls for Projects are overlapping. Michael stated that this is actually a year later than last year.

Eric stated that it has to be done within a year, and that \$130,000 expires at the end of this fiscal year and won't be available next year.

Doug DeLille stated that details regarding the authorization of the IIJA are unknown. Eric Miller stated that available IDOT funds are expected to decrease next year.

9. Updates

a. FY 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Application

Michael reported on the following:

The demo materials are reusable, can be borrowed and tested in different areas around the region, and can bring public participation and comments.

Cindy Loos stated this is useful for corridor planning or analysis, to identify problem areas, identify engineering, and create implementation trials. The Peoria City/County Health Department has a trailer full of demo supplies. Contact Dr. Leslie McKnight at the Health Department.

b. FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Michael reminded the group to send their TIP information and edits to him on form BLR1700.

c. IDOT

- i. Local Roads** – Jacob Weck reported that there is a circular for TARP with a June 29 deadline. District 4 SPAC occurred last week; ITEP is open Aug 1 through Oct 5 at 5pm. HSIP applications will be opening soon.
- ii. Central Office** – Doug DeLille stated that Federal House BASICS America 250 Act is under review. Some things are being changed.

d. FHWA – no report

10. Other

- Eric Miller stated that the Executive Committee feels that “no” is the correct feedback to the Rockford STBG formula discussion due to too much risk. He would attend a meeting and share the opinion of the tri-county region.
- Next meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2026

11. Adjournment

Amy McLaren made a motion to adjourn. Jeff Gilles seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.