



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. CT  
456 Fulton St, Suite 420  
Peoria, IL 61602

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**Connect via computer or smartphone:**

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2024 Meeting
5. **Public Meeting:** Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan  
<https://tricountyrpc.org/title-vi-ppp-review>
6. Recommend to Commission the Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency Plan and Public Participation Plan
7. Discussion and Recommendation of FY 2020 Transportation Alternative (TA) Funds – Attachment
8. Discussion of FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program Project Listing – Handout
9. Call for Projects – FY 2025 Special Transportation Studies – Attachment
10. Updates
  - a. IDOT
    - Local Roads
    - Central Office
  - b. FHWA
11. Other
  - a. Next meeting scheduled for June 19, 2024
    - This is Juneteenth -- are you available at 9:00 a.m. the Wednesday before (June 12) or the Wednesday after (June 26) instead?
12. Adjournment

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## MINUTES

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CT  
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1. Call to Order  
 Chairperson Kinga Krider called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.
  
2. Roll Call

Member	Present	Absent	Member	Present	Absent
<b>Amy McLaren</b> , Peoria County		x	<b>Dennis Carr</b> City of Washington		x
<b>Jeff Gilles</b> , Peoria County	x		<b>Jon Oliphant*</b> City of Washington	x	
<b>Mark Gilles*</b> Peoria County		x	<b>Patrick Meyer</b> Village of Bartonville		x
<b>Paul Augspurger</b> Tazewell County	x		<b>Terrisa Worsfold</b> IDOT-D4		x
<b>Dan Parr</b> Tazewell County	x		<b>Karen Dvorsky*</b> IDOT-04		x
<b>Conrad Moore</b> Woodford County		x	<b>Kinga Krider</b> City of West Peoria	x	
<b>Andrea Klopfenstein</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Charles Hess</b> City of West Peoria*		x
<b>Paola Mendez</b> City of Peoria	x		<b>Craig Loudermilk</b> Village of Morton		x
<b>Sie Maroon</b> City of Peoria	x		Village of Morton		
<b>Vacant*</b> City of Peoria			<b>David Horton</b> City of Chillicothe	v	
<b>Cindy Loos*</b> City of Peoria		x	<b>Terry Keogel</b> Village of Creve Coeur	x	
<b>VACANT*</b> City of Peoria			<b>Doug Roelfs</b> CityLink		x
<b>Josie Esker</b> City of Pekin	x		<b>ShamRA Robinson*</b> CityLink		x
<b>Dean Schneider*</b> , City of Pekin	x		<b>Jamie Arbogast*</b> CityLink		x
<b>Ric Semonski</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Gene Olson</b> MAAP		x
<b>Ty Livingston*</b> City of East Peoria	x		<b>Eric Miller</b> TCRPC	x	
<b>Chris Chandler</b> Village of Peoria Heights		x	<b>Rich Brecklin</b> Village of Germantown Hills		x
<b>Wayne Aldrich*</b> Village of Peoria Heights		x			
<b>Dustin Sutton*</b> Peoria Heights		x			

Staff: Debbie Ulrich, Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Debbi La Rue, Khephra Jackson, and Logan Chapman- Virtual. Brandon Geber, Al-Barrae Shebib, and Michael Slonicker- IDOT

3. Public Comment-none

4. Approval of Minutes, March 20, 2024, Meeting

Terry Koegel moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2024, meeting and Andrea Klopfenstein seconded. Motion carried.

**5. Public Meeting:** Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan

<https://tricityrpc.org/title-vi-ppp-review>

Jeff Gilles moved to open Public Meeting: Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan and Sie Marron seconded.

Reema Abi-Akar updated on the following:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires that “no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”
- As a recipient of USDOT financial assistance, Tri-County is required to prepare a Title VI Program as stipulated by 49 CFR and FTA Circular 4702.1B.
- Tri-County’s Title VI Program is updated every three years and outlines the federally required policies and procedures to ensure no person is discriminated against in federally assisted programs of the US Department of Transportation.
- Environmental Justice considerations are included to build to the Title VI policy by considering the impacts to low-income, minority, and other disadvantaged populations within transportation planning and decision-making.
  - Population considered disadvantaged are:
    - Carless households,
    - Persons with a disability,
    - Elderly households,
    - Limited English proficiency (LEP) households,’
    - Minority populations,
    - Households in poverty, and single heads of households with children.

- Per FTA guidance, Title VI Programs are required to address language assistance needs to ensure meaningful access to transportation planning-related programs and activities by persons with limited English proficiency.
- Title VI requires the promotion of inclusive public participation. Tri-County maintains a Public Participation Plan (PPP) to comply with this requirement.
- The PPP describes the continues efforts and sets forth the policy of TCRPC to involve public officials, community leaders, organizations, and area citizens in the transportation planning process.
- There is no federally required time period to review and update this plan: however, TriCopunty reviews the plan every three years along with the Title VI Policy update.
- Tri-County conducted stakeholder interviews with various community organizations and members to gain insight into best management practices for public engagement.
  - Central Illinois Friends
  - Southside Mission Community Center
  - Peoria Community Against Violence
  - CityLink
  - Phoenix Community Development Services
  - Urban Acres Farm
  - We Can Hear You
  - Council Member
- The Title VI Policy and PPP are currently in a 45-day public comment period.
  - April 17-May 31
  - 3 public hearings
    - April 17, 2024; 9:00 am- Technical committee meeting
    - May 1, 2024; 9:00am- Full Commission Meeting
    - May 15, 2024; 9:00 am- Technical Committee meeting
  - Both documents are available for review on our website, at Tri-County's office, and 20 local libraries in the 20-year planning boundary.
  - Expected adoption during the June Full Commission Meeting

Jodie Esker moved to close Public Meeting: Title VI Program with Environmental Justice Consideration and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan and Public Participation Plan and Jeff Gilles seconded. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission FY 2024-27 TIP Amendments- **Pulled from agenda**
  - a. Project PC-24-03 Radnor Road Engineering – Handout

7. Call for Projects for Commission-allocated Funds.

<https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/call-for-projects/>

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Instructions and applications are available on TCRPC's website. As discussed at the March Technical Committee meeting, the application is a Google Form. The required supporting documents and budgets should be emailed to [funding@tricountyrpc.org](mailto:funding@tricountyrpc.org)
- Call for Projects anticipated Schedule.
  - April 17, 2024- Released
  - May 9+, 2024- Pre-application webinar (virtual)
  - June 28, 2024- Applications are due by 3:30 pm
  - July 2024- Staff reviews applications, ensuring completeness and validity.
  - August 21, 2024- Project presentations at & Project Review Committee established.
  - September 18, 2024- Project Review Committee convenes & makes recommendation.
  - October 16, 2024- Technical Committee recommends project to Commission.
  - November 6, 2024- Commission programs funding

8. Updates

a. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program

Eric Miller updated on the following:

- Tri- County procured Dewberry to assist with a regional application for the CFI Grant Program
  - Federal program to help deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel infrastructure.
  - Actively preparing for the next round of applications
- Held an informational meeting April 11, 2024, for interested participants.

b. Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Grant Submission

Michael Bruner updated on the following:

- Tri- County submitted two SPR applications.
  - The first application was for Peoria County Comp Plan Update and a Multi-Modal Corridor Plan along Illinois Route 29 from Peoria Heights to Chillicothe

- o The second application was for Comp Plan Updates for the City of Pekin, and Tazewell and Woodford counties, along with a Multi-Modal Corridor Plan along Illinois Route 29 from East Peoria to Pekin.
  - c. APWA Illinois Chapter Conference  
Michael Bruner reminded to register for 2024 APWA on May 2, 2024, at Peoria Civic Center
  - d. IDOT
    - Local Roads  
Al Barrae-Shebib updated on the following:
      - o Introduced Michael Sloniker, engineer in the IDOT rotation program, attending the meeting today.
      - o This week is Work zone Safety Awareness Week. IDOT Bureau of Safety has concerning numbers for work zone deaths and injuries. It is a reminder to stress the importance of this with staff and crews as they begin going out on projects.
      - o IDOT Circular Letter CL 2024-12 Federal NOFO includes the MEGA, INFRA, and RURAL Grants. Deadline is May 6<sup>th</sup>. One application will put the project in consideration for all 3 grants.
      - o May 8<sup>th</sup> is National Bike and Roll to School Day. There is a link to register your schools for the event.
        - Central Office  
Brandon Geber updated on Greenhouse targets.
  - e. FHWA-nothing
- 9. Other
  - a. Next meeting scheduled for May 15, 2024-ok.
- 10. Adjournment  
Paola Mendez moved to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. and Jodie Esker seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Logan Chapman, GIS I

Transcribed by:

Debbie Ulrich, Office Administrator



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MPO Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Discussion: FY 2020 Washington Transportation Alternatives Funding

**DATE:** May 15, 2024

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### **Action Needed**

Discussion and recommendation of FY 2020 Transportation Alternatives (TA) funds.

### **Background Information**

In 2019, the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission awarded the City of Washington \$293,959 in FY 2020 TA funding to construct a multiuse path along US Route 24 Business, as no bicycle or pedestrian facilities exist in that location. The local cost share for this project would be \$124,619. Typically, TA funds lapse in three fiscal years following the funding year unless Federally Authorized, so this project's funding is in danger of being rescinded by the US DOT.

Since the award, IDOT has added the reconstruction of US Route 24 Business to their Multi-Year Plan (MYP). The IDOT project was planned to take place before the Washington project to ensure the road reconstruction doesn't remove a newly installed multiuse path. Therefore, the City of Washington has paused their project until IDOT moves forward with the reconstruction. However, the IDOT project timeline has taken longer than anticipated, so the Washington project is in danger of lapsing before both can be finalized.

### **Moving Forward**

Staff is looking for a recommendation from the Technical Committee to retain this FY 2020 TA funding before it is rescinded, whether that involves potentially transferring the funds to a shovel-ready project and holding the Washington project for future TA funds, or considering a different solution.



## **Call for Projects – FY 2025 Special Transportation Studies**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (Tri-County or TCRPC) has programmed approximately \$181,000 of Fiscal Year 2025 Metropolitan Planning Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects. Jurisdictions may apply for all or part of the \$181,000 but may not request any additional funding beyond the available amount. Phased projects are eligible, but there is no guarantee that additional funding will be made available in future years.

No match is required, although projects which have local, confirmed match will be given higher consideration. Please provide a resolution or letter committing the local match.

Due to the funding source, projects must be completed by **December 31, 2025**, at the latest.

### **ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

Funds must be used for transportation planning projects that meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), in particular 23 USC 134. These are the same requirements that the Commission uses under its responsibilities as an MPO.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- Traffic operation – planning studies
- Corridor plans and feasibility studies
- Bicycle/pedestrian plans
- Transit planning, including paratransit
- Air quality planning
- Travel demand modeling or GIS
- Data collection and analysis
- Safety and security planning
- Storm water planning as it applies to transportation
- Congestion management planning
- Multimodal planning
- Passenger rail planning
- Freight planning, including air
- Asset management
- Transportation system management (environmental mitigation)

This is not a complete list of eligible projects. To determine if your project is eligible, please discuss it with staff. Engineering and construction are **NOT** eligible.



## USE OF FUNDS

These projects are for consultant-led projects only. TCRPC will follow its procurement policy to select the consultant to ensure that all federal regulations are followed. Funds may be used for travel expenses by the consultant; however, funds may not be used to purchase capital items (e.g., computers).

## PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

Project must be completed by December 31, 2025, and must meet one or more goals of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and/or Long-Range Transportation Plan 2020-2045. Applicants are encouraged, but not required, to include two or more jurisdictions, and provide local match.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

Date	Action
<b>May 15, 2024</b>	Staff releases Call for Projects
<b>June 14, 2024</b>	Project proposals due to staff by 3:30 pm
<b>June 19, 2024</b>	Staff establishes review subcommittee
<b>July 8, 2024</b>	Subcommittee reviews proposals and makes recommendation to Technical Committee
<b>July 17, 2024</b>	Technical Committee makes recommendation for selected project(s) to Commission
<b>August 7, 2024</b>	Commission approves project(s)

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications must include the application questionnaire ([Google Form](#)) and any supporting documents (i.e., Resolution committing local match, letters of support, etc.). Applications are due Friday, June 14, 2024, by 3:30 p.m. and submitted electronically via the [Google Form](#) and emailing supporting documents to [funding@tricountyrpc.org](mailto:funding@tricountyrpc.org).

## EVALUATION OF PROJECTS

Evaluation of the projects utilizes the following criteria. Please note the intention of the scoring criteria is meant to inform the Selection Committee's decisions, but not to determine them.

Criterion	Maximum Points
Consistency with Goals of the IIJA and LRTP	40
Regional Significance	40
Local Match	10
Partnership with Other Jurisdiction(s)	10
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100</b>