



TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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AGENDA

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CT
456 Fulton St, Room 420
Peoria, IL 61602

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Public Comment
4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025
5. Recommend to Commission the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update
https://tricityrplc.org/wp-content/uploads/HOI-HSTP-2025_final-reduced.pdf
6. Call for Projects – FY 2026 Special Transportation Studies - Attachment
7. Updates
 - a. FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement
 - b. IL-29 Multimodal Corridor Plan
 - c. IDOT
 - i. Local Roads
 - ii. Central Office
 - d. FHWA
8. Other
 - a. Next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2025
9. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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1. Call to Order

- a. Chairperson Kinga Krider 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 Peoria County	X		Dennis Carr City of Washington		X
Mark Gilles* 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	
Tina Hauk City of Pekin		X	LD Chaney Village of Creve Coeur		X
Josh Wray* City of Pekin	V		Kofi Kisseh CityLink		X
Ric Semonski 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, Al Barrae Shebib, Jacob Weck, Tao Dong – IDOT, Jeff Spiller – Mauer Stutz Inc., Jeff Counsil – Traffic Safety Engineer
Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds.
Virtual attendees: Collin Dunn, Debbi La Rue - TCRPC

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2025

Jeff Gilles moved to approve the February 9, 2025 meeting minutes, and Ty Livingston seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Meeting: Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update

<https://tricountyrpc.org/notice-of-citizen-review-lrtp/>

Conrad Moore motioned to open the Public Meeting, seconded by Patrick Meyers.

Reema Abi-Akar introduced the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update, explaining that it is a 25-year snapshot of the regional transportation system, focusing on the urbanized area within the tri-county area. The plan includes a fiscally constrained project list and an illustrative list of projects that are next in line for funding. The LRTP is a federally required document that must be produced every five years.

Reema outlined the plan elements and vision for the LRTP, which include active transportation, economy, environment, freight, public health, and a general transportation system overview. Each element has its own section in the plan with specific goals.

Reema discussed the prioritization process for the LRTP, which aims to identify opportunities to support transportation planning and construction goals, encourage coordination, and identify projects for grants. The process helps reduce unproductive competition and strengthens grant applications.

Reema explained the financial plan and travel demand modeling for the LRTP. The financial plan includes short-, mid-, and long-range project lists, while the travel demand model forecasts region-wide travel behavior and helps understand traffic patterns.

Reema mentioned the fixed-route transit audit conducted by two staff members who rode CityLink buses and documented their experiences in key categories such as connectivity, comfort and wayfinding. The audit helps identify areas for improvement to be utilized when funding opportunities arise.

Reema announced the 30-day public comment period for the LRTP, which began in early March and will close on April 1st. Hard copies of the plan are available at regional libraries, and comments can be submitted via email or mail. The plan will be considered for adoption on April 2nd.

Cindy Loos motioned to close the Public Meeting, seconded by Jeff Gilles. Motion carried.

6. Recommend to Commission the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update

<https://tricountyrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/LRTP-2050-Draft-Plan-reduced.pdf>

Ty Livingston motioned to recommend to Commission the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) 2050 Update, which was seconded by Conrad Moore. Motion carried.

7. Recommend to Commission the FY 2026 United Planning Work Program (UPWP)

<https://tricountyrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/DRAFT-FY2026-UPWP-TCRPC.pdf>

Sie Maroon motioned to recommend to Commission the FY 2026 United* Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update, which was seconded by Ann Doubet.

Michael Bruner corrected United* to Unified. He then presented a brief synopsis of the document.

- a. Staff has developed the draft FY 2026 UPWP and corresponding budget and presented it at the February Technical Committee and March Commission meetings.
- b. The Commission's PL Marks are as follows:
 - o \$974,105.55 in Federal funding, and
 - o \$243,526.39 in non-Federal match funding,
 - o Total project budget \$1,217,631.94.

Motion carried.

8. Recommend to Commission the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement

Jeff Gilles made a motion to recommend to Commission the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement. Patrick Meyer seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported that the contributions for the non-federal match are almost identical to this current year. Contributions are detailed in the packets. The Commission will review at their next meeting for approval, then our accountant will send out invoices in the July-August time frame, for FY26.

Motion carried.

9. Recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments

Patrick Meyer motioned to recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments, and Conrad Moore seconded.

Michael Bruner reported the following:

- a. Project S-27-08 IL-40 Miscellaneous Improvements
 1. The project is installing a traffic signal on the IL-6 Northbound ramp terminal,
 2. The HSIP funding source is being added, and adjustments to the NHPP and State funding sources are being made accordingly.
 3. The project is being moved from the FY 2027 Program to the FY 2026 Program with the planned letting date of June 13, 2025.
- b. Project PC-27-01 Radnor Road Phase II Engineering
 1. The project will provide Phase II Engineering for Radnor Rd from 950 feet north of Ridgeview Drive to Willow Knolls Rd.
 2. The project is being added to the FY 2027 Program.

Motion carried.

10. Discussion of the Tri-County Multi-Jurisdictional Guardrail HSIP Replacement Program

Michael Bruner reported that in 2022-23, Tri-County successfully submitted an HSIP grant application for systematic guardrail improvements for 13 Jurisdictions and was awarded a not-to-exceed \$3,000,000 in FY 2023 HSIP funding.

Jeff Spiller from Mauer Stutz reported that there were 240 locations approved in Phase 1, but the cost of materials has increased, so Phase 2 consists of half the original locations. Plans are being devised, trying not to go over budget, and developing a priority list. We won't be able to hit all the locations, so jurisdictions are being notified so they don't have to try to come up with more funding, and to go over their priority lists. HSIP funding will be available again in late April. Construction should begin in Spring of 2026, after waiting for better prices.

Michael stated that since HSIP is released in April, now is the time to start thinking about adding more locations if that is the direction that the region wants to go.

11. Discussion of State and MPO Federal Review Requests

Michael Bruner reported that IDOT has made us aware that USDOT Modal Administration offices, who review and approve certain state and MPO activities, have experienced a rapid decrease in staff. In response, IDOT OP&P has recommended that MPOs consider steps to decrease the need for federal review and approval of MPO documents and actions.

As a result, Tri-County is proposing the following:

- Staff will forgo developing the FY 2026-29 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and maintain our current FY 2025-28 TIP document.
- Staff will only consider projects in the current Program, the second out-year of the TIP, and expected FTA grant requests.

As a reminder, projects that fall into any of these categories:

- Not adding additional federal sources
- Not adjusting the budget 50% or more of the previous federal budget
- Adding minimal scoping adjustments
- Moving projects from one Program Year to another

...can be amended via Administration Modification and does not require formal TIP Amendments.

Doug DeLille stated that if you could, please don't update your TIP. Staff is very thin right now, so they are trying to minimize the workload.

12. Updates

a. IDOT

i. Local Roads

Al reported the following:

- May 7 is National Bike and Walk to School Day.
- Special Programs will have two sets of meetings to talk about projects and funding:
 - May 20-21 in Macomb

- May 22-23 in Peoria at the Peoria Public Library North Branch
- IDOT is hiring engineers and interns
- IDOT has received a letter about funding levels for SDBG for FY26

Doug reported the following:

- There will be no State Planning and Research (SPR) call for projects this year.
- There will be a redistribution of money on a formula basis:
 - \$1.8 million in unobligated funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) program will be transferred to the STBG program

b. FHWA – none

13. Other

- a. Reema stated there will be a Kickapoo Creek Watershed Open House tonight at the Peoria Farm Bureau building from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- b. Next meeting scheduled for April 16, 2025

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Gilles and seconded by Patrick Meyer. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Submitted by:

Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by:

Michael Bruner

Transcribed by:

Lori Reynolds



MEMORANDUM

TO: MPO Member Jurisdictions
FROM: Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Staff
SUBJECT: Call for Projects – FY 2026 Special Transportation Studies
DATE April 16, 2025

Action needed:

No action is needed, discussion item only.

Background:

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (Tri-County or TCRPC) has programmed approximately \$135,000 of Fiscal Year 2026 Metropolitan Planning (PL) Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects. Jurisdictions may apply for all or part of the \$135,000 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.

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 the following:

- Active transportation plans (bicycle/pedestrian plans)
- ADA transition plans
- Asset management (data collection and analysis)
- Congestion management planning
- Corridor and multimodal planning, including feasibility studies
- Freight planning, including air, barge, and rail
- Safety and security planning
- Traffic operation – planning studies
- Transit planning, including paratransit

This is not a complete list of eligible projects. To determine if your project is eligible, please discuss it with staff. Funds for engineering and construction are not allowed.

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

Due to the funding source, projects must be completed by December 31, 2026, at the latest. The goal of this program is to further implement the ongoing planning and performance-based initiatives of the MPO. Tri-County will evaluate projects based on how the proposed scope of work supports the goals of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and/or the MPO's goals and objectives identified in its transportation planning documents: [Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050](#), [Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update](#), [BikeConnect HOI](#), and [Congestion Management Process Update](#).

Project Schedule

Date	Action
April 16, 2025	Call for Projects released
May 16, 2025	Project applications due to staff by 3:30 pm
May 21, 2025	Project Review Subcommittee established by Technical
June 9, 2025	Project Review Subcommittee scores project(s) and makes recommendation
June 18, 2025	Technical Committee reviews project(s) recommendation and makes motion for Commission approval
July 2, 2025	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, May 16, 2025, by 3:30 p.m. and submitted electronically via the [Google Form](#) and emailing supporting documents to funding@tricountyrpc.org.

Evaluation of Projects

Evaluation of the projects utilizes the following criteria.

Criterion	Total Points
Consistency with Goals of the IIJA, LRTP, and other MPO Planning Documents	60
Regional Significance	40
Higher consideration due to local funding or jurisdictional partnership	10
TOTAL POINTS	100*

*Project scoring cannot exceed 100 points.

Please note the intention of the scoring criteria is meant to inform the Project Review Subcommittee's decisions, but not to determine them. Tri-County's PL funds are already matched; therefore, no local contribution is required, although projects with committed local funds will be given higher consideration. To receive higher consideration for contributing local funds, a resolution passed by the jurisdiction's governing body or letter signed by the Chief Elected Official committing local funds to the project must be provided. Higher consideration will also be given to applications including two or more jurisdictions.

FY 2026 Special Transportation Studies Application

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission requests applications from member jurisdictions for Special Transportation Studies. The Commission has programmed approximately \$135,000 of Fiscal Year 2026 Metropolitan Planning funds for local jurisdictions to undertake consultant-led transportation planning projects. The deadline for submitting project applications is 3:30 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *

2. Jurisdiction Name *

3. Jurisdiction Address (Street, City, State, ZIP) *

4. Jurisdiction Contact Person *

5. Jurisdiction Contact Phone Number *

6. Jurisdiction Contact Email *

7. Type of Application *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Individual Application *Skip to question 13*

☐ Joint Application *Skip to question 8*

Joint Applicant

8. Joint Applicant Name

9. Joint Applicant Address

10. Joint Applicant Contact Person

11. Joint Applicant Contact Phone Number

12. Joint Applicant Contact Email

Project Budget

13. Total Cost of the Project *

14. Funding Request *

15. Local Contribution (if applicable)

Please note, a resolution or letter committing local funds signed by the Chief Elected Official is required. Email this document to funding@tricountyrpc.org separately by 3:30 pm on Friday, May 16, 2025.

16. Can the Jurisdiction undertake a smaller project or phase the project if awarded less funding than requested? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Project Proposal

17. Project Title *

Please provide a short/concise title for the project. This is how it will be commonly referred to.

18. Project Scope *

Please provide a description of the project. This should include an explanation of the project with an overview of the proposed methodology, the project need, study area, and proposed schedule assuming a July 2, 2025 approval, noting that the procurement process takes 3 to 4 months.

19. Project Deliverable *

Please describe the completed project to be submitted to Tri-County.

20. Does the Jurisdiction commit to completing the project by December 31, 2026? *

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Regional Significance

21. Please explain how your project plans for corridor or system-level impacts. *

Things to consider:

1. Does the planning project consider connections between communities or require regional cooperation?
2. Affect a major corridor, freight route, or transit line?
3. Consider first and last mile transportation needs with possible innovative solutions?
4. Focus on chokepoints, bottlenecks, or critical infrastructure?
5. Does it pilot a concept that could be scaled regionally?

22. Please explain how your project plans for multimodal connectivity. *

Things to consider:

1. Does the planning project identify and address multimodal needs?
2. Review connections between other transportation modes, such as bike/ped, public transit, air, barge, rail, and truck routes?
3. Support a regional network or fill a major gap in connectivity?

23. Please explain how your project impacts housing, employment, and economy. *

Things to consider:

1. Does the planning project serve a large population/housing district?
2. Improve access to key employment centers, business districts, freight hubs, or industrial areas?
3. Increase access to commercial districts?
4. Unlock future development (e.g., transit-oriented development (TOD), complete streets, smart cities, new industries/hubs)?

24. Please explain how your project plans for public access improvements. *

Things to consider:

1. Does the planning project enhance access to public services like healthcare, education, libraries, and other public facilities?
2. Increase public access to parks, trails, riverfronts, or community destinations?
3. Identify and address ADA compliance requirements?

IIJA & Planning Document Goals

25. Explain how this project meets the goals of the IIJA. *

Use this [document for reviewing the IIJA goals](#).

26. Explain how this project meets the goals of the LRTP 2050. *

Use this [document for reviewing the LRTP 2050 Vision and Goals](#).

27. Does your project meet the goals of any of the following MPO plans: BikeConnect *, HOI, Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update, Congestion Management Process Update?

Use this [document for reviewing other MPO plans goals](#).

Mark only one oval.

☐ Yes

☐ No

28. Explain how this project meets the goals of the selected plans above.

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