TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



#### AGENDA

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, May 21, 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 April 16, 2025
- 5. Formation of Nomination Committee
- 6. Recommend to Commission the Transportation Improvement Program Amendments
  - a. Project S-26-10 Traffic Signal Upgrades
  - b. Project S-26-11 Highway Lighting Upgrades
  - c. Project S-26-12 Highway Lighting Upgrades
- Recommend to Commission the Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan <u>https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/2ztnvow24l5i5uq0ufq59/Tri-County-Safety-Action-</u> <u>Plan-2025\_DRAFT.pdf?rlkey=0am1f5tcvia7nofbp8lsx8err&e=1&st=87598oib&dl=0</u>
- 8. Formation of Special Transportation Studies Review Committee
- 9. Discussion of IDOT's 2024 Local Project Funding Call for Projects
- 10. Updates
  - a. IL-29 Multimodal Corridor Plan
  - b. IDOT
    - i. Local Roads
    - ii. Central Office
  - c. FHWA
- 11. Other
  - a. Next meeting scheduled for June 18, 2025
- 12. Adjournment

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# MINUTES Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

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

## 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		х	Dustin Sutton*		х
Peoria County			Peoria Heights		*
Jeff Gilles		х	Dennis Carr		х
Peoria County		^	City of Washington		~
Mark Gilles*	x		Jon Oliphant*		v
Peoria County	×		City of Washington		X
Paul Augspurger		Х	Patrick Meyer	х	
Tazewell County			Village of Bartonville	*	
Dan Parr		х	Dan Corp	х	
Tazewell County		^	IDOT-D4	<b>^</b>	
Conrad Moore		х	Karen Dvorsky*		х
Woodford County		^	IDOT-D4		~
Andrea Klopfenstein	x		Kinga Krider	X	
City of Peoria	^		City of West Peoria	^	
Paola Mendez	x		Charles Hess*		х
City of Peoria	×		City of West Peoria		X
Sie Maroon	Х		Craig Loudermilk		х
City of Peoria			Village of Morton	x	~
Cindy Loos*		x	David Horton	х	
City of Peoria		•	City of Chillicothe	*	
Tina Hauk			LD Chaney		
City of Pekin		x	Village of Creve Coeur		X
Josh Wray*		×	Kofi Kisseh		v
City of Pekin		X	CityLink		Х
Ric Semonski		x	ShamRA Robinson*		v
City of East Peoria			CityLink		X
Ty Livingston*	v		Eric Miller	x	
City of East Peoria	x		TCRPC		
Chris Chandler		x	Ann Doubet	×	
Village of Peoria Heights		×	Village of Germantown Hills	x	
Wayne Aldrich*		v	Gene Olson, Ex-officio		v
Village of Peoria Heights		X	MAAP		Х

V = Virtual

Also in attendance: Doug DeLille and Jacob Weck – IDOT, Jeff Counsil – Traffic Safety Engineer Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Logan Chapman, Adam Crutcher, Debbi La Rue and Lori Reynolds. Virtual attendees: Anna Musial - FHWA

#### 3. Public Comment

None

## 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

Ty Livingston moved to approve the March 19, 2025 meeting minutes, and Patrick Meyer seconded.

Motion carried.

## 5. **Recommend to Commission the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update**

Ann Doubet motioned to recommend to Commission the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 5 Update, and Cale Thompson seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar reported that the HSTP outlines the state of human services transportation for seniors, individuals with disabilities, those with low incomes, veterans, and other populations considered transit-dependent across HSTP Region 5, which includes Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Fulton, Knox, Stark, and Marshall counties.

• This plan outlines the transportation needs and options, programs and funding sources, regionwide and urban-specific demographics, service gap analysis, goals, and successes.

- This was a "lite" update
  - Updated demographic maps and charts to newer US Census data
  - Updated the HSTP Committee and collaborating entities list
  - New bylaws
  - Section 5310 projects and funding amounts
- We held a 30-day public comment period from February 3-March 4, 2025
  - Received 1 comment and incorporated the necessary change which was simply updating a photo.

• On Tuesday, April 1, the HSTP Committee unanimously voted to approve this plan. If it is recommended today, the last step will be for the Commission to approve it on May 7.

Motion carried.

# 6. Call for Projects – FY 2026 Special Transportation Studies

Michael Bruner reported that Tri-County has programmed approximately \$135,000 of its Fiscal Year 2026 Metropolitan Planning Funds for local jurisdictions to undertake special transportation planning projects.

• The Call for Projects and project application link is available on the Commission's website, under Funding Programs: https://tricountyrpc.org/funding-programs/special-studies/

• The project application is a Google Form, plus supporting documents that are to be emailed to Staff at funding@tricountyrpc.org

- Project Schedule
  - $_{\odot}$  Friday, May 16 Project proposals are due by 3:30 p.m.
  - o Wednesday, May 21 Establish Project Review Subcommittee at Technical
  - $_{\odot}$  Monday, June 9 Project Review Subcommittee meets to review, grade, and recommend projects
- Wednesday, June 18 Technical Committee makes recommendation to Commission

- Wednesday, July 2 Commission approves projects
- Examples of eligible projects include
- Active transportation plans,
- Asset management (data collection & analysis),
- Corridor planning,
- Feasibility studies, and
- Transit planning.

# 7. Updates

- a. FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement Michael Bruner
  - i. Friendly reminder that Staff sent an email on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> regarding collecting signatures on the FY 2026 Joint Funding Agreement.
  - ii. Please work with your respective Commissioner or Chief Elected Official to obtain the necessary approvals and signature on the Joint Funding Agreement.
  - iii. We ask that you submit the signed agreement to Staff by the May 21<sup>st</sup> Technical Committee meeting.
- b. IL-29 Multimodal Corridor Plan Michael Bruner
  - i. Last year, Tri-County applied for and received Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funding from the Illinois Department of Transportation for developing a multimodal corridor plan for Illinois Route 29 in Peoria County.
  - ii. Last Friday, April 11, Tri-County released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking to collaborate with qualified firms to provide professional services to assist with the development of the Illinois Route 29 Multimodal Corridor Plan from Interstate 74 to the Peoria County line.
  - iii. This planning process will include:
    - An inventory of existing conditions
    - Conduct community engagement
    - Analyze multimodal options, including both bus rapid transit and multi-use path along the route
    - Create sub-area plans at key nodes along the corridor that provide more detailed analysis, and
    - Develop an implementation plan
  - iv. Proposals are due on Monday, May 12, 2025.
    - Please let Michael know if you are interested in participating on the Selection Committee.
- c. IDOT
- Local Roads Jacob Weck reported that SPAC (Special Program Assistance Conference) is back. Come learn about ITEC (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program), SRTS (Safe Routes to School) and EDP (Economic Development Plan). Those 3 things will be on the first day, and the second day will be one-on-one meetings. This is May 22-23.
- ii. Central Office Doug DeLille reported no updated.

d. FHWA – Anna Musial reintroduced herself and explained that Betsy Tracy has retired and team leader Andy Brinkerhoff also left. She has only been with FHWA since December and is trying to teach herself the job, so she appreciates everyone's patience with her. If anyone needs anything, call or email and she will try to figure things out.

# 8. Other

- a. Next meeting scheduled for May 21, 2025
- b. SS4A CSAP update and SS4A NOFO
  - The Tri-County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) will be completed by the FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant deadline June 26, 2025.
  - We will receive a list of prioritized safety projects next month that we will be able to use to pick the best projects to submit a regional implementation application.
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Stay tuned for future emails on this topic.
  - Save the Date: CSAP Public Open House, Thursday, May 29 from 5pm to 7pm at the East Peoria Civic Complex in the atrium between City Hall and Fondulac District Library
    - The purpose of the meeting is to present the draft Safety Action Plan and collect feedback
    - Paola Mendez asked to clarify if project needs to be finalized by June 26, Michael stated yes. Paola asked if there is someplace to submit a draft plan for review to make sure it meets the criteria. Michael said yes, it's due May 9, but it won't be finalized. Eric asked if 'finalized' means the Commission has to adopt it? Michael said that wasn't clear. Anna Musial stated that yes, when they did theirs it did need to be approved by their board. Michael stated they will have a list of projects at the next Technical meeting.

# 9. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Meyers and seconded by Cale Thompson. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Submitted by: Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by: Michael Bruner

Transcribed by: Lori Reynolds

# FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program TIP Amendment Request Form

Title	TIP #	Section #	Location	Action	Source	Share		Cost
Traffic Signal Upgrades S-26-10					CRP	80%	\$	640,000.00
		Various locations in IDOT	New traffic signal controllers, battery backup systems, and CCTV		0%			
					0%			
					0%			
				cameras at various locations	State	20%	\$	160,000.00
					Local	0%		
					Total		\$	800,000.00
Requesting agency: Illinois Dept. of Transportation								
Reason for amendment: Addition to FY 2026 program. Currently scheduled for the 8/1/2025 letting.								

Title	TIP #	Section #	Location	Action	Source	Share	Cost
Highway Lighting Upgrades S-26-11					CRP	90%	\$ 1,687,000.00
						0%	
		I-74 from Sterling Ave to Illinois River	Upgrade HPS to LED luminaries on existing light towers, poles, and underpass luminaries.		0%		
					0%		
				State	10%	\$ 187,000.00	
					Local	0%	
					Total		\$ 1,874,000.00
Rrequesting agency: Illinois Dept. of Trans			ansportation				
Reason for amendment: Addition to FY 2026 program. Currently scheduled for the 9/19/2025 letting.							

Title	TIP #	Section #	Location	Action	Source	Share		Cost
Highway Lighting Upgrades S-26-12					CRP	90%	\$	900,000.00
	Wa	I-74 from Knoxville Ave to Washington St. in East	Upgrade HPS to LED luminaries on existing light towers, poles, and underpass luminaries.		0%			
					0%			
					0%			
				State	10%	\$	100,000.00	
					Local	0%		
				Total		\$ 1	,000,000.00	
Rrequesting agency: Illinois Dept. of Transportation								
Reason for amendment: Addition to FY 2026 program. Currently scheduled for the 9/19/2025 letting.								



# **Illinois Department of Transportation**

Office of Highways Project Implementation / Bureau of Local Roads & Streets 2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Room 205 / Springfield, Ilinois / 62764

May 9, 2025

#### **CIRCULAR LETTER 2025-07**

## CATEGORY: NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

#### 2024 LOCAL PROJECT FUNDING CALL FOR PROJECTS

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS / MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS / METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS - DIRECTORS / TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS / CONSULTING ENGINEERS / TRANSIT AGENCIES

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will be accepting applications for local transportation projects. The solicitation of local transportation initiatives is provided through Public Act 103-0589 and will provide state funding for local transportation priorities that most align with the intent of the legislation and pursue goals related to enhancing local assets, enhancing complete street initiatives, and improving safety. Projects will be prioritized based on readiness with a focus on the grant initiation within a two-year time frame. Readiness will be determined by status of project in process of implementation. Readiness will also consider the need for purchasing of land to implement the project. Projects in economically disadvantaged areas will be prioritized for funding and evaluated using objective, data-based criteria.

The available funding for this special opportunity is \$400,000,000. The anticipated range of funding is \$100,000 to \$10,000,000 per project, but all local priorities will be considered. Eligible categories of transportations include highway, bike/ped, transit, passenger rail, freight, safety, federal grant match, and other relevant transportation projects. Any phase of a project is eligible, including applicants seeking support for Phase I only to prepare projects for other funding opportunities. Eligible applicants are local public agencies (LPAs) which include counties, municipalities, townships, road districts, and special districts including, but not limited to parks and transit. Partners and co-applicants are not limited to LPAs.

Highway related projects will be delivered through IDOT's Bureau of Local Roads & Streets. Delivery and design standards shall meet the minimum requirements established in the Local Roads and Streets Manual and coordinated through the relevant IDOT District. Projects with any federal funding shall meet the minimum federal requirements established in the Bureau of Local Roads Manual.

Transit projects will be delivered through IDOT's Office of Intermodal Project Implementation. Transit projects will be prioritized as follows: projects which are currently under construction and have realized a funding shortfall; construction projects which have unfunded phases (e.g., a maintenance garage construction project that requires a bus storage facility); and construction projects which return facilities to a State of Good Repair. If funding remains, facility expansion projects may be considered.

In accordance with the PA 103-0589, LPAs will be required to work with the Department to establish goal requirements for disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) participation pursuant to the IDOT's policies and in accordance with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 26. Projects will also be subject to all applicable IDOT policy and state statutes including Illinois Works Jobs Program.

Additional information is available on grants.illinois.gov under CSFA 494-00-3626.

#### SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Applications are being accepted online through a <u>Microsoft Forms submittal</u>. Secondary information may be requested after preliminary application, including supplemental requirements depending on whether the applicant sponsor is subject to the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA). Local Public Agencies are exempt from GATA for transportation projects. All general GATA questions may be directed to <u>DOT.GATA@Illinois.gov</u>.

#### **INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR:**

IDOT will host a webinar providing information about the program and application process. The <u>webinar</u> is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM. The password, if prompted, is jgHfuPHk735. To join the webinar by phone, you may dial 1-312-535-8110 United States Toll (Chicago) or 1-415-655-0002 US Toll, and the meeting number is 2865 182 1868. No prior registration is required.

The webinar will be recorded for later viewing on <u>grants.illinois.gov</u> under CSFA 494-00-3626. Downstate Transit will also be able to access the webinar recording through the Resources tab of BlackCat.

#### Completed applications must be submitted by Sunday, June 1, 2025.

For general questions about this Circular Letter, please email the Department at DOT.OPP.GrantApplications@Illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

Chegoy S. Lupton

Gregory S. Lupton, P.E. Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

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