



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## AGENDA

### Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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 November 19, 2025
5. Discussion and Recommendation on Next Combined Call for Projects
  - a. Unspent STBG and TA Funds from Previous Program Years
  - b. Current Balances and Programming STBG funds out to FY 2029 and FY 2030
6. Discussion and Recommendation of Reviewing and Modifying Selection Criteria
7. Updates
  - a. IDOT
    - i. Local Roads
    - ii. Central Office
  - b. FHWA
8. Other
  - a. BUILD Grant Application Interest
  - b. Next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2026
9. Adjournment

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**MINUTES**  
**Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Technical Committee**

Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. CT  
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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Chairperson Conrad Moore called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call**

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

**V = Virtual**

Also in attendance:

TCRPC Staff: Michael Bruner, Reema Abi-Akar, Ray Lees, Debbi La Rue, Else Hayes, Isaiah Hageman, Gavin Hunt, Adam Crutcher, and Lori Reynolds. IDOT: Doug DeLille. Virtual: Mike Huddleston, IDOT

**3. Public Comment**

None

#### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 15, 2025**

Jeff Gilles made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes, and Ty Livingston seconded.

- Jeff submitted a correction under #6 regarding the Multi-Year Program. It had been discussed that the deadline would not be until the IDOT federal plan was released.

Motion carried with correction.

#### **5. Recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Amy McLaren made a motion to recommend to Commission Transportation Improvement Program Amendments as a whole, and Jeff Gilles seconded.

- a. PC-27-02 Sheridan Road
- b. PC-27-03 Intersection Safety Improvements
- c. TZ-26-01 Broadway Road Resurfacing

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- a. Project PC-27-02
  - Reconstruction of Sheridan Rd from Sherbrook Lane to Northmoor Rd.
  - This project is being added to the FY 2027 Program with funding from IDOT's FY 2024 Local Public Funding.
- b. Project PC-27-03
  - Intersection safety improvements at seven intersections in Peoria County, with two of the intersections located within the MPO boundary
    - Hanna City-Glasford Road/Lancaster Road, and
    - Maple Ridge Road/Harkers Corner Road
  - This project is being added to the FY 2027 Program with HSIP funding
- c. Project TZ-26-01
  - Resurfacing of Broadway Road from 170 feet east of Springfield Road easterly to 930 feet east of northbound I-155 ramps
  - This project is being added to the FY 2026 Program with funding from IDOT's FY 2024 Local Public Funding

Motion carried.

#### **6. Recommend to Commission the Tri-County 2026 Safety Targets**

Paola Mendez made a motion to recommend to Commission the Tri-County 2026 Safety Targets. Andrea Klopfenstein seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

- At the federal level, transportation legislation (MAP-21, FAST Act, & IIJA) has mandated the use of performance measures to better assess federal transportation investments progress to achieving national transportation goals.
- The national performance measurement system requires State DOTs and MPOs to set specific targets and report progress in related transportation documents.

- The targets are:
  - Safety (PM-1)
  - Pavement & Bridge Condition (PM-2)
  - System Performance (PM-3)
  - Transit Asset Management
  - Transit Safety
- IDOT set their Safety Performance Measure in August as part of their submission of the Highway Safety Improvement Plan Annual Report to the FHWA.
- MPOs have 180 days to either support State DOT targets or develop their own performance measures from the date the State DOT sets their targets (February 2026)
- It's important to note that state DOTs are the only ones that are assessed for significant progress towards assessed targets, not MPOs
- In the past, TCRPC has elected to support IDOT targets. However, with the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), the region now has a structured, data-driven methodology for monitoring and reporting safety performance.
- Consistent with the CSAP and the adopted Vision Zero Policy, staff recommends applying the plan's staged annual reduction of 4% to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2050.
- Included in the packet is a memo that outlines the Safety Targets.
  - At the bottom of Page 1 is a table that outlines IDOT safety targets.
  - Page 2 is a graph that shows the region's safety data
  - Page 3 shows the region's safety targets with a 4% reduction.

After some discussion, Eric Miller made a motion to amend the reduction to 2%, which was seconded by Jeff Gilles, and the motion carried.

## **7. Updates**

### **a. IDOT**

- **Local Roads**

Mike Huddleston reported that they are having kickoff meetings for agencies that have received local funding for projects. Safe Routes to School projects have been submitted for district review. Jacob Weck is going through the MYP submissions, then they will put together the program.

- **Central Office — Nothing to report.**

### **b. FHWA — Nothing to report.**

## **8. Other**

- a. Michael Bruner reminded the committee to CC him when submitting their BLR 17100, or forward to him if they've already been submitted.
- b. Amy McLaren reported that she attended a meeting at IDOT Central Office and shared that there will be a TARP NOFO (Truck Access Route Program Notice of Funding Opportunity) coming out soon, as well as an opportunity for railroad grade crossing funds in the next couple of weeks.
- c. Next meeting scheduled for January 21, 2026

## **9. Adjournment**

Jeff Gilles made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Paola Mendez. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MPO Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Recommendation on Next Combined Call for Projects

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

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## Action Needed

Discussion and recommendation to the Commission of how to handle the unspent federal transportation dollars from previous program years and how to proceed with the Spring 2026 Call for Projects.

## Background

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area. One of the responsibilities of the MPO is to program federal funds allocated to TCRPC. These federal funds are allocated on an annual basis to the MPO and include the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside.

## Unspent STBG and TA Funds from Previous Program Years

From the years of conservatively estimating STBG and TA allotments and projects coming in under budget, the Commission's STBG balance of unprogrammed funds has grown. The available carryover funding is shown in this chart:

	STBG	TA	CRP	5310
Carryover	\$4,058,3347	\$264,426	\$11,891	\$17,039
Traditional	\$3,246,678			
Preservation	\$811,669			

## Discussion on Programming STBG Funds out to FY 2029 and FY 2030

As of the 2024 Combined Call for Projects, STBG funds have already been programmed through Fiscal Year 2028. The current federal transportation funding bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), is set to expire in September 2026. Because of this, it is unknown whether the IIJA will be reauthorized, a new bill will be introduced, or a third option will occur.

## **Balance Sheets for Programmed Federal Funds**

To provide the necessary context and aid with decision making, the attached balance sheets (Exhibit A) outline the funds that TCRPC has programmed over the years in each federal funding stream.

### **List of Options**

#### *A. Unspent Funding*

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

1. Utilize the carryover balance to fund additional projects from the recent Call for Projects.
2. Hold the additional funding for the Combined Call for Projects, which should occur in Spring 2026.

#### *B. Spring Call for Projects*

For the Spring 2026 Call for Projects, the uncertainty with the continuation of the federal transportation bill leads to these possible options to consider are:

1. 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).
2. Do not program FY 2029 or FY 2030 yet. Wait until the next calendar year to confirm how much federal transportation funding will be available. Still include FY 2026 TA, CRP, and 5310 allotments.

Staff's recommendation for *A. Unspent Funding* is Option 2.

Regarding *B. Spring Call for Projects*, staff is unclear on how to proceed and is interested in hearing feedback from the Technical Committee.

Exhibit A

STBG Allotments and Balance

FY	Stage	Jurisdiction	Activity	Limits	TIP #	Program	Allocation	Programmed/ Actual	Balance
2014	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,833,350		\$ 2,833,350
	Final	West Peoria	Sterling Ave (Phase I & II)	Farmington Rd to Nebrasks Ave	WP-14-01 & 02			\$ (1,450,598)	\$ 1,382,752
	Final	Chillicothe	Walnut St (PE)		C-14-02			\$ (16,425)	\$ 1,366,327
		Chillicothe	Adjustment					\$ (57,670)	
2015	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,270,433		\$ 3,636,760
	Final	Peoria County	Old Galena Rd & State St	Intersection	PC-15-01			\$ (1,222,647)	\$ 2,414,113
	Final	Chillicothe	Walnut St (CE)		C-15-02			\$ (39,513)	\$ 2,374,600
	Final	Chillicothe	Walnut St (Construction)		C-15-02			\$ (332,487)	\$ 2,042,113
2016	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,498,720		\$ 4,540,833
	Final	Morton	Detroit Ave	Jackson St (US-150) to ~0.7 mi N of IL-98	MO-16-01			\$ (1,866,000)	\$ 2,674,833
2017	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 3,030,980		\$ 5,705,813
	MPA	Peoria	Northmoor Rd - Stage 4	University St to Hamilton Rd	PEO-17-01			\$ (3,255,000)	\$ 2,450,813
	Final	Peoria County	Old Galena Rd	Boy Scout Rd to Cedar Hills Dr	PC-17-01			\$ (2,318,312)	\$ 132,501
2018	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,831,730		\$ 2,964,231
	MPA	Peoria	Northmoor Rd - Stage 5	Allen Rd to Hamilton Rd	PEO-18-01			\$ (3,220,000)	\$ (255,769)
2019	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,890,531		\$ 2,634,762
	MPA	Peoria County	Dirksen Parkway	Airport Rd to Middle Rd	PC-19-01			\$ (2,800,000)	\$ (165,238)
2020	Actual	MPO	Allotment				\$ 2,975,098		\$ 2,809,860
	MPA	East Peoria	Camp St & River Rd	Intersection	EP-20-01			\$ (846,898)	\$ 1,962,962
2021	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 3,219,978		\$ 5,182,940
	Authorized	Peoria County	Glen Avenue	Sheridan Rd to Knoxville Ave	PC-21-01	Traditional		\$ (1,274,000)	\$ 3,908,940
	MPA	Peoria	Allen Road	Pioneer Prkwy to Walton St	PEO-21-01	Preservation		\$ (550,000)	\$ 3,358,940
2022	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 3,147,844		\$ 6,506,784
	Estimate	East Peoria	Camp Street & Riverside Drive	Intersection	EP-22-01	Traditional		\$ (1,338,000)	\$ 5,168,784
	Authorized	Morton	Courtland Street	Walton Ave to Main St	MO-22-01	Traditional		\$ (1,855,000)	\$ 3,313,784
	Authorized	Pekin	Parkway Drive	City Limits to Sheridan	PEK-22-01	Preservation		\$ (268,000)	\$ 3,045,784
	Authorized	Tazewell County	Broadway Road	Veterans Dr to Springfield Rd	TZ-22-01	Preservation		\$ (442,250)	\$ 2,603,534
2023	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,184,028		\$ 6,787,562
	Authorized	Pekin	Court Street	Stadium to Parkway Dr	PEK-23-01	Traditional		\$ (1,719,900)	\$ 5,067,662
	Authorized	Bartonville	Adams Street	US-24 to Franklin Ave	BA-23-01	Preservation		\$ (595,000)	\$ 4,472,662



STBG Allotments and Balance

FY	Stage	Jurisdiction	Activity	Limits	TIP #	Program	Allocation	Programmed/ Actual	Balance
2024	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,385,697		\$ 8,858,359
	Authorized	East Peoria	Washington Street	Main St to I-74 interchange	EP-24-01	Preservation		\$ (364,000)	\$ 8,494,359
	Estimate	Morton	Detroit Ave	Main St to ~0.7 mi N of Birchwood St	MO-24-01	Preservation		\$ (720,000)	\$ 7,774,359
	Authorized	Peoria	Pioneer Pkwy & University St	Intersection	PEO-24-01	Traditional		\$ (2,420,600)	\$ 5,353,759
	Authorized	Washington	Freedom Pkwy	Extension to 1000' W of N Cummings Ln	W-24-01	Traditional		\$ (2,146,026)	\$ 3,207,733
2025	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,465,982		\$ 7,673,715
	Not Programmed	Chillicothe	Cloverdale Road	Western City Limits to IL-29	C-25-01	Preservation		\$ (416,320.00)	\$ 7,257,395
	Estimate	Pekin	Court Street	8th St to Stadium Dr	PEK-25-01	Traditional		\$ (3,000,000.00)	\$ 4,257,395
	Estimate	Tazewell County	Parkway Drive	Pekin City Limits to IL-98	TZ-25-01	Preservation		\$ (240,000.00)	\$ 4,017,395
2026	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,584,633		\$ 8,602,028
	Not Programmed	Peoria	Northmoore & University	Intersection	PEO-26-01	Traditional		\$ (3,920,000.00)	\$ 4,682,028
	Programmed	Woodford County	Santa Fe Trail	Lourdes Rd to IL-116	WC-26-01	Preservation		\$ (820,000.00)	\$ 3,862,028
2027	Estimate	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,385,697		\$ 8,247,725
	Not Programmed	Pekin	Broadway Street Rehabilitation	Parkway Drive to 14th Street	PEK-27-01	Traditional		\$ (2,880,000)	\$ 5,367,725
	Not Programmed	Peoria Heights	Glen Avenue ADA Ramps	Prospect Rd to Knoxville Ave (IL-40)	PH-26-01	Traditional		\$ (107,278)	\$ 5,260,447
	Not Programmed	Tazewell County	N. Main Street Preservation	US-24 to County Line	TZ-27-02	Preservation		\$ (780,000)	\$ 4,480,447
	Not Programmed	Washington	S. Main Street Preservation	Washington Square to Guth Rd	W-27-01	Preservation		\$ (427,796)	\$ 4,052,650
2028	Estimate	MPO	Allocation				\$ 4,385,697		\$ 8,438,347
	Not Programmed	Morton	Main Street Preservation	US-150 (Jackson St) to Courtland St	MO-28-01	Preservation		\$ (880,000)	\$ 7,558,347
	Not Programmed	Peoria	Reservoir Blvd Rehabilitation	Sterling Ave to Railroad Tracks	PEO-28-02	Traditional		\$ (3,500,000)	\$ 4,058,347

TA Allotments and Balance									
FY	Stage	Jurisdiction	Activity	Limits	TIP #	Cycle	Allocation	Programmed/ Actual	Balance
2013	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 228,369		\$ 228,369
		East Peoria	Camp Street Pedestrian Bridge	Over Farm Creek Diversion near Camp St	TAP-13-01	FY 2013-14		\$ (228,379)	\$ (10)
2014	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 282,987		\$ 282,977
		Washington	Cruger Rd Multi-Use Trail Phase I	300' east of Cummings to Nofsinger	TAP-14-01	FY 2013-14		\$ (227,556)	\$ 55,421
		Peoria	Northmoor Rd Multi-Use Trail	University St to Hamilton Rd	TAP-14-02	FY 2013-14		\$ (55,431)	\$ (10)
2015	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 282,987		\$ 282,977
		Peoria	Rock Island Greenway Bridge Rehab	Over War Memorial Dr	TAP-15-01	FY 2015-16		\$ (282,987)	\$ (10)
2016	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 288,492		\$ 288,482
		Washington	Cruger Rd Multi-Use Trail Phase II	Nofsinger Rd to N Main St	TAP-16-01	FY 2015-16		\$ (288,492)	\$ (10)
2017	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 288,482		\$ 288,472
		FTA	Rescission					\$ (288,482)	\$ (10)
2018	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 293,959		\$ 293,949
		Peoria	Pedestrian Infill	Allen Rd - Wilhelm to 325' N; & Orange Prairie Rd - Laandens to War Memorial	PEO-20-04	FY 2018-20		\$ (111,387)	\$ 182,562
2019	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 293,959		\$ 476,521
		Peoria	Willow Knolls Rd Pedestrian Accommodations	University St to 900ft E of Allen Rd	PWO-20-05	FY 2018-20		\$ (224,569)	\$ 251,952
2020	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 293,959		\$ 545,911
		Washington	US Business 24 Shared-Use Path	Gillman Ave to Eagle Ave	W-20-01	FY 2018-20		\$ (293,959)	\$ 251,952
		Washington	Withdrawn US Bus 24 Shared-Use Path		W-20-01			\$ 293,959	\$ 545,911
2021	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 293,959		\$ 839,870
		Germantown Hills	Germantown Hills to Metamora Trail Eng	Germantown Hills to Metamora	GH-21-01	FY 2021-23 #1		\$ (240,000)	\$ 599,870
2022	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 576,352		\$ 1,176,222
		Peoria County	Maxwell & Middle Rd Paths	Maxwell: Charleston Rd to Middle Rd & Middle: Maxwell Rd to Dirksen Prky	PC-23-03	FY 2021-23 #1		\$ (543,159)	\$ 633,063
2023	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 588,254		\$ 1,221,317
		Morton	Detroit Ave Multi-Use Path	IL-98 to approximately 0.7 miles north	MO-24-02	FY 2021-23 #2		\$ (675,000)	\$ 546,317
2024	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 585,160		\$ 1,131,477
		Peoria Heights	Glen Ave ADA Ramps	Prospect Rd to Knoxville Ave (IL-40)	PH-26-01	FY24 Combined Call		\$ (653,271)	\$ 478,206
2025	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 597,228		\$ 1,075,434
		Peoria	Pioneer Prkwy Multi-Use Path	Knoxville Ave (IL-40) to Allen Road	PEO-28-01	FY24 Combined Call		\$ (811,008)	\$ 264,426
2026	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 609,538		\$ 873,964

CRP Allotments and Balance									
FY	Stage	Jurisdiction	Activity	Limits	TIP #	Cycle	Allocation	Programmed/ Actual	Balance
2024	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 594,496		\$ 594,496
2025	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 606,387		\$ 1,200,883
		Peoria	Pioneer Prkwy Multi-Use Path	Knoxville Ave (IL-40) to Allen Road	PEO-28-01	FY 2024 Combined Call		\$ (1,188,992)	\$ 11,891
2026	Estimate	MPO	Allocation				\$ 606,387		\$ 618,278

Section 5310 Allotments and Balance									
FY	Stage	Jurisdiction	Activity	Limits	TIP #	Cycle	Allocation	Programmed/ Actual	Balance
2020	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 113,830.00		\$ 113,830.00
		Washington	Paratransit Expansion	Washington City Limits	5310-22-01	FY 2022 5310 Call		\$ (100,000.00)	\$ 13,830.00
		Peoria	Intersection Improvement Engineering	Arcadia Ave and Prospect Rd, north side	5310-18-02	FY 2022 5310 Call		\$ (13,830.00)	\$ -
2021	Actual		Allocation				\$ 114,847.00		\$ 114,847.00
2022	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 164,556.00		\$ 164,556.00
		Peoria	Reservoir Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing	From Sterling Ave to Millbrook Rd	5310-25-01	FY 2024 5310 Call		\$ (164,556.00)	
2023	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 165,242.00		\$ 165,242.00
		Peoria	Reservoir Boulevard Pedestrian Crossing	From Sterling Ave to Millbrook Rd	5310-25-01	FY 2024 5310 Call		\$ (95,444.00)	\$ 69,798.00
		CityLink	Three Quantum Wheelchair Securements	CityLink fixed-route geographic area	5310-24-01	FY 2024 5310 Call		\$ (60,000.00)	\$ 9,798.00
		Washington	Paratransit Continuation	Washington City Limits	5310-26-02	FY 2024 Combined Call		\$ (9,798.00)	\$ -
2024	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 168,681.00		\$ 168,681.00
		Washington	Paratransit Continuation	Washington City Limits	5310-26-02	FY 2024 Combined Call		\$ (90,202.00)	\$ 78,479.00
		East Peoria	Main & Mariners Way Intersection Eng	Main and Mariners Way	5310-26-01	FY 2024 Combined Call		\$ (61,440.00)	\$ 17,039.00
2025	Actual	MPO	Allocation				\$ 169,535.00		\$ 169,535.00
2026	Estimated	MPO	Allocation				\$ 169,535.00		\$ 169,535.00

\* = indicates unspent funds returned to the FTA

\*\* = funds must be obligated by September 2026



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# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** MPO Technical Committee

**FROM:** Staff

**SUBJECT:** Discussion and Recommendation of Modifying Selection Criteria

**DATE:** January 21, 2026

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## Action Needed

Discussion and recommendation to the Commission of how to handle the modification of selection criteria for programming federal funds.

## Background

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area. One of the responsibilities of the MPO is to program federal funds allocated to TCRPC. These federal funds are allocated on an annual basis to the MPO and include the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), and Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside.

## Reviewing and Modifying Selection Criteria

Before TCRPC releases this year's Call for Projects, the selection criteria must be reviewed and amended as a result of the following:

1. During the process of combining these previously separate funding applications (CRP, Section 5310, STBG, and TA) for the 2024 Call for Projects, TCRPC staff noticed several redundancies across the board. For example, questions asked in the CRP application were duplicated in the STBG and TA applications.
2. In April 2025, TCRPC updated its Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which outlined new goals and objectives that must be integrated into future Calls for Projects.
3. In June 2025, TCRPC finalized its Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP), which also listed goals and objectives related to roadway safety that must be integrated into future Calls for Projects.

Therefore, to reduce application redundancies and comply with the newly updated LRTP and CSAP, it is necessary to modify these selection criteria in the upcoming Call for Projects.

## List of Options

That said, possible options to consider are:

1. TCRPC staff create a draft showing proposed selection criteria modifications based on the goals listed above and bring it to the Technical Committee to discuss and vote on February 18.  
**OR**
2. Select Technical Committee members (on a volunteer basis) build a subcommittee to discuss and propose recommendations for modified criteria based on the goals listed above. Then, the subcommittee bring a proposal to the Technical Committee to discuss and vote on February 18.