



# TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## Full Commission/Executive Board (in lieu of Lack of Quorum):

April 1, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

### MINUTES

#### 1. Call to Order, Welcome, Recognition of Audience

Chairman Chuck Nagel called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Russ Crawford introduced Cathryn Stump from the Tazewell County Board, who will be replacing Greg Menold on this Commission once appointed. Greg is leaving his seat on the Commission.

#### 2. Roll Call

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Commissioner	Present	Absent
<b>Amanda Beadles</b> Chillicothe	X		<b>Leon Ricca</b> Bartonville		X
<b>Rita Ali</b> City of Peoria		X	<b>Nate Parrott</b> Morton	X	
<b>Patrick Urich</b> City of Peoria	X		<b>Autum Jones</b> Woodford Co.	X	
<b>Rick Powers</b> City of Peoria		X	<b>Chuck Nagel</b> Woodford Co.	X	
<b>Terry Keogel</b> Creve Coeur		X	<b>Camille Coates</b> Peoria Co.		X
<b>John Kahl</b> East Peoria	X		<b>Danny Phelan</b> Peoria Co.	X	
<b>Karl Figg</b> Germantown Hills	X		<b>Russ Crawford</b> Tazewell Co.	X	
<b>Matt Wigginton</b> Peoria Heights	X		<b>Greg Menold</b> Tazewell Co.	X	
<b>Mary Burress</b> City of Pekin		X	<b>Don Knox</b> CityLink		X
<b>Lilija Stevens</b> Washington	X		<b>Karen Dvorsky</b> IDOT		X
<b>James Dillon</b> West Peoria		X			

~ = Virtual participant

Also Present: Rebecca Eisele, Eric Miller, Michael Bruner, Isaiah Hageman, Adam Crutcher, Else Hayes, Reema Abi-Akar, Gavin Hunt and Lori Reynolds, TCRPC; Doug DeLille, IDOT; Cathryn Stump, Tazewell County Board.

### **3. Public Comment**

None

### **4. Motion to Approve the Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026**

John Kahl made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026, and Karl Figg seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

### **5. Chairman Report**

Chairman Chuck Nagel stated that he is sad to see Greg Menold leave the Commission after 10 years. On behalf of the Commission, he wished him well and thanked him for his service.

### **6. Executive Director Report**

Eric Miller reported on the following:

- Ray Lees tendered his resignation. On behalf of the Commission, he thanked Ray for his service and wished him all the best in his future endeavors.
- In Ray's place, Eric stated he has appointed Senior Planner Michael Bruner as the Interim Planning Program Manager. The Commission will begin a search for a permanent replacement as well as filling other staff openings.
- Staff are working on the FY 27 budget and will have a draft to the Commission next month.
- Included in the packet are fact sheets on the BASICS Act, which is a house bill in Congress pertaining to MPOs as an add-on to the current transportation bill. It is a drastic change that takes away a bit of authority from the Illinois Department of Transportation and gives it to the MPOs. The Commission has always had a great relationship with IDOT and considers them to be excellent partners and stewards. The bill would provide 100% federal funding and propose a direct relationship with US DOT. BRIDGE program is a formula program for MPOs.
  - TCRPC is still researching and deciding whether to provide a letter of support. This is still just a proposal and not yet signed as a bill; it is still being negotiated.
  - Doug DeLille pointed out that it is voluntary at this point.
  - Russ Crawford asked if the issues that happened with the transition to new federal administration have been worked out.
  - Eric replied that there are still a few issues being worked out, but from TCRPC's funding perspective, it seems to have worked out for the most part. IDOT provided some protection in speaking for all MPOs on these issues and provides many helpful services, and the Commission appreciates the relationship it has with IDOT.

## 7. Ways and Means Report

- **Motion to approve the February 2026 Financial Statements and Billings (Res. 26-45)**

John Kahl made a motion to approve the February 2026 Financial Statements and Billings, and Autum Jones seconded the motion.

Rebecca Eisele reported on the following:

- Total Operating Cash at the end of February was approximately \$872,000. Operating cash decreased by \$9,000 in February, compared to January.
- Total Accounts Receivable balance at the end of the month was \$413,000. Of the A/R balance, \$286,000 was federal funds, \$42,000 was state funds, and \$85,000 was local funds.
- Accounts Payable balance at the end of the month was \$128k, and of that amount there was \$94,000 in unpaid pass-through expenses as of the end of February. The remaining \$34,000 Accounts Payable balance at the end of February was for regular bills, HR consultant services, and legal fees.
- Total Revenue for February was \$154,000.
- Total Expenses for February were \$167,000.
- February ended with a deficit of approximately \$14,000.
- Approximately \$75,000 of local TCRPC funds have been used for local matching funds so far in FY26.
- Fiscal Year 2026 has a surplus of approximately \$125,000 as of the end of February.

Motion carried.

## 8. Administrative

- **Motion to approve the purchase of Miovision Traffic Data Connectivity and Processing Credits (Res 26-48)**

John Kahl made a motion to approve the purchase of Miovision Traffic Data Connectivity and Processing Credits. Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported the following:

- i. During the August 2025 Commission Meeting, staff presented an overview of the MioVision Scout Plus traffic counting equipment.
- ii. The MioVision Scout Plus is a device that can be set up along a roadway or trail without disrupting traffic and can be monitored remotely.
- iii. It includes a telescoping pole that allows a camera to be extended up to 21 feet above the roadway and capture traffic data for up to four lanes at a time.
- iv. The device can also collect turning movement counts at intersections.
- v. This motion is for the purchase of credits used to process the collected video data into usable traffic data
- vi. This is a budgeted item in the FY 2026 UPWP

Motion carried.

- **Motion to approve update to Morton Community Bank Signatories (Res. 26-49) - handout**

Russ Crawford made a motion to approve update to Morton Community Bank Signatories. Danny Phelan seconded the motion.

Eric Miller stated that it is a requirement of Morton Community Bank to have a resolution and minutes in order to change or update the signatories, which TCRPC is doing to replace Ray Lees with Michael Bruner on an interim basis.

Motion carried.

## 9. Transportation

- **Motion to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (Res. 26-46)**

- i. **Project S-27-13 IL-26 Pavement Preservation**

Nate Parrott made a motion to approve Transportation Improvement Program Amendments. John Kahl seconded the motion.

Michael Bruner reported on the following:

1. SMART Overlay on IL-26 for north Corporate Limits of Spring Bay to Junction IL-116
2. Project is being added to the FY 2027 Program and scheduled for the June letting this year

Motion carried.

- **Motion to approve the Combined Call for Projects Selection Criteria (Res. 26-47)**  
Danny Phelan made a motion to approve the Combined Call for Projects Selection Criteria. Patrick Urich seconded the motion.

Reema Abi-Akar presented the following:

- i. In preparation for the Spring 2026 Call for Projects, the Technical Committee directed staff to review the existing selection criteria and remove redundancies and structural inconsistencies.
  - Note that there is no change in the actual policy; this is meant to maintain the original intent of the criteria.
  - The proposed framework maintains program integrity while establishing a consistent 100-point scoring system applicable across all project types.
- ii. Staff subsequently presented a consolidated, singular Project Selection Criteria framework to the Technical Committee at its March meeting:
  - During the discussion, the committee expressed general support for the unified framework and offered constructive recommendations.
  - As a result, staff:

- Clarified the Environmental Sustainability and Stewardship section to recognize life cycle and asset management benefits of a project
  - Updated the Nondiscrimination and Accessibility section to better accommodate preservation projects
  - Minorly adjusted the Project Readiness and Flexibility section to make more sense for non-infrastructure projects
- iii. Based on comments from Technical, Staff then conducted a validation process. This entailed applying for previously funded projects by utilizing this new criteria. Staff wanted to test the following:
- Validation that the consolidated criteria produce reasonable and defensible results
  - Confirmation that different project types are evaluated equitably
  - Ensure the original intent and funding priorities previously adopted by the MPO hold true with the consolidated framework
- iv. The scoring analysis resulted in generally consistent scores, with some variations, understandably since the structure is shifting.
- The large comparison document shows where staff shifted the categories and how.
- v. Overall, this improves usability while reflecting prior MPO policy direction.
- Therefore, staff recommends approval of this updated Combined Call for Projects Selection Criteria.

John Kahl asked if there was any opposition from the Technical Committee about the changes. Reema responded no, just recommendations.

Matt Wigginton asked if smaller communities get overlooked. Michael stated that Technical Committee members who are not applying are the ones doing the grading. Types of projects are graded together by at least three peers and staff, and the scores are discussed and averaged together, to be fair. So, there is no way any community would be overlooked.

Motion carried.

**b. FY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Call for Projects**

Michael Bruner presented the following:

- i. As an MPO, Tri-County is federally required to develop and maintain the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a short-term plan that identifies all federally funded and regionally significant transportation projects programmed for state and local jurisdictions for the next four fiscal years (FY 2027-30).
- ii. The TIP is typically updated annually and includes roadway, non-motorized, and transit projects. All projects must be consistent with the region's LRTP.
- iii. The TIP must be fiscally constrained, meaning projects are not included in the active project lists without a funding source.

- iv. Projects that are regionally significant, reflect local jurisdiction priorities, and would be included in the TIP if reasonable funding sources when available are included in the Illustrative Project List.
- v. At the March 18 MPO Technical Committee meeting, staff released a Call for Projects for the FY 2027-30 TIP and asked Technical to review the current TIP to make sure all the current projects are currently listed and submit new projects on IDOT's BLR 17100 form.

## 10. Updates

- **Federal MPO Certification Review**

Eric Miller reported that in March, the Commission had its certification review in a much more streamlined manner than in the past. Results were provided immediately rather than having to wait.

Michael Bruner reported that during this process, the opportunity was given to show the accomplishments of the Commission over the last four years including developing priorities, special studies, updating plans, many grant applications, and safety action plans among many more projects.

Reema Abi-Akar reported that also during this process Section 5310 federally funded projects were reviewed, which is included in the Combined Call for Projects. This included projects related to transit, some of which included Washington para-transit expansion and a pedestrian crossing near Glen Oak Park.

Eric Miller stated that this is just a small portion of the list of work which staff has worked tirelessly to complete over the last four years. Chuck Nagel stated this is a good reminder to see this extremely impressive list of work that is accomplished by the Commission staff and the Technical Committee members.

- **IDOT** – Doug DeLille reported that a notice of funding went out for Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and is due May 26. He also mentioned that there are webinars on many topics available; be sure to register. He reminded the group that this is the last year for the reauthorization bill, and there is no guarantee that it will remain after this, as it may be going back to formula rather than discretionary.
- **FHWA** – no report

## 11. Other

- **Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.**

Chairman Nagel also mentioned there will be an Employee Handbook meeting at 8 a.m. prior to the Executive Board meeting at 9 a.m. on April 20.

- **Open Meetings Act training and Economic Interest Statement reminders**

For those who have not already done so, members should send their OMA certificates to Lori.

Members should complete their Peoria County Economic Interest Statement, as fines will be added if not completed soon.

**12. Adjournment**

Autum Jones motioned to adjourn. Nate Parrott seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Submitted by Eric Miller, Executive Director

Recorded by Reema Abi-Akar, Senior Planner

Transcribed by Lori Reynolds, Office Administrator