



Minutes for Transportation Commission March 24, 2026, Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Coad, Nada Naffakh, Brandon Lott, Michael Breitbach, Sunny Pearson, Jeremy Coers, Paola Mendez - 7

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Klopfenstein, Patrick McNamara, Imadeldin Mohamed, Nathan Johnson - 4

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Vargas - 1

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

Introductions of the members in the room and anyone else present to the new commission members.

MINUTES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION January 20, 2026, MINUTES

Minutes were amended under Item No.4 changing 'Bill Grant' to 'BUILD Grant'. Motion to approve as amended by Brandon Lott, seconded by Sunny Pearson, approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight

Earlier this month, Commissioner Coers attended a conference where a presentation highlighted a European road design concept known as "Woonerf." This concept has been implemented by the Village of Mahomet and Farnsworth on a roadway in Mahomet. The same presentation was shared again during this meeting to introduce the concept to the committee.

A Woonerf is designed to prioritize pedestrians over vehicles, creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment. This approach is particularly well-suited for rural and small-community settings, such as the Village of Mahomet, where lower traffic volumes make such designs more practical.

The roadway featured an S-curve design, with parking spaces and shops on both sides, as well as depressed curbs. In similar designs, elements such as outdoor café tables are sometimes incorporated to create visual cues that encourage drivers to slow down. In this case, however, the presentation focused on the roadway layout itself. Another slide showed crosswalks that were flush with the ground but still included detectable warning surfaces and bollards for added safety.

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Although the design remained compliant, several concerns were noted, including limited detectable warnings and the color choices used to assist individuals with visual impairments, as well as the absence of storm drains, permeable pavement, and pavement markings. Despite these concerns, the presentation was generally well received.

ITEM NO. 2 Downtown Bicyclist Safety Concern Update

This item was tabled for the next meeting as there has been no response to Commissioner Coers.

ITEM NO. 3 Commission Check in with City Staff & Draft Agenda Calendar for 2026

Chairman Coad asked city staff if there were specific things that needed to be added to the agenda, for the commission to focus on in the coming months. City staff indicated there were no items at this time but will return with a potential list for future consideration. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 4 Planning/Future Projects Sub-Committee Report

While walking through the categories under this report, city staff provided updates to some projects and added other projects not previously listed as well.

A project added to the City of Peoria Planning Initiatives was the ADA Transition Plan though it is still being worked on with no exact schedule.

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Documents published a Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050, which is a relatively new document. It replaces the 2045 LRTP with extended planning horizon. Transportation Improvement Program Updates, fiscal year 2025-28 TIP adopted in 2024. There was a new update for fiscal year 2026-29 TIP with development likely to begin 2025, though nothing has started yet. The Annual List of Federally Authorized Projects was updated showing the most recent one being published on September 22, 2025. There were updates for the Unified Planning Work Program, which was adopted in 2025, with the purpose of serving as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day-to-day work of the MPO. Some additional documents included the Tri-County Safety Action Plan, published in 2025, the Human Serviced Transportation Plan 2025 update published in 2025, and the Public Participation Plan that was updated and published in 2024. City staff informed there was another plan, named Bus Stop Accessibility Plan, that is still being worked on.

Some major developments: the Bicycle Infrastructure Focus is the 2025 Bike Master Plan that is the most significant active planning effort. Long Range Planning Update extends the regional planning horizon and will guide transportation investments through 2050. Safety Emphasis is through the comprehensive Safety Action Plan, demonstrating a regional commitment Vision Zero goals.

Regular documentation cycles Tri-county maintains consistent updated cycles for key documents.

Some potential gaps identified is that the City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan has not been updated for 14+ years.

This report was completed by the commission, which is meant to work together with the Active Project List.

The commission mentioned that this list is in past agenda packets. Conversation began about commissioning having a library of old qualifiable documents that they can go back to for reference. This will be investigated by city liaison and made as a future agenda item.

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ITEM NO. 5 Quarterly Active Project List

City staff went through this list with updates for all the quarterly projects presented. The commission asked the city staff if there is anything that the commission can do to aid the city in these projects. There was a sub question where commission asked if they could receive an anticipated public meeting date for projects in phase 1. There was discussion regarding this issue, where commission was informed of an opportunity to sign up for city updates on the website, as it can be difficult to inform of these types of meetings every time. More clarification was given that

A question was raised about collaboration between city and county project on Sheridan. It was confirmed that it will eventually be a city street because it is on this list of projects. The cost of the project is split halfway between city and county after their \$10 million grant is spent. And when it is all done, the county road will then become a city road.

It was reminded that the purpose of the project list is to have them on the agenda as they are getting completed, to create a two-sentence summary from the city to better identify if it meets Complete Streets requirements.

Commission asked how feedback has been from the community about the University and Northmoor Project. So far, the city has not received any complaints from the residents about this project, so it is believed to be okay for now.

Commission read through the list and stopped talking about certain projects for more clarification and details.

ITEM NO. 6 Complete Streets Report Review and Approval

After reviewing the Complete Streets Report, it was encouraged to continue the discussion about updates as the commission is not ready to change it quite yet. It was discussed that the report shows that we exceeded the goals for a few of the requirements but did not meet the goal for the bike lane. There was discussion about what the plan text should say in the report, and it was concluded to wait a little longer for the commission members to consider what should be said. Some other updates were needed for the report such as some numbers on the table, as well as the link that was on the packet. City staff will update those pieces for the next commission.

This was then moved to unfinished business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Complete Streets Test Case Review is unfinished business. It was concluded that it would be best to focus on the Complete Streets Report Review before continuing the discussion on the Complete Test Case Review.

NEW BUSINESS

A commissioner asked about the impacts to the bike path for the Detweiller and Marina bike path. City staff confirmed that the route will need to be changed a bit, but it is still intended to be built. Certain details are not clear.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

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No citizens were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman motioned to adjourn; Michael Breitbach approved; Seconded by Brandon Lott.

Anyone wishing to make a public comment can do so by sending those comments to Public Works, by **12:00 p.m.** on Friday, January 16, 2026 Public comments can be sent to the public works department, in writing, at publicworks@peoriagov.org or via fax at 309-494-8855. The email or fax should be labeled “public comment for Friday, January 16, 2026. Transportation Committee Meeting,” and we ask that you include your name and address.

Citizens wishing to address an item not on the agenda should contact a commission member prior to the meeting. All other public input will be heard under public comment near the end of the committee meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

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