



TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEETING NOTICE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MAY 19, 2026, AT 3:00 PM

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Meeting ID: 265 121 953 547

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To be held at Public Works, Main Conference Room, 3505 N Dries Ln, Peoria, IL,
61604

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

MINUTES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION APRIL 21, 2026, MINUTES

AGENDA ITEMS

- ITEM NO. 1** Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight
- ITEM NO. 2** Commission Library Status Check-In
- ITEM NO. 3** Complete Streets Report Review and Approval
- ITEM NO. 4** Bicycle Master Plan Review

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ITEM NO. 1** Request Complete Streets Test Case for Review

NEW BUSINESS

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

Anyone wishing to make a public comment can do so by sending those comments to Public Works, by **12:00 p.m.** on Friday, April 21, 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, April 21, 2026. Transportation Committee Meeting," and we ask that you include your name and address.

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NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

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Minutes for Transportation Commission April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Coad, Nada Naffakh, Sunny Pearson, Jeremy Coers, Paola Mendez, Patrick McNamara, Nathan Johnson - 7

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Klopfenstein, Imadeldin Mohamed, Michael Breitbach, Brandon Lott - 4

OTHERS PRESENT: Crystal Vargas – 1

ATTENDANCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

A commissioner mentioned that there should be more announcements for new plans such as the Bicycle Master Plan that was posted on the website in December '25, without much notice. The city mentioned that they could do that as a newsflash.

MINUTES

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
March 24, 2026, MINUTES**

One edit was required, to correct the commission members who approved of the adjournment of the March 24, 2026, meeting. Pat McNamara was removed due to his absence, and Brandon Lott was added as he was the correct commissioner to approve the adjournment. The edit has since been made.

Motion to approve as amended by Jeremy Coers, seconded by Sunny Pearson, approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight

There is nothing to present this month. Commissioner Coers, who provides this information, wishes to make Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight a bimonthly item. This will allow time for new projects to present themselves. It will be on next month's agenda.

ITEM NO. 2 Commission Check in with City Staff & Draft Agenda Calendar for 2026

Commissioner McNamara mentioned that the commission should focus on the Bike Master Plan's "Plan Goals" on page 4, specifically numbers 1, 5, and 6. Number 1 would be to focus on identifying existing network gaps. It was mentioned that a list was created in the past to aid this goal. Number
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5 is meant to identify funding, which has shown to be a challenge, and to identify implementation strategies, and work is being done to find projects to promote this goal. Number 6 would be to identify opportunities for “small wins” using the appendix project list, on page 66 of the Bike Master Plan. Projects listed as high priority but with a lower cost, were encouraged to be used. Commissioner McNamara used an example of the Forrest Hill corridor gaps (e.g. gaps between Knoxville and Sheridan; and between segments with existing lanes and exploring low-cost gap-filling options). Commissioner McNamara hoped there could be a way to move money around to work on small projects, such as the upper bike lane on Forrest Hill from University to Sterling as it is low-cost and would fit into this plan. He also suggested that the commission can create a list of workable projects and examine which ones are able to be completed.

City staff informed the commission that there is already a list of projects that have been approved but are revisited yearly, in case there are updates needing to be made. It was recommended for the commission to review the Bicycle Master Plan Goals in May and in June to present the 2027 Budgeted Project Review.

ITEM NO. 3 Quarterly Active Project List

The Quarterly Active Project List was revisited; it has not changed much since last month and includes projects in construction or design. Staff noted some projects have incomplete construction funding, including Forrest Hill/Sterling and Radnor (county project). For the Rock Island project, staff expect to apply for ITEP funding soon. For Spring Street, the design work is complete and is effectively paused until a construction decision is made. Some projects are “shelf-ready” plans so projects can proceed when funding becomes available.

ITEM NO. 4 Commission Digital Library

City staff mentioned that they can set up a Dropbox folder as an internal, view-only digital library for commission reference. City staff will control uploading/editing; commissioners can request items be added. This would allow for easier access to documents for commission members, rather than looking through past meetings. It was mentioned by city staff that it could not be on the website, as it is a public domain, and some documents are not meant for the public to see. There were conversations regarding Open Meetings Act constraints, but it was determined that so long as commissioners are not actively collaborating on Dropbox it shouldn't be an issue.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1 Complete Streets Test Case Review

Chairman Coad combined items 1 and 2 under Unfinished Business. The math on the Complete Streets Report was corrected along with the link to it, so it may be accessed in pdf form. The commission was reminded of content improvement, specifically to the “Future Plans” section on the report. It was mentioned by Vice Chairwoman Naffakh, that adding narrative sections to interpret the decade of data is necessary. This would include highlighting goals met and key successes (e.g. ADA ramp improvements), address goals not met (tree plantings as an inconsistent metric for Complete Streets), setting direction for the next 10 years, including potentially revising metrics (more realistic bike lane targets), and shifting from purely quantitative to more realistic goals. Adding 2 sections, one for accomplishments and failures and how it affects the future, and the second section would explain the pros and cons of this tracking method to improve it for the next decade.

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Commissioner Pearson noted that under the “Future Plans” section, Item 2 permits reassessment of the performance measurements. She suggested revising the current goal of four miles of bike lanes to a more attainable target, such as 1.5 or 2 miles, to establish more achievable objectives. There was also a suggestion to track projects substantially completed/closed out each year but was acknowledged as potentially a gray area. Commissioner McNamara shared that the report when initially created had very detailed information about why the policy was created and would like some of that to be implemented to show to the council. It was mentioned if it would be too “on the nose” to mention that funding is necessary for Complete Streets to be complete. It was agreed that the document would indicate that funding is the primary hindrance to implementing complete streets but will still be revised with the rest of the commission in the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 Complete Streets Report Review and Approval

Please read Item number 1, as item numbers 1 and 2 in Unfinished Business were combined.

ITEM NO. 3 Downtown Bicyclist Safety Concern Update

This item has been closed due to no response from the original contact.

NEW BUSINESS

It was asked whether the new members were invited to join the Subcommittees at the beginning of the year. It has not been presented to them and will become an item for the next meeting. There were 3-4 subcommittees created last year each with a distinct purpose; Public Documents and Ongoing Projects, Public Outreach, and Documentation Status, were the only ones mentioned. Overall, the purpose of the subcommittees was to be more efficient in completing tasks outside of the regular meetings, without violating OMA requirements of no more than 2 commission members working together on transportation related issues. Adding it as an item will allow the new commissioners to participate in a subcommittee.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No citizens were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairwoman Nada motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

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City of Peoria Transportation Commission

Subcommittee: Planning and Future Projects Monitoring

Description: This subcommittee will monitor multiple sources of information related to the planning and transportation construction projects that affect the City of Peoria. The monitoring effort should include reviews of published planning and project documents to become familiar with planned work, periodic checks of the source websites to check for new and updated documents. Members of the committee are encouraged to generate notes for each reviewed document that summarize information that indicates a planned change to the City's transportation system. The sources of information will include but are not limited to:

- City of Peoria Community Investment Plan (CIP) and [planning initiatives](#)
 - Community Revitalization Planning
 - Comprehensive Plan
 - Heart of Peoria Plan
 - Riverfront Plan
 - School Neighborhood Impact Zone
 - Thoroughfare plan update
 - Uplands Neighborhood planning exercise
 - Warehouse Historic District – National Register Nomination
 - Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Plan
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission documents, including but not limited to:
 - Annual Listing of Federally Authorized Transportation Projects
 - FY 2023-26 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Long-Range Transportation Plan

The subcommittee will provide updates to the Transportation Commission periodically and/or when there have been updates to planning and projects of interest.

Draft by commission member Colin Coad 7/9/24

Peoria Transportation Commission

Planning and Future Projects Monitoring Subcommittee Report

Date: January 20, 2026

Submitted by: Colin Coad

City of Peoria Planning Initiatives

1. Bicycle Master Plan (2025) - MAJOR UPDATE

- **Status:** Draft completed, final plan expected December 2025
- **Key Features:** The plan uses a "five E's" approach - analyzing current conditions and providing citywide recommendations for engineering and evaluation/planning practices, as well as education, encouragement, and enforcement programs. It provides an updated proposed bicyclist network for the City.
- **Significance:** This represents a complete update of the 2016 Bicycle Master Plan with modern design standards

2. Downtown Streetscape Master Plan

- **Status:** Completed and available online
- **Document Date:** June 18, 2025
- **Content:** Includes traffic circulation recommendations, streetscape typologies, and complete streets policy integration

3. Comprehensive Plan (2011)

- **Status:** No update identified - plan from April 2011 remains in effect
- **Note:** East Peoria (neighboring city) is currently finalizing its 2045 Comprehensive Plan

4. Complete Streets Manual (2023) - No update needed

5. Complete Streets Report (July 2023) - Annual report

6. Thoroughfare Plan and Map (2020) - No update identified

7. Traffic Calming Manual (August 2023) - Recent document, no update

8. Heart of Peoria Development Plan (2002) - Historical document, no update identified

9. Uplands Neighborhood Charette Report (2020) - No update

10. Wisconsin Avenue Business Corridor Plan (2014) - No update identified

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11. **Warehouse Historic District documents (2014)** - Historical nomination documents, complete
 12. **Riverfront Plan** - approved by the Peoria City Council on August 8, 2023.
 - **Amphitheater:** On December 12, 2025, City Council approved an agreement with the Hengst Foundation to construct the Dee Hengst Amphitheater.
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Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Documents

1. Long-Range Transportation Plan 2050 - NEW DOCUMENT

- **Adoption Date:** April 2, 2025
- **Significance:** Replaces the 2045 LRTP (dated June 3, 2020) with extended planning horizon

2. Transportation Improvement Program Updates

- **FY 2025-28 TIP:** Adopted August 7, 2024 (supersedes FY 2024-27 and FY 2023-26 versions)
- **Next Update:** FY 2026-29 TIP development likely to begin in 2025

3. Annual List of Federally Authorized Projects - UPDATED

- **FY 2025 ALOP:** Published September 22, 2025 (most recent)
- **FY 2024 ALOP:** Published September 20, 2024
- **Note:** These provide the most current snapshot of projects moving toward implementation

4. Unified Planning Work Program - UPDATED

- **FY 2026 UPWP:** Adopted April 2, 2025
- **Purpose:** The UPWP is one of the core MPO planning documents and serves as the budget for the metropolitan transportation planning process and directs the day-to-day work of the MPO

5. Additional Documents:

- **Tri-County Safety Action Plan:** Published June 4, 2025
- **Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) 2025 Update:** Published May 9, 2025
- **Public Participation Plan 2024 Update:** Published June 5, 2024

- **Kickapoo Creek Watershed-Based Plan:** Published September 4, 2025
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Analysis and Observations

Major Developments

1. **Bicycle Infrastructure Focus:** The 2025 Bike Master Plan represents the most significant active planning effort, with substantial public engagement and modern design approaches including "all ages and abilities" frameworks.
2. **Long-Range Planning Update:** The new LRTP 2050 extends the regional planning horizon and will guide transportation investments through 2050.
3. **Safety Emphasis:** The Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP) prepared by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, demonstrating a regional commitment to Vision Zero goals.
4. **Regular Documentation Cycles:** TCRPC maintains consistent update cycles for key documents (TIP every 3-4 years, ALOP annually, UPWP annually).

Potential Gaps Identified

1. **City of Peoria Comprehensive Plan:** The 2011 plan is now 14+ years old with no update identified. Cities typically update their Comprehensive Plan every 5 to 10 years.

Document Access:

- All current TCRPC documents available at: <https://tricountyrpc.org/documents/>
- City of Peoria planning documents at: <https://www.peoriagov.org/258/Planning-Initiatives>

Transportation Commission Design and Documentation Sub-committee Scope Document (Draft)

From the Transportation Commission Ordinance (Ordinance):

Sec. 28-61. - Creation and purpose.

The transportation commission of the city is hereby created for the purpose of studying and surveying matters pertaining to transportation in the City of Peoria, and to make recommendations and proposals to the city council and the city administration. Transportation shall include pedestrians, bicycles, vehicles and mass transit systems, as well as the movement of freight, and shall promote Complete Streets concepts within the city. The commission shall also assist and advise concerning transportation items contained in the annual Community Investment Plan (CIP) and other matters relating to safe and efficient transportation.

Draft of Scope Document:

The Design and Documentation sub-committee will adhere to the Ordinance by provided Design input to future projects that support the primary tenants of the Ordinance: All transportation activities, Complete Street concepts, and CIP input. [The sub-committee will be responsible for monitoring innovative design concepts across the transportation engineering field and recommend that the City investigate those which achieve the goals of the Ordinance](#)

This will include providing pertinent documentation for all activities that support those primary tenants of the Ordinance. Primary documentation will be logical access on the City web site.

City of Peoria Transportation Commission

Subcommittee: Public Involvement and Education

Scope: Engage the public, stakeholder, and policymakers to identify key community transportation issues, solicit input, and develop educational materials on policies, projects, and initiatives.

Complete Streets Report “Future Plans” section draft input

Current Plan input:

2. Reassess goals for Performance Measurements where appropriate.

Draft of additional input:

The Complete Streets Policy was adopted 10 years ago.

This report shares the overall yearly successes and shortfalls over the last 10 years using the Performance Metrics outlined in the Policy. Going forward, it is appropriate to take a more forward-looking approach for the next 10 years.

Future evaluation on the adherence to the policy will take a more qualitative approach rather than the simple quantitative approach.

We will evaluate the progress for implementing the Complete Streets Policy with not only yearly totals of the completed Project Performance Metrics, but with additional dialogue that provides more in-depth comments using other plans and documents that support the objective of safe transportation for all modes of travel for all users.

The following Plans and Documents will be used to leverage efforts to meet the objectives of the Complete Streets Policy.

From the Complete Streets Policy:

"Complete streets" means streets that are designed and operated to enable safe access for all users, in that pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists and public transportation users of all ages and abilities are able to safely move along and across a street.

The Comprehensive Plan (2011) calls for:

Critical Success factor: “Invest in Our Infrastructure & Transportation”

“This Critical Success Factor covers not only the maintenance of the public infrastructure; streets, sidewalks, sewers, utilities, etc., but also the planning of such infrastructure in a manner to allow for the greatest ease of transportation and access for pedestrians and vehicles.”

It also includes “adopting Complete streets”

The Strategic Plans calls for:

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One of the Strategic Priorities is “Infrastructure”.

Its STRATEGIC GOAL is to “Improve streets, sidewalks, lighting, and broadband to increase safety and accessibility across all neighborhoods.” It also calls for “Exploring all transportation options to improve accessibility of amenities for all.”

The Complete Streets Manual calls for:

“Complete Streets are roadways that can be safely accessed, crossed, traveled upon and alongside by all people, regardless of their age, ability or travel mode”

The Bicycle Master Plan calls for:

“The City of Peoria should use this plan document to map projects by funding source and review each program and updated timelines on an annual basis. The review of the programs annually will aide the community in finding funding dollars for an applicable program and being prepare for the application window.

By using this plan as a guiding document, the city can begin strategic coordination with partner agencies and implementation of bike-related projects to improve mobility for everyone in Peoria”
