



Minutes for Transportation Commission April 21, 2026, Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Coad, Nada Naffakh, Sunny Pearson, Jeremy Coers, Patrick McNamara, Nathan Johnson - 6

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Paola Mendez, Crystal Vargas – 2

OTHERS ABSENT - Andrea Klopfenstein - 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

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existing network gaps. It was mentioned that a list was created in the past to aid this goal. Number 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.

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, May 19, 2026

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