



Agenda

Transportation Commission Meeting

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 3:00 PM

Public Works, 3505 N. Dries Lane

Attendance

Announcements

Minutes

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- B. DRAFT 7.21.2026 Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Agenda Items

- A. Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight
- B. Bicycle Master Plan Action Item Discussion
- C. Complete Streets Test Case Review
- D. Sub-Committee Reassignments

Unfinished Business

New Business

Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Committee

Adjournment

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Next Meeting

September 15, 2026



Minutes for Transportation Commission June 16, 2026, Regular Meeting

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colin Coad, Nada Naffakh, Micheal Breitbach, Patrick McNamara, Brandon Lott - 5

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Coers, Imadeldin Mohamed, Nathan Johnson, Sunny Pearson - 4

OTHERS PRESENT: Andrea Klopfenstein, Paola Mendez, Crystal Vargas - 3

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

There were no announcements.

MINUTES

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

May 19, 2026 MINUTES

Motion to approve by Commissioner Brandon Lott, seconded by Commissioner Patrick McNamara, approved by a unanimous verbal vote.

AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO. 1 Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight

This item has been deferred to the next meeting.

ITEM NO. 2 Commission Library Status Check-In

It was mentioned that the City Liaison sent out a viewing link for the Transportation Commission Document Library. There are 2 documents which both outline the details of the Sub-Committees within the Library currently. There will be an item next meeting to revisit the Sub-Committees and reassign roles.

ITEM NO. 3 Complete Streets Report Review and Approval

There was a brief recap about the conversation from the last meeting. The link for the Complete Streets Policy link was updated. Assistant City Engineer Paola Mendez mentioned that these links would be accessed by the council members through their tablets, therefore links are relevant.

Commissioner Patrick McNamara mentioned that he liked the anchor text that was created for the Complete Streets Policy link and would like the links at the end of the report to be in a similar format for consistency. There were no other changes or discussion.

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Motion to approve as amended by Commissioner Patrick McNamara, seconded by Vice Chairwoman Nada Naffakh, approved by a unanimous verbal vote.

It was confirmed that once the details were modified, the Complete Streets Report would be sent to Chairman Colin Coad to confirm, and he will send back to the city for receive and file and that it would be submitted in the meeting in July as items need to be submitted two weeks prior to the council meeting.

ITEM NO. 4 Bicycle Master Plan Action Item Discussion

Commissioner McNamara gave a recap on the conversation from the last meeting. He mentioned the gaps that were in the Bike plan and stated the list that Planning and Future Monitoring Subcommittee created, identifies those gaps and it would be a good document to help get certain projects moving forward. Chairman Coad mentioned that he would look over the document again as him and a previous commission member were the creators of said document.

Commissioner McNamara mentioned the goal to identify “small wins” as stated in the previous meeting. He mentioned that focusing on projects that are simple and low cost would be ideal to start working on now.

Commissioner Micheal Breitbach addressed City Engineer Andrea Klopfenstein and asked if the small wins and the Master Plan are implemented when considering a future project or would identifying the gaps be helpful to the city. She confirmed that having eyes on the Bike Master Plan’s Project lists would be helpful, and finding smaller, low-cost projects that can be worked on such as striping, would be a great help. City Engineer Andrea also explained that work is still being done and a partial reason as to why bike projects aren’t focused on at the moment is because of the two large projects that are currently active; The Rock Island Greenway project and the Pioneer Parkway Path that goes from Allen Rd and close to Knoxville. This usually means that there isn’t enough money to focus on bigger bike plan projects. Although focusing on the planning for these to be future projects is the best way to implement them in the future, such as finding grant money, and looking into the Bike Plan list and seeing what can be done or changed are a few things that can help. City Engineer Andrea outlined many issues that they have come across when comparing the plan to the actual roads of the city.

Commissioner Brandon Lott mentioned that since the Bike Plan is already a living document with all possible projects and their current statuses, that maybe it would be a good idea to see what can realistically be worked on from when this plan was first created. Commissioner Lott mentioned that since some are in the works, and others are on hold, and others are too big of an expense to touch right now, that the work can be to first prioritize the list of priorities by a different set of standards, and see what can start being worked on in the years to come.

Vice Chairwoman Nada asked about goal 5 on the Bike Plan document to “Identify funding and Implementation Strategies” and whether that was something the commission could help to investigate. City Engineer Andrea stated that identifying other grant money opportunities can be helpful, as long as they are more than a million dollars, as anything less than that is not worth all the hoops that have to be jumped through. She also informed the commission that any project that is dedicated to only one thing, such as only bike lanes, or only sidewalks, or any “only” projects, tend to cost a lot more than a larger scale project that includes all those and more. There are financial variables that make this so. Match funding was also brought up, but it was mentioned that when projects get tied together, waiting for funding on one piece of the project can get denied and will in turn stop all the operations on the entirety, until it is approved.

Vice Chairwoman Nada asked if there is a possibility to get grant funding for Maintenance Operations, to start smaller projects that could be done in-house. There was no answer for this and

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was deemed a valuable idea to investigate further.

Chairman Coad shared his time working in Chicago, where they had a similar issue related to striping. The consultants went to certain locations themselves with a wheel to measure and draft up a plan for restriping. They supplied these plans to the maintenance crews with enough time before any resurfacing projects started so there was a clear plan on how the striping should look after. Chairman Coad then asked if that is something that could be implemented here in the city. The commission could help by identifying areas in the Bike Plan and then the city can send someone out to draft a plan. City Engineer Andrea agreed that it would help and also mentioned that there is a traffic technician who can help in this regard as well.

Chairman Coad then stated that the first task would be to take the high priority list and reprioritize them in the most optimal way to help the city. Criteria had to be outlined first in order to be able to start the prioritization of the priority list. Vice Chairwoman Nada Naffakh suggested that certain projects listed on the Bike Plan can be up for elimination since a lot of them are in different phases. Vice Chairwoman Nada also shared that it could be set up as a spreadsheet and numerically ranked. Chairman Coad also stated that a smaller spreadsheet focusing only on high priority projects can make it less of a workload. The criteria outlined for the spreadsheet were; Pavement Condition, Facility, Progress Status, Jurisdiction, Traffic Conditions, Right of Way context and Geometric Feasibility, and then Priority.

Colin Coad will send an email to the commissioners to inform them to familiarize themselves with the Bike Plan Projects.

ITEM NO. 5 2027 Project Budgets

The Budget is spread across 2026-2030, with all the projects listed. Engineers start by looking at projects in 2027 because of cost estimates. Costs are likely to go up, and they tend to trickle through the next 5 years. The city will start doing "Planning Money" in the future, for some larger projects like Pioneer Parkway and University as they are more expensive. This is to start putting some money in with the intention of better understanding of cost, alignments, and other variables could put them in a better position for grant funding. It was mentioned that if the priority changes for the administration and the department, that grant funding can be influenced in this regard, whether good or bad. And that is another potential roadblock or advantage when it comes to getting approved for funding.

Vice Chairwoman Nada reminded the commission that in previous meetings there was conversation about providing an explanation to our council members as to why transportation funding is so important. She then asked if that was still a goal to allocate for more? City Engineer Andrea responded by stating that in July's council meeting there will be a policy session or a council presentation that will talk about city funding and financing. One of the components of that is infrastructure needs. Public Works has been looking to express the need for infrastructure in a way to help council and the public better understand the severity and plan to do so in the presentation. Commissioners were encouraged to attend the City Council presentation.

Non-Arterial Roadway Infrastructure Projects have zeros in the first two years that act as a placeholder, until the project is identified, which is when that money will show up on the budget for that project. It being zeroed out is not indicative of roads not being worked on, it is just not listed yet.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ITEM NO. 1 Request Complete Streets Test Case Review

Commissioner Lott motioned to defer this item to the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner McNamara, approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

CITIZENS' OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

No citizens were present.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lott motioned to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McNamara, approved with a unanimous verbal vote.

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Official Proceedings

Of the City of Peoria, Illinois

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Members Present: Colin Coad, Patrick McNamara , Nathan Johnson, Michael Breitbach - 4.

Members Absent: Brandon Lott, Jeremy Coers , Nada Naffakh , Imadeldin Mohamed, Sunny Pearson, Andrea Klopfenstein - 6.

Others Present: Paola Mendez, Crystal Vargas - 2.

With only four Commission members present, and five members required to constitute a quorum, no votes were taken at the meeting. However, discussion on the agenda items continued.

Announcements

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Commissioner Patrick McNamara asked when the Council Meeting would be held that would highlight the Complete Streets Report. He asked a follow-up question about when the presentation from Public Works to the Council, mentioned in the previous meeting, would be held as it was tentatively set for July. Assistant City Engineer, Paola Mendez responded to the first question by stating that the Complete Streets Report will be presented at one of the two Council meetings held in August. Her response to the second question expressed that the idea is for the presentation to be done before the budget meeting, but there isn't a set date yet. Patrick simply requested a notice of when the presentation would be held, so the commission may have a chance to attend.

Minutes

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No comments were made.

Agenda Items

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A. Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight

Innovative Roadway Design Spotlight

This item was not discussed.

B. Bicycle Master Plan Action Item Discussion

Bicycle Master Plan Action Item Discussion

Chairman Colin Coad gave a summarization of the project. The commission plans to take the high priority listings from the bike plan and then provide their own opinions related to the railing criteria, such as pavement condition, facility progress status, jurisdiction, traffic conditions, right-of-way context and geometric feasibility.

Looking at the Bicycle Master Plan's tables, starting with the highest priority list and specifically City of Peoria projects, it was determined that starting on Page 130 on the Bicycle Master Plan, was the best table to use for now. Commissioner Patrick McNamara pointed out that one of the criteria that was not listed was ease of implementation. This led the commission to not focus on Multi-Use Paths as there were many factors aside from just striping. Chairman Coad reminded the commission that the City Engineer, Andrea Klopfenstein, said in past meetings that it would be helpful if the commission could provide opinion of priorities on projects that are "low-hanging fruit."

The commission began at the bottom of the highest priority projects, starting with a short-term bike lane, Fulton to Kumpf on Monroe. Commissioner Nathan Johnson mentioned that a lot of these bike lanes come at the expense of parking and whether it would become an issue for the businesses that could potentially be affected. Commissioner McNamara mentioned two projects in the past where notifying the party affected led them to cut out parking, as the parties affected all agreed it was not needed. He believes that it is possible that many people will be open to the idea of street improvement, not including parking. But, input from the community is essential when changing details such as parking, so it is case by case.

The commission looked at Google Maps while reading the details on the Bike Plan table. It was mentioned that angled parking would have to be converted to parallel parking on Monroe from Fulton to Main. There is no parking from Kumpf to Fulton on Monroe, but there are turn lanes, which is why it starts on Fulton rather than Kumpf. There was a mention of expanding the right turn lane if possible and adding markings for a shared bike lane if there was room for it. It was asked if there could be a list of problems collected, such as the parking, right turn lanes, etc. to help identify opportunities in these areas. It was then explained that transportation engineers collect data on things such as traffic counts, and develop traffic projections so that these decisions could be beneficial to the community in the far future. This area is a tricky area, as the Civic Center comes into play, but it is still a recommended and logical bike route, considering the network.

Assistant City Engineer Paola Mendez, spoke about the parking on Monroe, starting at Fulton, stating that the angled parking is not necessary, unless there is an event. Which any other time, there is minimum to no parking, therefore parallel parking seems the best option. It was also pointed out that it is located in between a large parking lot and a parking deck as well. The conversation moved down on Monroe between Main St. and Hamilton. It was seen that there were 4 lanes, which the commission agreed was not so necessary. With proper traffic analysis, it can be determined whether losing a lane and adding a bike lane could be useful. Although it

was mentioned that Fayette to Spalding is Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Jurisdiction. And once a road gets close to an IDOT intersection, losing a lane can cause misalignment, which in turn can become more expensive. It was also added that Forrest Hill is the city's street, but the bridge is IDOT's. Essentially, most bridges in Peoria are IDOT's as long as they are above any interstates, highways, etc. It was determined that the specifics on how to handle the IDOT intersections are beyond the commission. Although there is still a recommendation to focus on this gap of Monroe.

The commission agreed that discussing the roads on the master plan is a great way to gather all the information and provide an opinion on each one to the city.

Forrest Hill was the next road discussed as it is also a gap in the bike network. On Forrest Hill from essentially University to Sheridan and from Prospect to Knoxville. Commissioner Micheal Breitbach acknowledged the road being wide enough to accommodate the striping from University to Isabell, but it's the parking of cars along the road that is the issue again. Assistant City Engineer Mendez, mentioned that the road from Isabell to Sheridan is pretty tight as well, which raises another issue. Starting with University, Forrest Hill has five lanes. There was discussion on making it a left-turn lane and one through/right lane, removing the left turn buffer and adding a bike lane. From the intersection of Sherwood to Isabell there is a two-way left turn lane for that block, but then shrinks as you get further east. At the intersection of Isabell heading east, there is parking allowed on the sides of the street, which presents issues on driveways and accessibility for homeowners in this area. Another issue is how bad the road is on Forrest Hill, so striping can present an issue. It was not determined whether the road will be repaired soon. Heading further east on Forrest Hill it becomes pretty tight. There was an idea to make it a shared lane between drivers and bike riders. It was determined that the biggest issue was the intersection was Forrest Hill and Sheridan, because of the tight roadway.

Both of these gaps, Forrest Hill and Monroe are similar in that they are in between pre-existing bicycle corridors. And Chairman Coad stated that Forrest Hill to him, seems to be at the top of the list. Commissioner Johnson mentioned that these are good areas to look at as people are already biking there, but adding those bike lanes, would just make the existing bike routes safer.

Commissioner McNamara asked whether the idea is to condense this list to five projects to recommend, and Chairman Coad agreed. Commissioner McNamara, believes that adding these five recommended projects into the budget possibly around September, could be very beneficial.

Commissioner Johnson added that bike parking wasn't fully addressed in the Bicycle Master Plan. Assistant City Engineer Mendez asked if there are any particular areas where most people request bike parking. Commissioner Johnson wasn't too sure, but he did provide a solution for where they could potentially obtain bike racks; Russel's in Washington gives businesses bike racks and even installs them if they are asked. So there's a potential to alleviate any funding worries. Bike racks were put on a list of items to get to once they have a better idea of locations where a bike rack could be useful.

C. Complete Streets Test Case Review

Complete Streets Test Case Review

This item was not discussed.

D. Sub-Committee Reassignments

Sub-Committee Reassignments

This item was not discussed.

Unfinished Business

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There was no unfinished business.

New Business

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There was no new business.

Citizen's Opportunity to Address the Committee

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There were no citizens to address the committee.

Adjournment

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Adjournment

Next Meeting

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Next Meeting

Comparison prepared by Colin Coad, 7/21/26

2024 Transpo Commission recommended bike network addition	2025 COP Bike Plan recommendation	
	Type	Priority
Griswold St from SW Adams to Howett St	Short-Term Bike Lane	Low
	Neighborhood Bikeway	N/A
	Bike Lane	Low
SW Adams St from Lincoln Ave to Pecan St	Short-Term Bike Lane	Very High
SW Jefferson Ave from Howett St to Persimmon	Bike Lane	Very High
SW Adams St from Walnut to US 150	West portion completed with 1-way/2-way conversion project	N/A
	Bike Lane	Medium
	Multi-Use Path (NE of Jefferson separation point)	Very Low
N Richard Allen Drive from MacArthur Hwy to Romeo B Garrett	Multi-Use Path	Low
Romeo B Garrett from Richard Allen Dr to William Kumpf	Bike Lane	High
SW Monroe from William Kumpf to Spalding	Short-Term Bike Lane	Very High
Bradley Ave from Western Ave to University St	Not recommended in the plan	N/A
Main St from Western to North	Not recommended in the plan	N/A
Main St from North to Water	Short-Term Bike Lane	Low
Sheridan Rd from Main to I-74	Bike Lane	Very High
Sheridan Rd from McClure to Northmoor	Multi-Use Path	Very High
Glen Oak and Prospect from Spring to Glen	Multi-Use Path (stops at Rock Island Trail)	High
Glen Ave from Knoxville to Prospect	Not recommended in the plan	N/A
Forrest Hill from University to Sheridan	Bike Lane	Very High
Northmoor near University intersection	Not recommended: will be addressed with int. reconstruction	N/A
Allen Rd from US 150 to Pioneer Pkwy	Multi-Use Path	Very High

Future Bike Network Map



The Wisconsin Metrics

Project	From Street	To Street	Year	District	Center-line Miles	Paved Lane Miles ***	Construction Cost	Green Infrastructure	New Bike or Improved Bike Lane (mi) *	New Sidewalk or Improved (If)	New Ramps (ea) **	Improved Ramps (ea) **	New Crosswalk (ea)	Improved Crosswalks (ea)	ADA transit stop (ea)
Wisconsin Ave	Nebraska	McClure	2024	3	0.53	1.59	\$6,420,000.00	No	0.3	3100	27		1	21	7