



# Joint Commission on Racial Justice and Equity Transportation and Mobility Sub-Committee



## AGENDA Monday, April 3rd, 2023 6:00PM-7:00PM

### Hybrid Meeting =

In-person: Study Room IV (125) Peoria Public Library- North Branch  
3001 West Grand Parkway  
Peoria, IL 61615

Remote: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85286329526?pwd=cVNVcUVZVVhEeUZlXZ0tPbjlxTTIvUT09>

Meeting ID: 852 8632 9526

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#### Commissioners Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ursula Towne, Co-Chair    | <input type="checkbox"/> Lorene King       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ronald Rasberry, Co-Chair | <input type="checkbox"/> Catherine Lawless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antwaun Banks             | <input type="checkbox"/> Brinda Mehta      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Foley                | <input type="checkbox"/> Anshuman Reddy    |

#### Other attendees:

#### 1. Call to Order:

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

- Vote to approve February minutes, no March minutes

#### 3. Informational Items and Reports

- Final 1<sup>st</sup> annual report presented at the Peoria City Council Meeting, Press Conference – March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>- Recording of City Council Meeting:  
[https://peoriail.granicus.com/player/clip/1043?view\\_id=8&redirect=true&h=7840036590dd4cae29bedbc31f228560](https://peoriail.granicus.com/player/clip/1043?view_id=8&redirect=true&h=7840036590dd4cae29bedbc31f228560)
- First Report from Peoria Racial Justice Commission finds disparities:  
<https://www.centralillinoisproud.com/video/first-report-from-peoria-racial-justice-commission-finds-disparities/8515491/>

#### 4. Discussion

- Who has yet to complete their OMA Training?

**Review Committee Partners:**

**We are working on gathering suggestions from area agencies:**

Agency/Organization	Transportation and Mobility Rep	Contact at Agency	Notes
Tri County Regional Planning Commission	Ursula Towne		
Peoria Economic Development Council	Catherine Lawless		
Peoria Chamber of Commerce	Lorene King		
ICC	Catherine Lawless		
Amazon Fulfilment Center	Lorene Lawless		
Support-A-Friend	Antwaun Banks		
Dream Center	Ursula Towne		
Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Tina Foley		
Salvation Army	Ursula Towne		
City Council			
County Board			
Jehan Gordon-Booth/ Camilla Kellerstrass	Lorene Lawless		
Senator David Koehler	Lorene Lawless		

- **City Council members and County Board members for input- email/phone call? Make up a form email (Ursula to work on a form email to send out to member, will review at Feb meeting).**
- **Accidents with bicycles and motorcycles- training in this area**
- **Location of the public stops- request a re-evaluation- Western Avenue**

**Changing Gears program:**

**We[The Steering Committee] have become aware of a program in Cincinnati called "Changing Gears". Its elements include:**

**good quality used cars sold at 1/2 of their fair market value**

**interest free payment plans and leasing options**

**participants must be involved in one of their job training programs (construction, culinary, auto tech, healthcare, technology)**

**participants are required to attend workshops on car ownership and maintenance, and must volunteer for 10 hours at Changing Gears to build up "sweat equity"**

**participants must engage in their SmartMoney Financial counseling and be approved by a Financial Counselor to ensure income and budgeting can afford all the expenses of owning a car**

**must be a licensed driver**

**Changing Gears is just one component of a faith-based, non-profit organization called CityLinkCenter. This**

organization provides a single point location in which a wide array of support services are offered - education, employment training and support, financial education and counseling, basic needs assistance, professional clothing, wellness, and transportation.

If you want to explore their website on your own, the entry page link is: <https://www.citylinkcenter.org/>

The direct link to their Changing Gears car program is <https://www.citylinkcenter.org/changinggears/>

5. Recommendations to the Steering Committee

6. New Business

7. Adjournment