



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



AGENDA Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 6:00PM-7:00PM

In-person Meeting =

In-person: Carnegie Room (203) Lincoln Park, 1312 W Lincoln Ave, Peoria, IL 61605

**Commissioners
Present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ursula Towne, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorene King |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ronald Rasberry, Co-Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Lawless |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Antwaun Banks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lenora Fisher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Foley | <input type="checkbox"/> Gabriel Darnell |

Other attendees: Reuben Cummings

1. **Call to Order: 6:03PM**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Vote to approve February minutes, and April minutes, May minutes, no March minutes – Catherine moved to pass the minutes and Ron seconded.
3. **Informational Items and Reports**
 - New member introductions – Greater Peoria Development Council. Proponent of walkability.
4. **Discussion**
 - Who has yet to complete their OMA Training?

Public Forum Questions?

- Reuben Cummings – data analytics group, Nerevu - working Peoria Transportation equity study. Organized by Peoria County and Dept of Public health. Aim of the study – focus on 61605 area, Identify opportunities for growth. He has met Lorene King. Wanted to stress getting the committee to be involved. They are working on surveys in the area. There will be an online version. This will be open until the end of the month. This survey is open to anyone in Peoria. The focus of the survey is for 61605 citizens or if you ride the bus.
- Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/93G5P8R>
- Have been attending local events
- Next event coming up – Pioneer Parkway, East Bluff Community Center
- Looking for high school students who may want to help with distribution of the survey.
- Can we get the survey out to more in the 61602, 61603, 61605? It would be difficult to organize something at a library.

Review Committee Partners and Upcoming Events:**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	Ray Lees	Have been communicating with Ray regularly
Peoria Economic Development Council	Lenora Fisher	Lenora Fisher	We hear that there are job opportunities, we have workers without cars, connecting the dots- for safe and reliable transportation. Identify employers that need help.
Peoria Chamber of Commerce	Lorene King	CEO- Joshua Gunn	Help bring people into the city; good transportation is key to this
ICC	Catherine Lawless	Do they have programs for students to get there? Email listed on the website for RJE	Can we talk about students getting into transportation, civil engineering focus?
University of Bradley: McCord Lecture	Lorene King	Nuria Hernandez-Admin of Federal Transit Administration	Bradley Grad- civil engineering
Amazon Fulfilment Center	Lenora will reach out to the Pekin Chamber of Contract-warehouse and independent delivery contractors?		Going to Pekin, any contacts here? Can we find someone who knows who to contact?
Support-A-Friend	Antwaun Banks		Ursula will send contact info
Dream Center	Ursula Towne	Robbie Criss	
Central Illinois Agency on Aging	Tina Foley, might be something to reach out to these guys on the surveys	Can Reuben reach out to them for the survey?	
Salvation Army	Ursula Towne/Ron Rasberry		Transportation provided to summer camp: Citylink summer ride passes
City Council	Andre Allen	Andre Allen	
County Board	Andre Allen	Andre Allen	Andre is hosting SDoH meetings. Get the committee involved- Walk-audits
Jehan Gordon-Booth/ Camilla Kellerstrass	Lorene King		Lorene was reaching out, didn't know of anything specifically
Senator David Koehler	Lorene King	Will see him next month	?

Morton Economic Dev Council	Catherine Lawless/ can she send the email to Lenora?	LeAnn Brown	Email sent but no response yet, Catherine to work with Lenora
Bike riding Assoc.			Can these groups be contacted to provide training for cyclists? For kids?

Amazon Fulfillment Center:

Delivery Station Warehouse Associate

Job Id: JOB-US-0000005973



Type: Flex Time

Duration: Regular

Pay rate: Up to \$16.25

Ability to understand and perform your duties safely in English

Work address: 1961 Edgewater Drive, North Pekin, IL

Bike Riding Associations/Safety:

Is there a way for kids from 61605/61603 without cars to get to Safety Town?

BICYCLE SAFETY TOWN



RENTALS

VIEW MAP

Phone: 309.682.6684
6518 North Sheridan Road
Peoria, IL

Many kids dream about the day they can get behind the wheel and out on the road. Until that time comes, did you know that Peoria Park District offers a place for them to “drive” around on their bicycles? Bicycle Safety Town offers a unique experience for bikers of all ages and skill levels to learn and play on nearly 4,000 feet of one-way streets, curves, traffic signals, overpasses, and more! Bring your helmets on and enjoy the ride.

[Bicycle Safety Town Layout](#)

<https://rideillinois.org/safety/kids-and-biking-resources/>

Bike Peoria -Shop- on main street (have meet ups) Fix bikes for almost nothing
Patti Polk, Sharon McBride – board members

What has been done for past surveys? What has been done after these surveys were completed? What were any of the action items?

Our CRJ&E Transportation and Mobility subcommittee link:

<https://www.peoriacounty.gov/1252/Transportation-and-Mobility>

5. Recommendations to the Steering Committee:

- Investigation in-ground system for getting people around similar to larger cities – cuts down on automobiles, safer, especially since Jefferson is being made into a 2-way
- Lack of vehicle ownership- Changing Gears program- what can we do here? Should we reach out?
- If we had a survey or forum, what questions would we ask of citizens:
 - i. What are the biggest challenges you face with transportation and mobility- a gut-check here of what we have been assuming are the issues
 - ii. Is it the bus stop, vehicle ownership, what stands in the way of getting there?
 - iii. Where are the gaps?
 - iv. Not just for the underserved? Can we focus on overall improvements? Creating good methods for links to jobs in various areas like downtown. Park & Ride? eliminate pollution
 - v. Any types of changes- as things get better- the community can grow through progress of improvements
 - vi. Training for bike riders? Offer this where they live. Neighborhood House! Identify a bike-riding organization- see if we can get someone to volunteer.

6. New Business

Walk-audits ran out of funding. Complete Streets policy – has this been adopted?
Where is the Racial Equity Impact Assessment at? Peoria Park District did adopt it.
GARE- mentioned by Mary, compiled a study. Dallas, Chicago...have implemented this.

7. Adjournment

Adjourn at 7:05PM