

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

November 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission was held November 20, 2025, via Zoom conferencing and in-person attendance. Mr. Kirk called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members participating remotely were Mr. Jay Bratton, Mr. Frank Chlebnikow, Ms. Nina Fitchet, Ms. Mary Gaiski, Mr. Tom Graupensperger, Mr. Mike Hartley, Mr. Robert Hess, Mr. John Kerschner, Mr. Gary Lenker, Mr. Nathan Lesh, Mr. Bob Spandler and Mr. Jim Turner. Mr. Danny Kirk attended in person. Mr. Andrew Bomberger, Ms. Diane Myers-Krug and Ms. Denise Dillman (remotely) of staff were also present. Ms. Myers-Krug noted a quorum was met, read the names of those participating via Zoom for the record, and stated final attendance would be documented through the meeting minutes. Mr. Bomberger noted the meeting was being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Spandler, seconded by Mr. Hess, the minutes of the September 25, 2025, meeting were approved for filing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Ms. Myers-Krug noted that there were no PennDOT payments received in September and October 2025. The revenues that were received in September were made up of Sober Ride Home grant, SusqueCycle user fees, subdivision fees, County Action Plans (CAP) reimbursement from the DEP grant and interest income. September expenses were low. The reason is because with no payments coming in, there have been no consultant payments going out. The first PennDOT payment since the budget impasse started was received on Tuesday, November 18. The payments received were for the July invoices. September expenses that are 10% over expected budget were training for staff participation in the statewide planning conference held in Harrisburg and professional services for Harrisburg University for the GIS land use update project.

October income was made up of SusqueCycle UPMC sponsorship and user fees, Sober Ride Home, County Action Plans (CAP), Perry County and Cumberland County fourth quarter increments. The Dauphin County increments were received in the first week of November. There is \$1.6 million in outstanding income, but payments are starting to be received as of mid-November. October expenses were made up of \$141,000 payment to SusqueCycle to pay Tandem Mobility for next year's program; training was made up of CPR training and the APA Conference; advertising included the HATS special meeting plus the certification review earlier in the year; and professional services for the Harrisburg University GIS land use update project.

Subdivision administration is running 15% over in Dauphin County and 3% over for subdivision reviews. The review fee structure will need to be examined to see what can be done. The last change was in 2009.

On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Graupensperger, the Financial Statements for September and October 2025 were unanimously accepted for filing and audit. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES

Ms. Myers-Krug reviewed some of the unordinary expenses including: Harrisburg University GIS land use project; The Peyton Walker Foundation CPR/AED training; intern first paycheck (live); Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel deposit payment for 2026 luncheon; payment to The Zigmund Company LTD for the insurance review; CAP payments to HRG and Juniata County Conservation District, which was subsequently voided due to misinformation and reissued to the Perry County Conservation District.

On a motion by Mr. Hess, seconded by Mr. Turner, the payment of September and October 2025 expenses was unanimously approved. Copies of the expenses are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Ms. Myers-Krug noted the sweep account and investment account reports were provided for information purposes. She indicated that the FNB sweep interest rate changed from 3.70% down to 3.45% starting in September, and with that new rate the interest earned in the account continues to far exceed the fees charged. This will continue to be monitored.

There was one (1) health reimbursement during October 2025. On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Lesh, the payment for the October health reimbursement was unanimously approved.

The Schwab investment account balance is down 1% for October, but since the account was set up, overall, it is up by 19%.

Ms. Myers-Krug reviewed the statement for the SusqueCycle program account for information purposes. In October, the sponsorships from UPMC and PennDOT reimbursement were received and then paid to Tandem Mobility for the fourth year of the program. In October, reimbursements to TCRPC for SusqueCycle expenses incurred for the website and domain renewal. Mr. Bomberger gave an update on the status of the SusqueCycle program. A partial fleet will be left out starting December 1 for the winter.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEWS

Mr. Bomberger gave an overview of three (3) projects requesting funding for rehabilitation and improvement. The projects included Tanner's Run Rehabilitation, Greenfield Park Improvement project and Riverfront Park GSI Improvement project. All projects were determined to be consistent with the Regional Growth Management Plan and recommended for funding support as requested by the applicants.

On a motion by Mr. Chlebnikow, seconded by Ms. Gaiski, approval for signature on the consistency letters passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Bomberger shared one (1) communication for information purposes about the PA PUC plan to balance data center growth impacts and protect ratepayers from unreasonable cost shifting. The PUC Tentative Order outlines model tariff for large-load customers, aiming to strengthen reliability and ensure new users pay their fair share. The 30-day comment period begins when the Order is published in the PA Bulletin. Mr. Bomberger was asking for directions as to whether the board would like to take a position on this issue.

Mr. Graupensperger indicated that water supply is a big issue for the cooling of these systems. Ordinance performance measures for water consumption should be identified and evaluated in gallons per hour instead of gallons per day (as is done with traffic counts) as the required unit of measure performance at peak flow times are typically a more critical design capacity-impact value. Mr. Bomberger indicated that it is more about energy use than other land use impacts.

Mr. Turner indicated he felt it would be appropriate to use a model ordinance in the toolkit supplied to the municipalities to help address data center impacts. Mr. Bomberger indicated that an initial fact sheet was developed earlier this year, which is included in the toolkit on the TCRPC website. Staff is currently collecting information to develop a model ordinance but did not want to get too far out in front of the issue and miss developing points to be included as the data center experience takes shape.

Mr. Hess indicated that he felt the group should have a position. He feels it needs to be regulated but not sure if tariffs are the appropriate fix. Mr. Bomberger indicated that the PUC Order creates an economic tariff.

Ms. Gaiski asked about the missing pages of the Order included in the agenda packet. Ms. Myers-Krug spoke about the fact that an abbreviated version of the document was included in the packet, but the full 57-page document is available through a link listed at the top of one of the pages, and speaks to how a large-load is defined. Mr. Bomberger spoke about the fact that the Order is solely addressing the utility side of the issue and not any of the other land use concerns involved.

The conclusion was to continue to keep an eye on the data center issue, PUC Order, and work on the model ordinance.

Ms. Myers-Krug spoke about the agenda link provided to the PSU College of Agricultural Sciences survey regarding the community impacts of solar (agrivoltaics) on farmland in Pennsylvania. Those interested in providing feedback can do so through the link and also forward to others who may be interested.

REPORTS

Mr. Bomberger highlighted several staff efforts including the adopted 2050 Regional Transportation Plan, staff participation and presentations at various conferences including the Greenway Trails Summit, APA Conference and the PennDOT Fall Planning Partners conference, outreach for NEVI community charging program, survey asking about EV charging locations, and the RGMP visual preference survey being distributed. Board members were encouraged to participate in both surveys on the TCRPC website and publicize the surveys on social media.

The Active Transportation Summit event was attended by 30 to 40 people for a 6-hour event at Fort Hunter Park with a variety of different presenters, which went well. The event was geared toward resources for municipalities and will probably be held every other year.

The Coordinated Public Transit Human Service Transportation Plan was started to bridge the gap between fixed route and paratransit for senior and disabled population, which will involve significant outreach plus an online survey.

Mr. Graupensperger referred to a series of articles in the November 9th Sunday newspaper about the data center and development activity occurring in Cumberland County. The bordering municipalities will likely need help and assistance.

Ms. Myers-Krug spoke about the Regional Planning Area representative nominations. Those were conducted in September and October and the nominations were sent to the respective County Commissioners. Perry County has already sent out their appointment letters. Dauphin County is asking that the representatives that want to be on a board fill out an online application before December 5. Appointments should occur before the January meeting. Current board members should continue until the new appointments are announced.

Mr. Bomberger reported the 2026 budget requests were presented to the respective Boards of County Commissioners for consideration. Perry County had no questions or comments. Dauphin County requested a reduction somehow be worked out, so discussion is ongoing and will be reflected in the final budget when presented in January.

Mr. Bomberger met with all four (4) new open-end contract representatives to discuss contracting and invoicing processes. At least two (2) consultants will be asked to give approaches and budgets for each potential project. Potential for a TCRPC Strategic Plan update was discussed (pending available funding) and an approach will need to be agreed upon by the Board, specifically if it is to be internal only or involve other external entities that TCRPC works with.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SALARY

Staff was excused and recording stopped at 4:30pm while the Commissioners discussed the Executive Director salary. On a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Spandler, the Executive Director's salary for 2026 was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was provided.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 3:30 p.m.
TCRPC Office, 320 Market Street, Suite 301E and remotely

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary