

Minutes of the

ILLINOIS REGION 2 TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

Serving Henry, Mercer, rural Rock Island, and Whiteside Counties

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.

Mercer County Senior Citizen Center

137 W Main St, Aledo, IL

Committee Members Present

Jeanette Amidon	MetroLINK
Andrew Davis	Illinois DOT
Michelle Dyer	Rock Island County Rural Transit
Katy Deadmond	Western Illinois Area Agency on Aging
Herschel Jackson	Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living
Kim Walker	Abilities Plus/Henry County Public Transportation

Others Present

Jacob Foote	Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce
Jake Greenwalt	Arc of the Quad Cities
Jennifer Hirsch	MetroLINK
Robin Landis	Winning Wheels
Morgan Lewis	Warren County Public Transportation
Daniel McLoughlin	Illinois DOT
Colleen Rillie	Winning Wheels
Zach Sutton	Bi-State Regional Commission

1. Welcome and Introductions. Mr. Sutton welcomed those in attendance and requested introductions.
2. Approval of the June 17, 2025 Transit Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes. The minutes were included in the agenda packet to review. Ms. Amidon motioned to approve the minutes and Ms. Walker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Presentation on Initiatives and Transportation Goals of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois. Shelly Richardson of Illinois Iowa Center for Independent Living was unable to attend the meeting. In lieu of her presentation, Mr. Jackson gave an update on the initiatives that the Center was working on. He said that the Center is currently offering emergency preparedness training, and is also partnering with transit providers to better identify and address demand for transit. He also highlighted that the Center is doing advocacy work at both the state and federal level.
4. Presentation on MetroLINK Microtransit Services. Ms. Hirsch shared information about the microtransit services currently offered by MetroLINK. The service has started in Milan with two vans operating Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fare is \$1, and rides can be booked via the Metro Micro & Para app. Same-day booking is available. Ms. Hirsch said that currently the Milan microtransit service is averaging 3-4 rides per hour.

5. Other business. Committee members discussed the senior transportation services offered by Rock Island County and by Warren County. Ms. Dyer stated that RICO transit was still offering senior rides in Mercer County. Ms. Lewis said that seniors can ride free with Warren County, and that Warren County cannot deny trip requests. Mr. McLoughlin and Mr. Davis were asked if there were any updates to the state Consolidated Vehicle Procurement (CVP) program. Mr. McLoughlin responded that the only current update is that the DOT's legal team is currently reviewing the new Human Services Transportation Planning (HSTP) contract.
6. Public comments. There were no public comments given at the meeting.
7. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.