

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON January 02, 2018

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Taylor	City of Carbondale
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Bill Kirk	City of Carterville
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Jay Kranz	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Adam Lach	Rides MTD
Anthony Rinella	City of Marion
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Curtis Jones (by phone)	IDOT
Ted Guterrez	JCMTD
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Abra Phillips	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Greg Smothers, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm, welcomed all present, and had everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of December 04, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Taylor to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the December 4th meeting as received. The motion carried.

Payment of Bills (HLR & TWM)

HLR: HLR is doing the IL Route 13 ITS Study. Joe reported that HLR has submitted a bill for \$2,146.25. HLR has spent around \$10,000 of the total \$35,000 budgeted, so they have about \$25,000 remaining. They are working on a draft report that is due and should be ready sometime next month (February), but Joe is uncertain if it will be in by the next TAC meeting.

TWM: TWM is doing the pedestrian study, the bill submitted and up for approval today is in the amount of \$3,316.12. The contract is on hold for new pedestrian counts in May, so we won't see any more bills from them until they get started again.

A motion was made by Mr. Guthman and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve payment of the HLR bill for \$2,146.25 and the TWM bill for \$3,316.12. The motion carried.

SIMPO Safety Performance Measures

Joe mentioned that we need to decide to either adopt our own or support the state's safety measures, which is a 2% reduction over the current baseline. Joe suggested that we agree to support the state safety performance measures.

A motion was made by Mr. Kranz and seconded by Mr. Taylor to support the state's measures. The motion carried.

FY-2019 SIMPO Study Selection Process

Joe informed everyone that there will be roughly \$100,000 to spend, which is similar to past years. The following suggestions/ideas were discussed.

Safety Performance Measures – Joe explained that a consultant would look at all the crash data in the MPO recommend projects for safety funding and prepare preliminary HSIP applications, which would potentially lead to funding to build projects. It's a good way to show that we're striving to meet safety performance measures.

Traffic Model for MPO – Joe mentioned that the Marion Halfway Road extension and Herrin Road extension could have used this to have more accurate traffic projections instead of having to make assumptions.

Safe Routes to School – Joe explained that we'd have someone reach out to schools/superintendents and identify any needs for crossing areas, sidewalks, etc.

Bike Plans for Herrin/Marion – Cary mentioned that this would be a good thing to look into.

Everyone seems to be leaning towards Safety Performance Measures and Safe Routes to School. Mr. Keirn asked if the contracts could be combined, Joe said it'd probably be a good 50/50 split.

Cary mentioned that a good chunk of the money we'll have for 2020 will need to go towards updating the long range transportation plan, which is required to be updated every 5 years.

Other MPO Business

Joe distributed an STU funding handout to everyone and mentioned that he got a call from District 9 Local Roads last week. Initially the Crainville project was put into FY22, with Marion and Carbondale being put in when/if a hole in funding opens up. District 9 reported that there's a \$100,000 hole in FY19 and Marion's project can be moved in early, but the project was underestimated so the cost will need to be revised and approved by the policy committee first. Joe also mentioned that there's about \$400,000 left in STU funding and some of that can be used to increase Marion's project funding.

Joe mentioned that we normally select studies in February and he's hoping to do that during the next TAC meeting. Also, we have our draft planning work program and transit funding split coming up in March.

Joe has a draft of the Carbondale to Marion bike plan sent out to the study group for comment and will send that to the TAC committee as soon as he gets it back.

Joe reported that we received a formal response from the Secretary of Transportation about our RSA last week, which basically said the same thing that Mr. Keirn presented at the last meeting. They are making recommendations to the district but nothing has been acted on yet.

Cary mentioned that we have 3 projects underway for FY19 that we don't want to get behind on:

Carbondale Roundabout – set for construction but haven't heard an update yet as to whether they'll be ready to start.

Oakland Avenue Construction – slated for FY20 and they have started engineering and acquiring ROW.

Carterville – doing intersections at Division & Grand and Division & Illinois.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Keirn and seconded by Mr. Taylor to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.