

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Tom Somers	City of Herrin
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Adam Lach, Proxy	Rides Mass Transit

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Cary Minnis	ERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Greg Smothers, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. He welcomed all present.

Approval of August 7th, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of the August 7 Meeting as received. The motion carried.

Identify Project for Remaining Consultant Study Funds

Joe noted that about \$22,000 in funds remain in the contractual services category after the Pedestrian and ITS study contracts. How should these funds be spent? Staff suggested and the Committee has previously discussed preparation of a Human Service Transportation Plan which is required by federal law. A plan must be created in each HSTP region and MPA within the State. These plans are typically developed and updated by the MPO. The funds available should be about the right amount to conduct the study. Does anyone have any other ideas? Question was asked if an RFP would be sent out for the Plan. Joe said it would.

A motion was made by Mr. Guthman and seconded by Mr. Lach that the \$22,000 funds remaining in the contractual budget be used to prepare a Human Service Transportation Plan. The motion carried.

Other MPO Business

Joe reported the signed IDOT contract had been received. Contracts for both the ITS and Pedestrian Study have now been signed. The projects are getting underway and kick-off meetings will be held soon.

Joe reported he is continuing to work on the Bike Route Study from Carbondale to Marion. Meetings with all stakeholders were held. Committee meetings will be set up. Everyone seems to want to make sure the bike route happens.

Joe noted that September 20 is the due date for STU projects to be submitted. The projects will then be reviewed and scored by the Technical Advisory Committee. STU projects will be discussed at the October 2 meeting and recommendations will be sent to the Policy Committee.

The ITEP applications will be out in October. Carbondale will be submitting an application.

Mr. Minnis said staff had prepared a letter to IDOT regarding safety issues on I-57 from I-24 to I-64 and asked for an a road safety audit. Understand that the request was sent to the District 9 office.

Mr. Wallace was asked how the eclipse celebration went in Carbondale. He said that everything went well, good comments were received, and Monday was crazy downtown. It was noted that all roads heading north out of Carbondale after the eclipse was bumper to bumper. Traffic counts should be interesting.

Mr. Wallace noted that the State will recognize the Carbondale Bike Plan at their meeting in Naperville. This will be state-wide recognition.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.