

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON OCTOBER 2, 2017

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Taylor, Proxy	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit
Dennis Hillebrenner	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy	FWHA
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Jay Kranz	IDOT
Sean Henry	City of Carbondale
Bill Kirk	City of Carterville
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC
Abra Phillips	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Greg Smothers, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. He asked everyone to introduce themselves and welcomed all present.

Approval of September 5, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Hillebrenner to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the September 5th meeting as received. The motion carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

Joe reported the kickoff meeting with TWM was on September 12, 2017 and the pedestrian counts from the traffic camera have been pretty consistent. A second meeting is planned for October 5, 2017 with the City of Marion and park district representatives. Joe requested approval to pay the TWM invoice. A motion was made by Mr. Guthman and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the payment of the TWM bill for \$1,487.50. The motion carried.

HSTP Consultant Contract Recommendation

RFPs were requested for a Human Service Transportation Plan for the elderly and disabled. Each MPO is required to have a plan in place and we don't right now. It's a small contract for \$22,500 and two consultants submitted proposals (Lochmueller & RLS). The TAC scored the proposals, Lochmueller scored 94 and RLS scored 87. Joe stated that Lochmueller's work on the recently completed transit study was very good. A motion was made by Mr. Jung and seconded by Mr. Hillebrenner to recommend that the Lochmueller Group be awarded the contract. The motion carried.

2017 STU Project Scoring and Recommendation

Three projects were submitted, Carbondale, Crainville, and Marion. Joe reported that Crainville is the only project that was submitted by the deadline. The balance that has been tracked since our MPO's conception is at about \$1.5 million. Joe also reported that funding for the Herrin project has gone back into the STU balance. Cary suggested that all three projects can be put into FY-2022 and since Marion and Carbondale are smaller projects, they can possibly be worked in sooner if an opening in funding becomes available. Marion and Carbondale will fund the engineering and right of way portions of their projects so that they will be ready to go when as soon as a funding window is available in the District 9 local program. A motion was made by Mr. Kirk and seconded by Mr. Guthman to recommend that the projects submitted by Carbondale, Crainville, and Marion be funded in FY-2022. With the Crainville project having 1st priority. The motion carried.

FY-2018 Consultant Studies Update

ITS: Joe reported that the ITS consultants were here last week and completed inventory on the traffic signal cabinets and equipment.

Bike Study: Joe met with the community stakeholder groups and about a dozen local cyclists from the River to River Runners Club to discuss the bike plan. Prior to the meeting channel 3 news was on location and did a story on it. We have two alternatives for the bike plan, the first being along Frontage roads on the south side of Route 13. The second alternative is on the south side of Old 13, Fish and Wildlife is willing to provide an easement for a multi-use trail that would carry it to Route 148 and may even continue the easement all the way to Wolf Creek Road. There is also an old roadway that extends through the refuge and is no longer in use that is also an option. The final decision will be made at the next meeting on October 11, 2017 and the Multi-Use trail alternative is likely to be recommended.

Other MPO Business

Joe reported that staff is working on a Tiger Grant application for the multi-modal train and bus station project Carbondale, the deadline is October 16, 2017.

Mr. Keirn (IDOT) discussed the Tiger Grant application (not in the MPO area) for an extra lane on I-57 from the Johnston City interchange up to Pond Creek. There is a stipulation that it has to be constructed on the Tiger Grant application process and the size of the grants, so that was the logical place to terminate it. It's just an additional lane that will be just like the other section, and there's a double ditch eighty foot median where it ends. North of Pond Creek there's a narrow median that will have to be changed into a closed median, which is much more expensive. We already have some letters of support from surrounding communities, but we could always use more. We do have approval from Springfield to submit the Tiger Grant application for the smaller amount rural segment.

Mr. Keirn reported that the RSA is scheduled on I-57 (limits are from I-64 to I-24, where most accidents have occurred) on November 2 & 3, 2017, the kickoff meeting will be at 8 am on the 2nd at the new airport (IDOT meets with RSA team). There will be a two day study and the closeout meeting will be held the following week via conference call (due to the lengthy study). RSA limits should be done by the middle of November, which will meet the December deadline.

Mr. Minnis reported that the notice is out for ITEP applications. They've started accepting them this month and it doesn't close until December. Herrin will be submitting theirs again (for downtown) so we should be working on that soon.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Jung and seconded by Mr. Crawford to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.