

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON November 06, 2017

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit
Dennis Hillebrenner	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Jay Kranz	IDOT
Bill Kirk	City of Carterville
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 1:08 pm. and welcomed all present.

Approval of October 2, 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 October 2nd meeting as received. The motion carried.

Approve Payment of Bills (HLR & TWM)

HLR: Joe reported that two people on sight completed inventory and took notes on anything that isn't working properly, they found some non-working loops and detectors, and documented what needed to be replaced (about half of the loops). A draft report should be ready in January or February. Mr. Keirn mentioned that IDOT plans to try to apply for district ITS funds for the upgrades, and if a plan is ready the project will be in FY18. Mr. Keirn also noted that the two overhead message boards located at the I57/I64 split and North of Marion will be operational in about a month.

TWM: TWM is doing the pedestrian study. Joe reported that we have talked to the stakeholders and met with the park district and city officials. The next step is to meet with District 9 with ideas and get feedback, the meeting will be set up sometime later this month. After that meeting we will be narrowing our options.

A motion was made by Mr. Jung and seconded by Mr. Wallace to approve payment of the HLR bill for \$7,722.76 and the TWM bill for \$1,114.15. The motion carried.

FY-2018 Consultant Studies Update

Traffic Cams: Joe showed some videos of the traffic cams on Otis. He reported that the cameras are working well. During the three weekends they've been up the Otis counts have been in the 40s and the Garfield counts have been in the 20s. Joe said that there haven't been any accidents involving pedestrians adjacent to the park in the past five years but there is still some exposure. Joe also mentioned that the videos can be sent to the company who installed the cameras to do the counts with their software at a reasonable price.

HSTP: Joe reported that we still haven't executed the HSTP contract with the Lochmueller group because we are still waiting on documents from them, those should be in by the next TAC meeting.

Marion to Carbondale Bike Route Update

Joe reported that the committee has met twice and selected a multi-use path alternative at the last meeting. Joe showed a map outlining the different alternatives and explained them. A multi-use path is already being constructed by IDOT starting at Greenbriar Road, there will be a pedestrian push button crossing at Route 13 and Greenbriar Road, then extend across Logan's property, which will lead to two different options (Tippy Road or Plaza Drive), both of which will tie into the existing trail along Frontage Road. After discussions with Logan and Carterville complications have been found with both options. Plaza seems to be the most likely option, but both options will be in the report and a final selection will be made later. There are also two options across the refuge from Wolf Creek Road. One is to stay along the south side of Old Route 13, following the perimeter of the refuge, which is preferred by the refuge folks, who are willing to grant an easement. The second option, preferred by the committee, is to follow Wolf Creek Road, utilizing Post Oak Road, which can be followed all the way to 148. The refuge folks have also thrown in an alternative from 148 to Bainbridge, using the old railroad grade.

Other MPO Business

STU: Joe reported that we have received Crainville's STU resolutions of support from communities, and are still waiting on Carbondale and Marion's. Mr. Wallace said that Carbondale's should be in by the 28th of this month.

ITEP: Joe reported that he is working on the ITEP application for Herrin and should have it in by the December 1st deadline. Mr. Wallace reported that they are still negotiating a price for the rail property for their FY-18 ITEP trail application.

I57 RSA: Mr. Keirn reported that they met at the airport last Thursday for the preliminary kickoff meeting. They looked at the data and will have a report in on November 17 to brief the owners, and the final report will follow a few weeks later. Mr. Keirn also noted that roughly 30% of crashes involve professional truck drivers (who make up about 30% of the traffic) and that 25-27% is rear end crashes in construction zones.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.