

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON February 6, 2017

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
Tom Somers	City of Herrin
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit
Larry Piche	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Adam Lach	Rides Mass Transit
Dustin Reichmann (by phone)	Lochmueller Group
Michael Grovak (by phone)	Lochmueller Group
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Tyler Carpenter	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Grant Guthman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. He welcomed all present.

Approval of January 3rd , 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Jung made the motion to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of January 3rd Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phillips. The motion carried.

Transit Study Update

Mr. Reichmann and Mr. Grovak, Lochmueller Group, gave an update on Transit Study. The detailed Inventory and Assessment has been forwarded to the TAC members. The report includes all the data gathered to date. We are doing the Technical Analysis of service in the area, to determine if more people would use transit if more services were available.

Next is the public involvement phase. Will meet with SIU March 1 with the stakeholders in small groups; meet with different people from different parts of the region. We have found this to be a good approach.

On March 2 two public workshops will be held, one in Carbondale on SIU Campus. Mr. Wallace noted that a booth was set up inside the Student Center for the Bike Study and received a good response. An evening workshop will be held in Marion from 4 to 6 or 7. Want to get the public involved. Will coordinate with Joe to set up the workshops. Mr. Jung will circulate flyers for Rides. An on-line survey will be conducted. This has been successful on other projects. Suggested putting the survey on the Rides web site would be helpful.

Discussed the performance measures needed for additional funding. Saluki Express does not report to the federal agency, they have ridership and route information, but no passenger mile data. The Saluki Express hasn't sought federal funding. Need more information from Jackson County, as they operate in segments that are not in the urbanized area. Need Rides information for urbanized area vs. total. Also looking to find out how long riders are on the bus. Mr. Reichman said the biggest part of the study is the numbers. Make sure the right information gets in the right data base. He noted there is a lag time in funding, data is from 2 years earlier is used. MPO staff will work with Lochmueller on public involvement.

Thanked Lochmueller staff for the update on the Transit Study.

FY 2018 SIMPO Study Selection

Copies of the Applications for FY 2018 Planning Study received were distributed to the members. Joe reviewed the three applications received;

- City of Marion, Pedestrian Overpass on DeYoung St., Whiteman Drive and North Otis (over Route 13) near the Ray Fosse Park Area, estimated cost, \$40,000.
- SIMPO Safe Routes to School in the MPO Area, Identify projects for Safe Routes to School funding and prepare cost estimates and draft grant applications. Also identify assisted living facility location and high priority location for ADA retrofits, estimated cost, \$35,000.
- IL 13 Corridor "Smart" traffic signals, from IL 13/127 in Murphysboro to Fair Street in Marion. Prepare a plan so Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures system can be implemented along IL 13 corridor to show real-time and a history of performance at signalized intersections, estimated \$25,000.

Members discussed the projects. The "Smart" traffic project would be an assessment of hardware in place and consider retrofitting. Staff does not have the expertise to do this study. Mr. Wallace noted that Carbondale has already identified areas for safe routes to schools and requested funds. Cary noted that there may be some things we can do in house for this study, may need a consultant for a portion of the project, or the project could be done in phases.

Mr. Jung asked if we could fund all three. It was noted there will be about \$100,000 in the budget for planning studies.

After discussion, Mr. Jung made a motion to fund all three, if possible, to fund the Marion Overpass and the Illinois 13 Corridor "Smart" Traffic Signals first and the SIMPO Safe Routes to School if funds are available. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. The motion carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of a bill from the Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$8,597.50 for the Transit Study. Changes were made in the invoice received from Lochmueller as their rates went up the first of the year, but are higher than in our contract.

Mr. Yung made a motion to pay the Lochmueller Invoice in the amount of \$8,597.50. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. The motion carried.

Reed Station Road to US 51 Feasibility Study

Joe noted there will be a public meeting on Tuesday, February 14 at Carbondale City Hall from 4:30 - 6:30 pm to receive comments from the public on four alternate routes. A map was distributed showing the alternatives to be presented. Joe discussed the alternatives.

Other MPO Business

Staff is preparing an HSIP application for Williamson County for a roundabout at the Skyline Drive/Crenshaw Road intersection. The application is almost completed.

Staff is working with Mr. Guthman on a HSIP application for improvements on Chautauqua Road from Tower Road to Route 127 in Jackson County.

A video was shown on use of the new traffic counting camera. It was used for the HSIP application. The camera is useful for traffic counts.

Next month will begin working on the FY 18 draft UPWP.

Election of new officers will be held in April.

Mr. Carpenter noted the Commission had purchased a drone for use in the Watershed Planning projects. IEPA approved the purchase. Two staff took classes and received a certification and an FAA license. Showed a video of using the drone in Murphysboro Riverside Park last week. The drone could also be used for SIMPO projects.

Adjourn

Mr. Somers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Piche. The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.