

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(SIMPO)

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

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit
Larry Piche	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
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 1:00 pm. He welcomed all present.

Approval of February 6th , 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Yung made the motion to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Piche. The motion carried.

FY 2018 SIMPO Draft UPWP

Mr. Zdankiewicz noted the UPWP will be approved at next month's meeting. Included in the Contractual Services is the Intelligent Transportation Study for the IL Route 13 corridor; feasibility study for pedestrian overpass/underpass at IL 13 and Ray Fosse Park and any additional studies such as the Safe Routes to Schools should funds be available. In House Special Studies include complete the Reed Station Road to US 51 corridor study, complete a Bike Plan Study from Carbondale to Marion, various local HSIP analysis and applications, grant applications, traffic counts as needed and other special studies as needed. The budget is included and is a bit higher than the current year. The State is to pick up the match for the project. Please forward any comments or suggestions to staff.

FY 2018 to FY 2021 SIMPO TIP

Joe discussed the TIP includes last year's TIP with the 2020-2021 additions. Please let staff know of any corrections needed to the FY 2018, 2019, 2020 TIP. The Herrin project is shown in FY 20, will need to have a conversation with Herrin regarding this project. It was noted that the Williamson County/Cambria Road resurfacing should be in FY 2018. The information for FY 2021 Marion Carbon St/the Hill was not available. State projects need to be added to the TIP include resurfacing Old Route 13, IL 148 to N. Pentecost Drive west of Marion and

resurfacing IL 13/149/149 IL 149 East of 5<sup>th</sup> St. to N of N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Rt. IL 149 at Murphysboro. This is a section of road in front of the hospital. State funds were left from last year, so the projects were added.

#### 5307 Transit Funding Split for FY 2018

Joe asked approval of the letter for the Transit Funding Split which is the same as prior years. Mr. Jung asked to table action on the letter as the percentages may need to be changed. There is no rush to submit the letter.

#### Reed Station Road to US 51 Study Update

Joe reported the public meeting was held on February 14 in Carbondale. Had a nice turnout, 23 people signed in and there was media coverage. Seven comment forms were turned in, six were favorable, and one was not favorable noting the road was just for Walkers Bluff. They favored the Airport Road Alternative. Received 7 on-line responses. Questions is the new road needed--build the new corridor-5 and not needed-2; improve existing road-4, build new road-3. Which alternative do you prefer: Fox Farm Road-2; Airport Road-2; Dillinger Road-2; and N. Reed Station Road-1. The comment period is over. It may make sense to identify a long range and a short range plan for the road.

#### Carbondale to Murphysboro Bike Plan Final Report

Joe noted there was a nice article in the Southern Illinoisan on the Bike Plan. IDOT will improve the abandoned railroad box culvert part of the project. The locals have agreed to fund 20% of that part of the project. Public comments were received on the web site. A few changes were made before the report was finalized.

#### Transit Study Update

Joe reported the meetings with the stakeholders (employers, healthcare, policy and government, education) were held all day March 1. On March 2 a public meeting was held at SIU at 11:30 am for a couple of hours, it was a challenge to get participation, and a second meeting was held at the Marion Pavilion from 5:00-6:30, the turnout was not good. Need to get more public involvement. Rides and Jackson County have been trying to get surveys out to their riders. Rides is sending people out to ride the busses. Trying to get the public involved. Another public meeting may be needed. There is on-line survey.

There is cooperation between the transit systems. Discussion on how funding will affect the transits. Hoping funding will be about \$800,000. Mr. Minnis noted that every MPO in the State except ours is getting Small Transit Intensive Cities Funds. It is hoped the Study will meet the targets for our MPO to receive some of these funds. Mr. Jung noted we need to ramp up the facilities. Shelters and benches with sidewalks are needed at bus stops. There needs to be an awareness of what is available. SIU is changing its schedule. Carbondale will continue to fund the break routes.

#### Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of a bill from the Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$10,759.14 for the Transit Study. He noted Lochmueller Group will present a supplemental proposal for a services transportation plan. Every MPO is to have a plan and we do not. It was noted the plan should probably be part of the transit study to provide services for the elderly and disabled. Will have a proposal at the next meeting, no action is needed now.

Mr. Yung made a motion to pay the Lochmueller Invoice in the amount of \$10,759.14. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smothers. The motion carried.

#### Other MPO Business

None.

#### Adjourn

Mr. Crawford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Piche. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.