SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON JANUARY 3, 2017

Members Present:

Name	Agency
Travis Taylor, Proxy	City of Carbondale
Tom Somers	City of Herrin
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Adam Lach, Proxy	Rides Mass Transit
Larry Piche	IDOT

Others Present:

Name	Agency
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Curtis Jones (by phone)	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Somers, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. He welcomed all present.

Approval of December 5th, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Piche made the motion to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of December 5th Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The motion carried.

FY 2018 SIMPO Study Selection Process

The application for SIMPO Planning Studies is in the packet. Have previously discussed meeting with community schools to identify projects and get estimates for the Safe Routes for Schools funding and an investigation of ADA infrastructure needs in the vicinity of group homes for the disabled. This would help IDOT prioritize ADA needs. At the recent ITS meeting an ITS study on the RT. 13 corridor was discussed.

The form is will be sent to members to complete. This would be part of the UPWP budget. Cary asked when we would find out the amount of funds for FY 2018 to begin to work on the budget.

Mr. Piche moved to approve the Application for SIMPO Planning Study form as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The motion carried.

Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of a bill from the Lochmueller Group in the amount of $11,738.75 for the Transit Study. Total billed for the contract to date is $25,355.09. The Group has put a lot of work in the data gathering phase. A meeting is scheduled next week with the transit districts. The first deliverable will be a transit system status report in early January. The public involvement process will begin in February.

Mr. Lach made a motion to pay the Lochmueller Invoice in the amount of $11,738.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Piche. The motion carried.

Other MPO Business

An HSIP analysis of the Skyline Drive/Crenshaw Road intersection is underway. Four options are being evaluated: New Alignment to make Skyline and College Street free flowing, Installation of Traffic Signals, Construction of a new Roundabout Intersection and low cost safety improvements. Each option will be evaluated for its potential for safety improvement and resulting safety funding that could be available

Staff is finishing the Carbondale to Murphysboro Bike Route Study.

Staff is also working on the extension of the Herrin Road to Route 51, reviewing different corridors to see which is more viable. A public meeting will be scheduled, probably in February in Carbondale before the regular Commission meeting.

Mr. Keirn was asked about the bridge over the abandoned railroad west of Carbondale. It will be going into the 2018 program cycle. The project is to build a path under Route 13 for the bike route.

Adjourn

Mr. Piche made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.