

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON JUNE 5, 2017

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Tom Somers	City of Herrin
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Curtis Jones	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Dustin Reichmann (by phone)	Lochmueller Group
Michael Grovak (by phone)	Lochmueller Group
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	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 May 1st, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Crawford made the motion to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of May 1 Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

Transit Study Update

Dustin Reichmann and Michael Grovak, Lochmueller Group, gave an update on the Transit Study by phone. Dustin noted that they are making a presentation on the Transit Study next Monday to the Policy Committee. The final report will be completed by the end of June. Acknowledged ongoing coordination of services by Rides Transit, Jackson County Transit and Saluki Express. They are very confident that the area will meet two of the criteria to receive STIC funds, (about \$180,000 in additional funds for each criteria met). Will be reviewing other criteria. Have reviewed all the surveys received from stakeholders. Will be making some recommendations on routes and how to better serve the residents. There will be a lot more detail in the written report.

Mr. Guthman thanked the Lochmueller Group for the update. Joe noted that if any of the TAC members would like to see the presentation to come to the Policy Committee Meeting next Monday.

### Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of a bill from the Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$11,065.75 for the Transit Study. They have billed about \$70,000 of the \$100,000 contract. Mr. Yung made a motion to pay the Lochmueller Invoice in the amount of \$11,065.75. The motion was seconded by Mr. Somers. The motion carried.

### FY 2018 - FY 2021 TIP

Joe noted the TIP is complete and posted for public comment. IDOT has released their multi-year project for comments. It was noted that on the Fiscal Year 2019 the line Jurisdiction: Williamson County needs to be deleted (no entries for the County).

Mr. Smothers made a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee that the FY 2018-FY 2021 TIP be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

### FY 2018 SIMPO UPWP

Joe mentioned there were no changes since the last meeting; the special studies for FY 2018 listed include: the Intelligent Transportation System Study of the IL Route 13 corridor and the Feasibility Study for a Pedestrian Overpass/Underpass at IL 13 and Ray Fosse Park in Marion, and additional studies as funding permits and approved by the Policy Committee. In-house studies include completing the Reed Station Road to US 51 Corridor Study, the Bike Plan Study from Carbondale to Marion (a committee has been formed and will meet during June), local HSIP analysis and applications, various grant application, and other special studies as needed.

Mr. Minnis noted that the budget has been tweaked on some line items, but the total of \$267,812 has not changed. The feds are starting the process to distribute the federal funds directly to MPOs if there is no state budget by July 1. This was done before, but we did not get the state funds until a state authorization was passed. We can use local MPO funds collected for the state share and they pay them back when state funds are received. We can float the staff salaries until the funding is received.

Mr. Smothers made a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY 2018 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

### SIMPO IL 13 ITS Study Consultant Selection

Joe reported only one Proposal for the ITS Study was received. Proposal was from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick Professional Engineering, Inc. TAC members did rank the proposal and the ranking was 95, they are qualified.

Mr. Smothers made a motion to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick (HLR) to conduct the IL 13 ITS Study. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crawford. The motion carried.

### SIMPO IL 13 Pedestrian Crossing Consultant Selection

Joe handed out the score sheet for the IL 13 Pedestrian Crossing. Seven proposals were received. The average scores ranged from 88.6 to 94.6. Two firms were very close with 94.1 and 94.6. It was noted that the 2 top firms has done work locally. Cary noted that a recommendation to the Policy Committee should be made. Discussed interviewing the two top firms. Cary noted that there wouldn't be a problem with a decision made in July as no contracts would be signed until our State Intergovernmental Agreement was approved and signed by both parties.

After discussion, Mr. Jung made a motion that the two top Consultants (Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly, and TWM Engineers and Surveyors) be interviewed at the July TAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Somers. The motion carried.

### Election of Officers

Joe reported the Nominating Committee had met and recommended that Mr. Smothers be elected as Chairman and Mr. Guthman be elected as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Guthman asked if there were any other nominations. There were none.

Mr. Wallace made a motion that Mr. Smothers be elected as Chairman and Mr. Guthman be elected as Vice Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Somers. The motion carried.

#### Other MPO Business

Joe noted that the Committee would not be meeting on Labor Day, first Monday in September; and New Year's Day, which is on a Monday. Also asked about meeting the first Monday in July, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was decided to meet on Wednesday, July 5.

Question was asked if Larry Piche, IDOT, had been replaced after his retirement. Joe said he had contacted Dennis Hillebrenner and he is going to appoint someone. He has been on vacation.

#### Adjourn

Mr. Jung made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smothers. The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm.