

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(SIMPO)

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

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
John Crawford	City of Carterville
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Grant Guthman	Jackson County
Greg Smothers	Williamson County
Adam Lach, Proxy	Rides Mass Transit
Dennis Hillbrenner	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Curtis Jones	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Bill Kirk	City of Carterville
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Stan Hansen	CMT
Jim Michael	CMT
Sheila Kimlinger	TWM
Josh Stein	TWM
Matt	TWM
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Tyler Carpenter	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

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

IL 13 Pedestrian Study Consultant Interviews

CMT staff noted that Mr. Hansen and Mr. Michael would be the leaders on the project and have 70+ years of experience. CMT has worked on several projects in the area including the Marion Railroad Overpass/Underpass study. Public involvement will be important to the project. Will meet with the stakeholders early in the process. For the overpass, would discuss the preferred location with users, what is the ideal location of the facility, needs to be ADA compliant, cost effective, what are the utility impacts, and right-of-way impacts. For an underpass would need to discuss the location, ideal location for the facility, drainage accommodations, ADA compliant, safety lighting, ground utility conflicts, and right-of-way. Showed pictures of projects they designed. An at grade crossing would be most feasible as an interim solution, where would it be located for pedestrian accommodations with signal signing. They noted the original project schedule is very flexible for completing the project. They feel they have the expertise to complete this study. Thanked the Committee for the opportunity to discuss the project with them.

TWM designed the Bridge at Morgan Avenue and have worked on other projects in the area. Public outreach will be important including meetings with stakeholders and public meetings. Will review the number of pedestrian crossings during swim meets and evening ballgames. Will review various alternatives of safety crossings of Route 13 at Ray Fosse Park, including an overpass, tunnel, and at grade crossings. Impacts of each will be considered. Conceptual Plans and cost estimates will be prepared for each alternative. Will prepare affordable options. Showed pictures of some projects they had designed. They have designed 18 pedestrian bridges, 1 pedestrian tunnel, 16 intersections and pedestrian modification, 30 miles of trails, and 800 pedestrian curb ramps. They feel they have the expertise to complete the study. Thanked the committee for the opportunity to discuss the project with them.

During the presentations, Mr. Smothers, Chairman, arrived and took over chairing the meeting.

Joe noted he had worked with both of the firms and they do good work.

After discussion of the firms, Chairman asked for a show of hands from all present for each firm, the vote was tied at 6 to 6. He asked for a show of hands from the TAC members and it was 4 to 2 for TWM.

Mr. Guthman made a motion to recommend that Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. (TWM) be awarded the contract to prepare the IL 13 Pedestrian Study at Ray Fosse Park in Marion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wallace. The motion carried.

#### Approval of June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

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

#### Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of the final bill from the Lochmueller Group in the amount of \$29,981.34 which is the final bill for the Transit Study. The project is completed. Mr. Wallace made a motion to pay the Lochmueller Invoice in the amount of \$29,981.34. The motion was seconded by Mr. Guthman. The motion carried.

#### 2017 STU Selection Process

Joe discussed the revised Application for SIMPO STU Funding and the Project Scoring Criteria. He noted Numbers 1, and 2 on the application are not scored, Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 are scored. Number 8 is not scored, just asks for any additional information an applicant may want to give. The form is now fillable. Project readiness was briefly discussed. It was consensus of the Committee not to score #8. Form is 2 pages plus a project location map, so Policy Committee can get all the information when selecting a project. Policy Committee will review the form at its July meeting.

#### IDOT OP&P Long Range Plan Presentation

Mr. Jones, IDOT, noted the Plan is the main driver for economic vitality investments on infrastructure. The 20 year transportation plan prepared in 2012 needs updating. There is a statewide advisory group working on project priorities based on goals. There are federal performance standards, national goals to come up with a coordinated plan to include a Freight Plan, Rail Plan, Asset Management Plan, and Outreach. The State is working with a consultant to complete a draft plan. Can read and comment on the plan at [gov.gl/5DIZ.ZF](http://gov.gl/5DIZ.ZF).

#### Other MPO Business

Mr. Carpenter made a presentation on the drone to map application. Staff used the drone to make pictures in the Ray Fosse Park area that will be used for the study that was just approved. The pictures were taken in early morning at 250 feet and then processed into a mosaic and digital terrain model.

#### Adjourn

Mr. Wallace made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.