

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON JUNE 6, 2016

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace	City of Carbondale
Bill Kirk, Proxy	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>
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Adam Lach	Rides Mass Transit
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Stephen Ibendahl	The i5 Group
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Joe Zdankiewicz	GERPDC
Margie Mitchell	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Guthman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. He welcomed all present and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of May 2nd, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wallace made the motion to approve the Technical Advisory Committee Minutes of May 2nd, 2016, Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

Carbondale Bike Plan Presentation

Mr. Ibendahl, The i5Group, gave a quick summary on the Carbondale Bike Plan. The i5 Group had met with stakeholders, including SIU, held open houses, conducted an on-line survey and on-line map for bike routes. There was good participation in the meetings and the on-line surveys. The draft was reviewed by the Bike Committee and the City. Making Route 13 viable for riding is a challenge. He showed maps of existing bike routes and future routes when implemented. Need signage for the bike routes in the City. Need to expand the kids bike safety classes. Want to make Carbondale a more bike friendly community. The Group has enjoyed working on the project with the City.

Approve Payment of Bills

Staff requested approval of the The i5 Group invoice in the amount of \$15,229.44. This is their last invoice, as the final plan is completed and submitted.

Mr. Jung moved to recommend approval of the The i5 Group invoice in the amount of \$15,229.44. The motion was seconded by Mr. Somers. The motion carried.

FY 2017-2020 SIMPO TIP

Joe noted that the Committee has been discussing the TIP at the last several meetings and worked through the big issues. The TIP has been posted for public comment. The TIP is ready to adopt at the Policy Committee meeting.

Mr. Jung moved to recommend to the Policy Committee to adopt the FY 2017-2020 TIP as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Somers. The motion carried.

SIMPO FY 2017 Draft UPWP

Joe noted the Special Studies in the UPWP, especially the Transit Study that was approved. There have been no changes since the last meeting. The UPWP was posted for public comments and is now ready to approve.

Mr. Jung moved to recommend to the Policy Committee approval of the FY 2017 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smothers. The motion carried.

SIMPO Transit Study Consultant Selection

Joe reported that three firms submitted proposals for the Transit Study. The proposals were reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (scoring is attached in the packet). Lochmueller received the highest overall ranking by a clear margin and it was felt no interviews were necessary. Mr. Jung said that he had also reviewed the proposals.

Mr. Jung moved to recommend to the Policy Committee that the Lochmueller Group proposal for the Transit Study be approved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smothers. The motion carried.

Other MPO Business

Joe reported the final draft of the East/West Corridor was sent out for review. Good comments were received and corrections have been made. The document is now final and ready to adopt. It was the consensus of the Committee to send the report to the Policy Committee to adopt.

Joe mentioned the functional classification maps prepared by IDOT, there are quite a few changes, more extensive than in recent years. Haven't heard any strong objections to the maps. If no objections are raised the changes will become final. Mr. Guthman said he made some recommendations to IDOT and the changes were made.

Joe mentioned the July meeting is scheduled for July 4, a holiday, is Tuesday, July 5, okay for the meeting. The date seemed to be okay with members.

Adjourn

Mr. Somers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm.