

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON OCTOBER 10, 2017
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Brad Robinson	City of Carterville
Robert Butler	City of Marion
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Greg Smothers, Proxy	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit
Carrie Nelson	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Lynn Andersen Lindberg, Proxy	SIU
Cary Minnis	Greater Egypt
Joe Zdankiewicz	Greater Egypt
Margie Mitchell	Greater Egypt
Abra Phillips	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Jung, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. He had everyone introduce themselves and welcomed all present.

Approval of August 14, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Robinson moved to approve the August 14, 2017, Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting as received. Seconded by Mr. Smothers. The motion carried.

HSTP Consultant Contract Selection

Mr. Zdankiewicz mentioned that all MPOs are required to have an HSTP Plan for disabled and elderly citizens. This is a small contract, costing roughly \$22,500 and consists of doing an inventory for all current Human Services transit providers, making recommendations for improvements, and identifying any gaps. It was recommended by the TAC that Lochmueller be awarded the contract. Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the recommendation that Lochmueller Group be awarded the contract to prepare the Human Services Transportation Plan. Seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion carried.

2017 STU Projects Approval

Mr. Zdankiewicz discussed the three projects that have been submitted by Crainville, Carbondale, and Marion for STU funds. The money from the Herrin project has been de-obligated, so that funding has been put back into the SIMPO STU balance. The balance is roughly \$1.5 million and all three projects in total are less than \$1.5 million so the TAC committee has recommended funding all three for FY22, with Crainville's having first priority. The other two will be shown in the TIP in FY22. However, because Marion and Carbondale will be fully funding the engineering and ROW costs, they can be ready and moved in earlier if an opening in IDOT's District 9 local program becomes available (even if it is earlier than Crainville). Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the

recommendation to fund all three STU projects (Crainville, Marion, and Carbondale) for FY22, with Crainville having first priority. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The motion carried.

FY-2018 Consultant Studies Update

Mr. Zdankiewicz mentioned that we have two active consultant contracts right now, the Marion Pedestrian Study and the IL 13 ITS traffic signal contract. TWM is the consultant for the pedestrian study and they are just getting underway. They have submitted a small bill for \$1487.50, which has been approved by the TAC committee. The consultant for the IL13 ITS traffic signal contract were here last week and have only completed an inventory so far and there is no billing yet, so there is no action required.

Other MPO Business

Marion to Carbondale Bike Plan: Mr. Zdankiewicz discussed that the study committee has met once and is meeting again tomorrow. We have met with the stakeholders, the counties and cities, a group of local bike riders, and a group of Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge representatives. Five alternatives were identified and they've been narrowed down to two, which are Frontage Roads along the South side of Rt. 13 and a multi-use trail along the South side of Old IL 13 on an easement from the refuge that they are willing to expand. The final alternative will be selected tomorrow and most are leaning towards the multi-use trail along Old Route 13.

Tiger Grant for Multimodal Station in Downtown Carbondale: Mr. Minnis mentioned that staff is working with the City of Carbondale to update the Tiger Grant application for a multimodal station in downtown Carbondale.

I-57 Safety Study: Mr. Minnis reported that SIMPO sent a letter to IDOT requesting a safety audit of I-57 from I-24 to I-64. IDOT has agreed to perform the audit and it should be done in November.

Tiger Grant for Six Lane Expansion: Ms. Nelson mentioned that IDOT is submitting a Tiger Grant application for a six lane expansion on I-57. It's going to be a \$13.3 million job from Johnston City to Pond Creek Rd (just South of West Frankfort). They are asking for \$7.6 million from the Tiger Grant and IDOT will match the remainder.

Adjourn

Mr. Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Butler. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.