

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON OCTOBER 11, 2016
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Chris Wallace, Proxy	City of Carbondale
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Robert Butler	City of Marion
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Greg Smothers, Proxy	Williamson County
Adam Lach, Proxy	Rides Mass Transit
Carrie Nelsen	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Curtis Jones (by phone)	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Cary Minnis, Executive Director	Greater Egypt
Joe Zdankiewicz	Greater Egypt
Margie Mitchell, Program Director	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Ms. Peterson, Vice, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm and welcomed everyone.

Approval of August 8th, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lach moved to approve the August 8, 2016, Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smothers. The motion carried.

Approval of Payment of Bills

Mr. Zdankiewicz requested approval of the \$510.00 bill from the Lochmueller Group. They have just started gathering data. Joe asked if the Policy Committee would agree that the TAC Committee could approve the contractor's bills if they within the scope of the contract and not bring send them to the Policy Committee for approval.

Mr. Butler moved that the TAC Committee approve the contractor's bills and not have to send to the Policy Committee for approval providing that the bills are within the scope and amount of the original contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The motion carried.

Mr. Lach moved to pay the invoice for \$510.00 to Lochmueller Group. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion carried.

Carbondale to Murphysboro Bike Route

Joe reported he has been working on the Bike Study from Carbondale to Murphysboro. The stakeholder group met in August and identified a range of alternatives the group wanted to accomplish. He is now evaluating alternatives and environmental impacts. Hopefully at the next meeting we will choose a route. The final report will then be prepared.

Purchase of Traffic Modeling Software

Staff requested approval to purchase traffic modeling software. This was approved last year, but wasn't purchased. It is in this year's budget and staff again requests approval to purchase the software. Cost will be about \$4,000. Mr. Wallace moved to approve purchase of the Traffic Modeling Software. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The motion carried.

STU Project Status Update

Joe gave the status of current STU projects:

Carbondale – Grand Avenue at Lewis Lane Intersection – FY 19, project is on schedule.
Herrin – FY 20 – No report
Carterville - West Grand Avenue – FY 17 – Project has been let, contract with Sierra Bravo
Marion – North Russell St. - FY 17 – ROW purchased
Carbondale – Oakland - FY 17 – ROW being purchased
Marion - North Russell – FY 18 –Project is ready to go to letting.
Carterville – Division/Grand - FY 19 – No report, project is on schedule.
Carbondale – Oakland Construction – FY 20 – No report, project is on schedule.

STU Commitment Resolution

Staff and Committee discussed the Resolution of Commitment of Local Funds for Local Roadway Improvements. It was discussed at the last meeting if a resolution should be adopted by the applicant for STU funds. The resolution shows approval by the City/Village or County of the project and authorizes the required local matching funds for the roadway improvement. Cary asked for reaction of the Policy Committee. Should the project be selected and then ask for the resolution or should the resolution be part of the application. Need commitment from the applicant that the local funds will be available. It was noted that resolutions are necessary for a number of grants when an application is submitted.

Mr. Wallace made a motion that the Resolution of Commitment of Local Funds for Local Roadway Improvements be made part of the STU Application Form for next year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Frattini. The motion carried.

2016 STU Project Selection

Joe reported four STU applications were received. Copies are in the packet. Applications were received from the City of Marion for the North Carbon Street/Hill Avenue Roundabout; Village of Crainville for East Grand Avenue Improvements; Jackson County for Reed Station Road Improvement; and City of Carbondale for Bridge Reconstruction on Sunset Drive. The applications were reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee. The Committee members did not score their own projects. The Jackson County project received the highest score, followed by Marion, Crainville, and Carbondale. The TAC recommended the Jackson County project be selected for this year. Questions asked included if the dollar amount was part of the scoring and if each of the project descriptions items were taken into consideration. Was the funding history or work progress considered? It was noted that part of the Crainville project is in Carterville.

After discussion, Mr. Butler made a motion that the Crainville Project be selected for the STU project this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. (It was noted a resolution would be needed from Crainville and Carterville.) Upon roll call, the following votes were cast: "AYE" – Crainville, Herrin, Marion, Williamson County, Mass Transit, IDOT; "NAY" – Carbondale, Jackson County. The motion failed.

Question was also asked if any of the projects had potential to be funded through the Highway Safety Improvement Funds. Joe checked and none of the project locations were within an identified high accident segment or high accident intersection.

Ms. Nelson made a motion that the Marion Project for North Carbon Street/Hill Avenue Roundabout be selected for the STU project this year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Upon roll call, the following votes were cast: "AYE" – Crainville, Herrin, Marion, Williamson County, Carbondale, Mass Transit, and IDOT; "NAY" - Jackson County. The motion carried.

Adjourn

Ms. Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lach. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.