

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(SIMPO)

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

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Brad Robinson	City of Carterville
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Robert Butler	City of Marion
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Ron Ellis	Williamson County
Carrie Nelson	IDOT
Adam Latch, Proxy	Rides Mass Transit

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FWHA
Curtis Jones	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Kyle Harfst	SIU
Rodney Worak	Rides Mass Transit
Cary Minnis	Greater Egypt
Joe Zdankiewicz	Greater Egypt
Margie Mitchell	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Ellis, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Peterson moved to approve the March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017, Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting as received. Seconded by Mr. Latch. The motion carried.

Transit Study Supplement

Mr. Zdankiewicz noted that after reviewing the budget numbers, staff found there isn't enough funds to conduct the Transit Study Supplement so will have to forgo the supplement. The MPO does not have a Human Services Transportation Plan; all MPOs are to have a Plan. The Plan is to address the transit needs for the elderly and the disabled population. The supplement would have allowed Lochmueller to start on that Plan.

Joe noted a copy of Lochmueller Group invoice was attached for your information. They have billed just over half of the contract amount. The bill was approved by the Technical Advisory Committee.

SIMPO FY 2018-2021 DRAFT TIP

Joe discussed the Draft TIP. He has input from District 9 Local Roads and feels the TIP is close to being completed. The transit projects are included. Let staff know if any corrections are needed. The final version of the TIP will be approved in May.

### STU Project Status Update and Funding

Joe reviewed the STU projects selected since the start of SIMPO, several were identified in 2014. FY 19 the Carbondale Grand Avenue at Lewis Lane Intersection roundabout ; FY 17-Carterville West Grand Avenue is on schedule; FY 18-Marion N. Russell Street on schedule; FY 19-Carbondale Oakland Avenue, engineering; FY 19-Carterville Division/Grand; FY 20- Carbondale Oakland Avenue, construction; FY 21-the Marion Carbon Street & Hill Roundabout.

The Herrin project is no longer funded in the TIP. Mayor Frattini would like the project to retain its status as an approved project and funding reallocated in the first available STU cycle after local funding is available and have the funds de-obligated for now. This would free up the funds (about \$781,000) and put them back in the MPO STU balance. When projects are asked for in the future Herrin would be asked if they have the matching funds for the project. It is anticipated that we will receive \$752,051 for FY 22 projects and adding the \$781,000, would make a \$1,561,051 STU balance. This funding will be in the SIMPO STU balance but the entire amount may not be available in the next STU funding cycle, it may take a few years to recoup all the funds. No action could be taken last month on Herrin's request, since a super-majority of members was not in attendance. The Intergovernmental Agreement requires that any changes in STU funding be approved by a Super-majority vote (all members). There is a super-majority present today.

Mr. Frattini moved to de-obligate the funding for the Herrin Ritter Road project, with the project retaining its status as an approved STU project and further, that the project will be funded in the first available STU cycle after Herrin can provide the local matching funds and letter of commitment. Seconded by Mr. Butler. All present voted "AYE". The motion carried.

### FY 2018 SIMPO Draft UPWP

Joe noted there is nothing new to report in the in the UPWP draft. If contractual funds are available, they could be used for a Human Services Plan.

### RFQ's for FY 18 Consultant Studies

Joe asked for Committee approval to advertise the two contractual studies in the UPWP, Intelligent Transportation System Study of IL Route 13 Corridor and the Feasibility Study for a Pedestrian Overpass/Underpass at IL 13 and Ray Fosse Park in Marion.

Mr. Butler moved to send out Requests for Proposal for the Intelligent Transportation System Study of IL Route 13 Corridor and the Feasibility Study for a Pedestrian Overpass/Underpass at IL 13 and Ray Fosse Park in Marion. Seconded by Mr. Latch. The motion carried.

### Nominating Committee for Policy Officers

Mr. Ellis asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for Policy Committee Officers and prepare a slate of officers for approval in June. Volunteers: Julie Peterson, Brad Robinson, Ron Ellis.

Mr. Williams made a motion that Julie Peterson, Brad Robinson, and Ron Ellis serve as the Nominating Committee. Seconded by Ms. Nelson. The motion carried.

### Other MPO Business

Joe reported that a response was received from IDOT regarding the Herrin safety application. IDOT ruled that the Herrin project would not be eligible for local safety funding. Our letter requesting eligibility was not successful. The response indicated that IDOT Bureau of Safety would discuss the project with District 9 for potential funding as a state project.

Question was asked about the Freight Study. Mr. Minnis said the Commission received a Rural Transportation grant from IDOT for a five county freight study. Looking for Steering Committee members that are freight related to serve. Need to talk with freight companies and railroads companies to prepare a list of priorities for the region and identify freight corridors, local opportunities and problems. Area has interstates and rail lines. There are freight funds available.

Adjourn

Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:26 pm.