

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON JUNE 13, 2016
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
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Jim Marlo	Williamson County
Bill Jung	Rides Mass Transit

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (by phone)	FHWA
Curtis Jones	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Kyle Harfst	SIU
Cary Minnis, Executive Director	Greater Egypt
Joe Zdankiewicz, Director of Transportation Planning	Greater Egypt
Margie Mitchell, Program Director	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Marlo, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed everyone. He asked all present to introduce themselves.

Approval of May 9th, 2016 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Peterson moved to approve the May 9, 2016, Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

Carbondale Bike Plan Presentation

Mr. Zdankiewicz gave a summary of the Bike Plan. The Plan was prepared by The i5Group. The Plan is geared to the cyclist. The i5 Group met with stakeholder groups and the City, worked with SIU, held two open houses (1st one was well attended), conducted an on-line survey, 170 responses were received. Responders drew suggested routes on maps. Routes were identified for the study. Survey indicated that SIU was the biggest destination. As the plan is implemented, bike routes will change. Recommendations included to promote biking and expand bike safety classes. Standards for side paths were noted. The ultimate goal to be designated as a Bike Friendly City is underway. SIU is also trying for a designation.

Mr. Keirn noted the State is planning a bike path from Giant City Road to west of Reed Station Road.

Approve Payment of Bills

Joe requested approval of The i5 Group invoice in the amount of \$15,229.44. Their contract was for \$40,000.00 and this is the final bill. The final report was received and staff recommends that the Carbondale Bicycle Master Plan be accepted.

Mr. Jung made a motion to approve paying The i5 Group invoice in the amount of \$15,229.44 and that the Carbondale Master Bicycle Plan be accepted. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peterson. The motion carried.

SIMPO FY 2017 - FY 2020

Joe said the TIP has been discussed in detail at the last several meetings. Changes have been made. The TIP has been posted for public comments. The TIP is ready to be adopted.

Mr. Jung made a motion to adopt the SIMPO FY 2017-2020 TIP as received. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peterson. The motion carried.

SIMPO FY 2017 UPWP

Joe noted the 2017 UPWP was discussed at a couple of meetings. The UPWP includes the Transit Study and other work that needs to be done, including applications or other studies. The changes in the Commission accounting system were previously discussed. The UPWP has been posted for public comments and is ready to be approved.

Mr. Robinson made a motion to approve the SIMPO FY 17 UPWP. The motion was seconded by Ms. Peterson. The motion carried.

SIMPO Transit Study Consultant Selection

Joe noted the Technical Advisory Committee had reviewed the proposals for the Transit Study. The scoring sheet is the last page of the packet. The Committee recommended that the Lochmueller Group be awarded the contract.

Mr. Jung made a motion to award the contract for the Transit Study to the Lochmueller Group. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. The motion carried.

East/West Corridor Study Approval

Joe noted that the Study had been sent to the Technical Advisory Committee for comments. Revisions were made based on comments received. The document is final and ready to adopt. Herrin Road was the recommended route.

Ms. Peterson made a motion that the East/West Corridor Study be adopted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. The motion carried.

Functional Classification Changes

Joe noted there were numerous changes in the functional classification changes in the MPO. Changes were handed out at the Technical Advisory Committee meeting. If a Committee member has not talked with you about the changes, we are ready to accept the changes. Mr. Kerin said IDOT had not received any protest comments. Minor collectors are eligible for federal funds in the urban area and in the rural area.

Ms. Peterson moved to accept the Functional Classification Changes as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jung. The motion carried.

Other MPO Business

Joe noted he is in the process of preparing two Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) applications – one for the Pedestrian Safety along Route 148 in Downtown Herrin and one for Crainville Sidewalks. Application deadline is Friday, June 17. Will prepare a letter of support from SIMPO. Staff is not aware of any other ITEP applications being prepared but will prepare letters of support for those as well if asked.

Mr. Minnis noted that the DRA 2016 application cycle is now open, applications are due in August. DRA has paid for road projects, last year Energy received a grant for \$325,000 for a road project. If you are aware of any projects that may benefit businesses, please let staff know. We are looking for applicants. Match is usually required. He also mentioned the DRA Leadership Program if anyone is interested; this is a great leadership program.

Kyle Harfst mentioned there will be an informational meeting regarding potential development of bicycle trails at SIU's Touch of Nature south of Carbondale. The meeting is at 3:00 pm Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center. Discussion will provide a briefing of general activities of Touch of Nature, the development of trails, funding opportunities, and the economic impact that may arrive with the trails. He noted it has been 20 years since planning for bicycle trails started in southern Illinois.

Mr. Minnis asked Ms. Tracy if she had any information on the final rule for non-metropolitan planning areas and what it may mean for the area. How will the latest transportation bill affect non-metropolitan planning areas? Ms. Tracy noted she doesn't have a lot of detail to provide at this time.

Adjourn

Mr. Jung made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robinson. The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm.