

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON June 12, 2017
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Taylor, Proxy	City of Carbondale
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Robert Butler	City of Marion
Andrew Erbes, Proxy	Jackson County
Greg Smothers, Proxy	Williamson County
Bill Jung (by phone)	Rides Mass Transit
Carrie Nelson	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Curtis Jones	IDOT
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Ted Gutierrez	Jackson County Mass Transit
Lynn Anderson Lindberg	SIU
Dustin Reichmann	Lochmueller Group
Michael Grovak	Lochmueller Group
Cary Minnis	Greater Egypt
Joe Zdankiewicz	Greater Egypt
Margie Mitchell	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Smothers, Proxy for the Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm and welcomed everyone. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Approval of April 10th, 2017 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Mr. Butler moved to approve the April 10th, 2017, Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting as received. Seconded by Mr. Frattini. The motion carried.

Transit Study Presentation

Mr. Reichmann and Mr. Grovak, Lochmueller Group, gave a presentation on the Transit Study. The final draft will be completed within the next week or so and will be forwarded to members for comments. Final Report will be completed by the end of June. Noted that meetings with stakeholders were held, public meetings were held, and an online survey was conducted with 114 responses, and received good public input. Discussed service coordination, public understanding of bus stops, employee/community partnering. Noted the call center in Energy is up and working. Routes were shown, point to point and route deviations were discussed. Rides has some fixed routes. Transit service guidelines were discussed.

Funding-Section 5307/5311 is predictable. With current data there is a good possibility of meeting two of the criteria for STIC funding, which could be about \$375,000 in annual funding beginning in 2019. SIU has some data but it needs to be in the NTD standardized format. Capturing complete data from all providers is needed to meet the criteria. With complete data the MPO region could meet up to 4 of the STIC criteria with an additional \$187,500 in funding available for each criteria met. Saluki Express is not an eligible recipient of Federal transit funds.

However, there is a pathway for the Saluki Express service to be eligible (through RIDES or JCMTD) but those details have not been worked out yet.

Mr. Smothers thanked the Lochmueller staff for the presentation.

SIMPO FY 2018-2021 TIP

Joe noted no changes have been made in TIP since the last meeting. It has been out for public review and is ready for adoption. Ms. Nelson moved that the SIMPO FY 2018-2021 TIP be approved. Seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the selection of STU projects and small communities not getting projects approved. Mr. Minnis noted that the guidelines for scoring will be reviewed again this year for changes. The Policy Committee approves the guidelines. Members will then be asked to submit projects. The Technical Committee will review the applications as per the guidelines and make a recommendation to the Policy Committee for approval. Committee needs a supermajority (all members) present to vote on STU projects. It was noted that most communities do not use STU funds for design. Joe noted that since the Herrin project was removed from the TIP, but is still an approved project, so there is about \$1.5 million STU balance.

FY 2018 SIMPO UPWP

Joe noted the UPWP includes Special Studies (Contractual Studies): Complete an ITS Study of IL Route 13 corridor, Complete a Feasibility Study for a Pedestrian Overpass/Underpass at IL 13 and Ray Fosse Park in Marion, and Additional Studies as funding permits and approved by the Policy Committee. In House Studies include: complete the Reed Station Road to US 51 Corridor Study; Complete a Bike Plan Study from Carbondale to Marion (a committee has been formed), Local HSIP analysis and applications, grant applications, traffic counts and other special studies as needed. The budget has been adjusted in some line items, but the total has not changed.

Mr. Minnis discussed the local share on the handout. Local contributions will be requested from members set up a reserve fund as per the Intergovernmental Agreement. This fund was set up should the State not match the federal funds of the grant. Dues must be current for voting privileges. Colp and Spillertown has chosen not to participate. The second side of the sheet lists the amounts that would be due from the members if the State doesn't provide the local match.

Mr. Frattini moved to approve the FY 2018 SIMPO UPWP. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

SIMPO IL 13 ITS Study Consultant Selection

Joe reported that only one proposal was received for the IL 13 ITS Study. Proposal was from Hampton, Lenzini and Renwick (HLR), Inc. The Technical Advisory Committee did score the proposal and with the average score between 94 and 95, they are qualified. The TAC recommended that HLR, Inc. be chosen for the study, the motion also included the TAC approving the billing from the Consultant for work within the original scope.

Ms. Nelson moved that the proposal from HLR, Inc. be approved for the IL 13 ITS Study and the Technical Advisory Committee be authorized to approve the consultant bills when presented. Seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion carried.

Mr. Minnis noted that the contract would not be executed until the we have a signed agreement with the State (by both parties) is received and if no State budget that there will be a mechanism so we will be reimbursed for federal funds.

SIMPO IL 13 Pedestrian Crossing Consultant Selection

Joe reported that seven proposals were received for the IL 13 Pedestrian Crossing and scored by the Technical Advisory Committee. Two scored very close (94.1 and 94.6). It was noted that the two top firms had done work locally. The TAC recommended that the two top consultants, Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly and TWM Engineers and Surveyors, be interviewed at the July TAC meeting.

Mr. Erbes moved that the Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly and TWM Engineers and Surveyors be interviewed for the IL 13 Pedestrian Crossing project. Seconded by Mr. Butler. The motion carried.

Election of Officers

Joe reported the nominating committee met and nominates Bill Jung for Chairman and Jackson County for Vice Chairman. The Chairman asked for other nominations. There being none, all voted "AYE" that Bill Jung be elected as Chairman and Jackson County as Vice Chairman.

Other MPO Business

Joe noted that the Marion to Carbondale Bike Route Committee will meet on June 22 at John A. Logan College.

Adjourn

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Erbes. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.