

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON June 5, 2023

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Emery	Williamson County
Mitch Burdick	Jackson County
Jay Kranz	IDOT
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Adam Lach	RIDES

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Michael Ziarnek	SIMPO
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Abra Phillips	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Travis Emery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and welcomed all present. A roll call was taken.

Approval of the May 1, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Burdick to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the May 1, 2023 meeting (included in handout). The motion carried.

Consultant Studies Update/Payment of Bills

The following FY-23 Consultant Studies were discussed and Mike mentioned that all 3 studies should be wrapped up by the end of this month:

- Bikeway Map & Route Study – Jackson & Williamson Counties – FY23 (Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing Inc.) - the consultant has billed \$54,000.00 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$6,000.00 remaining. Updated GIS data addressing bicycle infrastructure was received recently and included an inventory of infrastructure evaluated from a Level of Traffic Stress Perspective. Greater Egypt staff is currently reviewing this data.
- East Grand Ave Bike, Pedestrian, & Motor Vehicle Study – FY23 (Oates Associates) – the consultant has billed \$32,952.00 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$17,048.00 remaining. Work on the final corridor sections, plans, and the final report is underway. The final report and ITEP application exhibits are expected to be fully completed before the end of this month.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Needs Study - FY-23 (Walker Consultants) - the consultant has billed \$42,379.90 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$17,620.10 remaining. Development of the final report continues. Section 1 (EV Content and Current Conditions) is complete and Sections 2 and 3 (Future Charging Station Needs and Operation; Funding Opportunities and P3s) are nearing completion.

There are three bills to be approved today (included in handout):

1. Bikeway Map & Route Study – Bacon Farmer Workman: Inv #42128 - \$12,000.00
2. East Grand Ave (Carbondale) Study – Oates Associates: Inv #37211 - \$4,048.50
3. EV Charging Station Needs Study – Walker Consultants: Inv #310095610005 - \$7,759.70

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Burdick to approve payment of the bills listed above. The motion carried.

SIMPO FY2024 Meeting Dates

Mike went over the meeting dates and noted that in September of 2023 and January of 2024, the meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month rather than on Monday due to holidays.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the meeting dates as listed. The motion carried.

FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The UPWP has been posted in draft form and we received no comments. It has been changed to preliminary and we need a vote to move this to the Policy Committee for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Lach to move the FY2024 UPWP to the Policy Committee for approval. The motion carried.

TIP Modification #27 (Administrative Action)

This administrative action moves this project for safety improvements on N. Marion Street in Jackson County from FY2023 to FY2024. No vote is needed.

TIP Modification #28 (Amendment)

This is a new capital project that utilizes CARES funds in the amount of \$40K. It is required to be on the TIP because it's not an operating project. We need a motion to approve changing the funding type to 5307 CARES.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve TIP Amendment #28 to change the funding type to CARES. The motion carried.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2024-2027

Mike explained that regardless of FY2024 being the MPO's last year, we have planned this TIP for 4 years out just in case future projects need to/can be moved up to FY2024 so that we can do so through administrative actions rather than amendments.

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the FY2024-FY2027 TIP. The motion carried.

IDOT VRU Engagement Webinar Opportunities

The kickoff webinars for this are tomorrow and Mike plans to attend the morning session for urban areas and will report back with any useful information.

FHWA Memorandum HEPH-10 (dated May 19, 2023) – Bike & Pedestrian Planning

Mike referred to the memo in the handout and it was discussed. He will be checking out the resources within the memo and reporting back. Mike also announced that the Statewide Transportation Meeting is tomorrow and he will be attending virtually.

IDOT Bicycle Facility Inventory System

GIS shape files are cleaned up and we hope to easily incorporate them into the inventory system.

Walk Roll Illinois Active Transportation Plan

This plan and its website are up and running. For anyone that would like more information, you can simply Google “walk roll Illinois” to be forwarded to the website.

Illinois Healthy MPO Learning Collaborative

Mike announced that there is only one meeting to go and will report back.

Other MPO Business

- Cary Minnis that it might be time to elect new officers and will check on that.
- Mike attended the pre-bid for the Crab Orchard Greenway project from Marion High School to 148. Mr. Emery said that 3 contractors showed up for the pre-bid and the actual bidding is on June 16, 2023.
- Cary Minnis asked when the Ray Fosse Park crossing is starting and Doug Keirn answered that it is marked out to start in mid-July.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Burdick to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.