

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON July 03, 2023

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Mitch Burdick	Jackson County
Molly Maxwell	City of Carbondale
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Adam Lach	RIDES
Shawn Freeman	Jackson County Mass Transit
Jay Kranz	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Betsy Tracy	FHWA
Michael Ziarnek	SIMPO
Abra Phillips	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Mitch Burdick, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all present. A roll call was taken.

Approval of the June 5, 2023 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the June 5, 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 \$60,000.00 (includes 2 bills to be approved today) to date, the full amount of the contract. Greater Egypt staff reviewed the GIS shapefiles and returned comments to the consultant. This study is complete.
- East Grand Ave Bike, Pedestrian, & Motor Vehicle Study – FY23 (Oates Associates) – the consultant has billed \$43,551.00 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$6,449.00 remaining. Work continues on the final report and the HSIP grant application documents. The GIS files are uploaded onto the Greater Egypt/SIMPO site and Molly Maxwell mentioned that she was able to use these files to do the HSIP application.
- 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. The final report is nearing completion and we expect to have it no later than the middle of next week.

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

1. Bikeway Map & Route Study – Bacon Farmer Workman: Inv #42297 - \$4,800.00
2. Bikeway Map & Route Study – Bacon Farmer Workman: Inv # 42476 - \$1,200.00
3. East Grand Ave (Carbondale) Study – Oates Associates: Inv #37436 - \$10,599.00

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

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #01 (Amendment)

This is for a new project being added to the TIP. It's preliminary engineering project for the City of Herrin and utilizes safe routes to school funding.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve adding this project to the FY2024-2027 TIP. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #02 (Amendment)

This is for a new project being added to the TIP for technology upgrades to the Southern Illinois RIDES Mass Transit, using discretionary Community Project Funding awarded by Senator Durbin.

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve adding this project to the FY2024-2027 TIP. The motion carried.

Walk Roll Illinois Active Transportation Plan

Mike referred to the flyer in today's packet and encouraged members to visit the website or scan the QR code and complete the survey.

Other MPO Business

- Governor Pritzker awarded \$24.9 million to IDOT for paratransit vehicles. Shawn Freeman shared that Jackson County Mass Transit received 2 of the awards. Adam Lach shared that RIDES did not receive any this year, but anticipate receiving awards next year.
- Volunteers are needed to review the Statement of Qualifications for the City of Marion's South Market Street project.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.