

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON July 10, 2023
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Brad Robinson	City of Carterville
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Tom Somers	City of Herrin
Adam Lach	RIDES
Shawn Freeman	Jackson County Mass Transit
Doug Keirn (proxy vote for Carrie Nelsen)	IDOT
Carrie Nelsen (Zoom)	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Michael Ziarnek	SIMPO/Greater Egypt
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Cary Minnis	Greater Egypt
Abra Phillips	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Julie Peterson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and welcomed all present.

Approval of the May 11, 2023 Emergency Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Somers to approve the May 11, 2023 Emergency Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented in the handout. The motion carried.

Approval of the June 12, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the June 12, 2023 Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented in the handout. The motion carried.

Consultant Studies Update/Payment of Bills – June 2023

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 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 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 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 were three bills approved by the TAC at their June 2023 meeting (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

Consultant Studies Update/Payment of Bills – July 2023

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 were three bills approved by the TAC at their July 2023 meeting (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

SIMPO FY 2024 Meeting Dates

Mike referred to the meeting date schedule in the handout and asked if the group would like to reschedule the April 8, 2024 meeting to April 9, 2024 due to expected high traffic volume from the Total Eclipse.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the meeting schedule with the stipulation to reschedule the April 8, 2023 meeting to the following day, April 9, 2023. The motion carried.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) FY2024

Mike went over the UPWP included in the handout and it was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the FY2024 UPWP as presented. 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.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2024 -2027

Mike reminded all that the FY24-27 TIP was sent to members via email and it was discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Somers and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve the TIP as presented. 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. Robinson 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. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Somers to approve adding this project to the FY2024-2027 TIP. The motion carried.

Other MPO Business

- Walk Roll Illinois Active Transportation Plan: Mike has been working with IDOT to develop this and encouraged members to tell their family/friends to login and provide input. The website link and QR code are in today's handout.
- Mike referred to the circular letter included in the handout regarding availability of statewide crash data and it's VRU funding impact on the states. Mike noted that according to the letter, 15% or more of HSU funds are required to be used on VRU programs.
- We received 5 responses to our RFQ for the Marion South Market Street project and the selection committee is reviewing them.
- The 4th session of the Illinois Healthy MPO Learning Collaborative meetings will be held on July 19th, and Mike will update the group on anything he learns.
- The US Department of Transportation indicated that the US Cargo and Passenger Airlines added almost 1950 jobs in May and are currently at 8.2% above pre-pandemic levels of unemployment.
- Doug Keirn – the state's transportation program is up and available to view.
- Carbondale's broke ground for their multimodal station.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Somers to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.