

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON May 1, 2023

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Emery	Williamson County
Mitch Burdick	Jackson County
Molly Maxwell (Zoom)	City of Carbondale
John Crawford (Zoom)	City of Carterville
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Adam Lach	RIDES

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Doug Keirn (Zoom)	IDOT
Jay Kranz	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 April 03, 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 April 03, 2023 meeting (included in handout). The motion carried.

Consultant Studies Update/Payment of Bills

The following FY-23 Consultant Studies were discussed:

- Bikeway Map & Route Study – Jackson & Williamson Counties – FY23 (Bacon Farmer Workman Engineering & Testing Inc.) - the consultant has billed \$42,000.00 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$18,000.00 remaining. The initial draft files have been received and an in-house review of those files has been completed with comments returned to the consultant.
- East Grand Ave Bike, Pedestrian, & Motor Vehicle Study – FY23 (Oates Associates) – the consultant has billed \$28,903.50 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$21,096.50 remaining. The consultant is working on developing design alternatives addressing motor vehicle travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, shared use paths, etc. incorporating the feedback following last month's meeting.
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station Needs Study - FY-23 (Walker Consultants) - the consultant has billed \$34,620.20 (includes bill to be approved today) to date with \$25,379.80 remaining. The section of grant research and plan/strategy approach in the initial report is complete. Multiple grant funding and go/no-go federal funding webinars have been attended. Stakeholder interviews are being organized/conducted. Research continues on traffic volumes, demand analysis, and potential sites. Background/current conditions are being incorporated into the appropriate report

sections. The National EV Summit and Expo was attended and the information will be worked into the report.

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

1. Bikeway Map & Route Study – Bacon Farmer Workman: Inv #41823 - \$6,000.00
2. East Grand Ave (Carbondale) Study – Oates Associates: Inv #36971 - \$4,797.00
3. EV Charging Station Needs Study – Walker Consultants: Inv #310095610004 - \$7,759.70

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

End of State COVID-19 Disaster Proclamation

Mike referred to the letter from Governor Pritzker in the handout. The Public Health Emergency ends May 11th, 2023. After this date, voting members will have to attend in person, those attending via Zoom will not be counted towards the quorum and will not be able to vote.

FY2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

We need a vote to approve the draft UPWP and forward it on to the Policy Committee. Mr. Minnis reminded the group that it will have to be amended after our new indirect cost rate is approved. He also mentioned that we are trying to extend the FY24 grant to December of 2024 in order to cover some staff costs beyond June 30, 2024. We only have one application for this round of funding, a joint effort with Williamson County and the City of Marion for a traffic study on Boynton and Cochran along South Market Street. The application has gone to stakeholders for comments and we are waiting on the final approval from Travis Emery. The only other consultant study will be the in-house Google streetview study.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve the draft and forward it to the Policy Committee. The motion carried.

TIP Modification #25 (Amendments)

This amendment adds new resurfacing right-of-way to the Main St/Bainbridge/Pentecost in the City of Marion.

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve TIP Modification #25. The motion carried.

IDOT NHS MPO Highway Structures (2020, 2021, 2022)

Mike referred to the list of highway structures included in today's handout and announced that Tom Caldwell is here to answer any questions.

IDOT Bicycle Facility Inventory System

Mike and Kelsey Bowe have been attending related webinars and are looking into the National Bikeway Network put out by the Department of Transportation. Kelsey will be following up with Doug Phillips and Molly Maxwell regarding a one-stop site for all bike information in Illinois.

IDOT Complete Streets / SS4A Match Waiver Fund Proposal Update

This proposal comes with an 80/20 match. We will not be applying for this round; however, Greater Egypt will still be able to apply after the MPO disbands.

Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) Call for Projects Update

Mr. Minnis announced that we have submitted two SPR grants to IDOT.

FY-2023 SIMPO Planning Study Application (DSATS360 / Google Streetview)

The Dekalb legal teams have not released the DSAT Google Street View manual yet, so the local 'SIMPO Street View' project remains at a standstill for now. Mike requested that this item be moved into "other business for the next meetings in order to free up agenda space. The members present agreed.

Illinois Healthy MPO Learning Collaborative

The next meeting for this is on 5/22/23, Mike plans to attend. There is a roundabout pop-up demonstration project available in Carbondale.

Other MPO Business

- Mike referred to the 4 circular letters from IDOT included in the packet and asked members to review.
- Safe Routes to School funding will be kicking off soon. Mike urged members to let him know of any projects they have in mind.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.