

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON September 11, 2023
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Adam Lach	RIDES
Doug Keirn (proxy vote for Carrie Nelsen)	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Eva Fisher (Public Relations Officer)	City of Carbondale
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Betsy Tracy	FHWA
Michael Ziarnek	SIMPO/Greater Egypt
Cary Minnis	Greater Egypt
Abra Phillips	Greater Egypt

Welcome and Introductions

Julie Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm, welcomed all present and had everyone introduce themselves.

Approval of the August 14, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the August 14, 2023 Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #04 (Administrative Action)

This modification for the Williamson County Preliminary Engineering project on Crenshaw Road and Skyline Drive comes from Travis Emery and adds a program system number to the project. No vote is required.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #05 (Amendment)

This modification comes from Shawn Freeman and adds a new capital project utilizing CARES funds. The project will focus on upgrading the Jackson County Mass Transit District's website to incorporate contactless payments, scheduling and public awareness on the contactless operations.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Frattini to approve TIP Modification #5. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #06 (Amendment)

This amendment comes from Doug Keirn for the State's resurfacing project on North 6th Street in Murphysboro. The project is being moved to FY24 from FY25 and there are cost revisions.

A motion was made by Mr. Frattini and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve TIP Modification #6. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #07 (Administrative Action)

This modification comes from Dennis Nass at IDOT District 9 and is for the North Marion Street Safety Improvements in Jackson County. The location is being modified to Dillinger Road (previously Glade Lane). The section number will also be corrected. No vote is required.

Federal Funding Obligation Report for Fiscal Year 2023

Mike reported that the draft form is posted on the SIMPO/Greater Egypt website for review and comments. If there are no changes in a week, he will be changing it from draft to final.

Other MPO Business

- IDOT held the Vulnerable Users Road Safety Assessment on August 31, 2023. Let Mike know if you'd like a copy of the presentation.
- South Market Street Project (Marion) – The contract is complete and they're coordinating a kick off meeting.
- Mike informed the group that there are several TIP Modifications pending (see website), and they will be on the agenda for October's meeting.
- Julie Peterson asked if we will still have meetings after the MPO's Intergovernmental Agreement runs out on 12/31/2024. Cary explained that as of June 30, 2024 there will be no more TIP amendments or anything like that. So, any meetings beyond then will be to finish out the consultant studies/planning services, and IDOT is giving us maximum flexibility to spend out the contracts. Mike will be transitioning from Urban to Rural Transportation Planning utilizing SPR grants.
- Cary Minnis announced that the Technical Advisory Committee discussed doing an area wide Safe Routes to School study. We intend to release the RFQ as soon as the scope is finalized and there's more than enough planning dollars in the budget for this. The final recommendation from TAC will occur at their next meeting on October 2, 2023.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Frattini and seconded by Mr. Williams to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.