

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

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

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Tim Atkisson	Williamson County
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Brad Robinson	City of Carterville
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Glenn Clarida	City of Marion
Adam Lach	RIDES
Doug Keirn (proxy vote for Carrie Nelsen)	IDOT

Others Present:

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

Welcome and Introductions

Julie Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and welcomed all present.

Approval of the September 11, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Clarida and seconded by Mr. Lach to approve the September 11, 2023 Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #08, 10, 11, & 13 (Amendments)

8. This project is for a new culvert on East College Street in the City of Carbondale. The amendment adds a new line item (construction engineering) and moves the project from FY25 to FY24.

A motion was made by Mr. Atkisson and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve TIP Modification #8. The motion carried.

10. This amendment comes from Jay Kranz and moves the Williamson County Grand Avenue project from FY26 to FY24 and has other revisions as noted in the TIP.

A motion was made by Steve Frattini and seconded by Mr. Clarida to approve TIP Modification #10. The motion carried.

11. This is for a new project being added to the TIP. It's for Rail Crossing Improvements at various locations in the City of Marion.

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Robinson to approve TIP Modification #11. The motion carried.

13. This amendment adds two new line items: Construction and Construction Engineering to Herrin's Safe Routes to School project and also adds the program planning system number to all line-item rows.

A motion was made by Mr. Atkisson and seconded by Mr. Clarida to approve TIP Modification #13. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #09, 12, & 14 (Administrative)

These are all administrative actions so no vote is needed.

9. This is for Carterville's Preliminary Engineering project on Division Street and changes the funding type from 'Covid Relief Urban' to 'State Funds'.

12. This modification changes the Engineering from Preliminary to Construction for the Saluki Greenway Multi-use Trail in Carbondale.

14. This modification moves Marion's Main St, Bainbridge, and Pentecost Resurfacing and Construction Engineering project from FY25 to FY24. Glenn Clarida noted that construction is complete on this project.

Vote to Approve IDOT 2024 PM1 Safety Targets

It was explained that we have two options. We can either adopt IDOT's targets as we have done historically, or, we can set our own.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Frattini to adopt IDOT's 2024 PM1 Safety Targets as presented. The motion carried.

Vote to Approve Safe Routes to Schools Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Mike and Cary Minnis went over the RFQ included in today's packet. Edits have been made to some of the line items as requested at last week's TAC meeting. It was noted that we will have up to \$125,000 for this study and that will cover around 41 schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Frattini to add this scope of work to this fiscal year and approve sending out the Safe Routes to Schools Plan RFQ as presented at today's meeting. The motion carried.

Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Applications Update

Applications were submitted for Herrin Junior High and the Lincoln Elementary school in Marion. Cary Minnis discussed the Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) and marked crosswalk at Ray Fosse Park. The RRFB is not fully active due to not being wired yet; however, Cary is wondering if pedestrians and drivers are aware of how it works. Betsy Tracy shared an educational link on roundabouts within the chat: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/intersection-safety/intersection-types/roundabouts>.

Other MPO Business

- Mike referred to an additional document within the handout related to Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and Road Diets.
- Cary Minnis announced that there were some HSIP applications awarded within the MPO area. Jackson County for Airport Road and the City of Carbondale for Preliminary Engineering only on Grand Avenue.
- Mike announced that the City of Carbondale just completed another 1.1 mile stretch of offroad infrastructure for Vulnerable Road Users (VRU) and asked Gary Williams to discuss further. Gary Williams explained that the section completed goes from the South end of Oakland Ave by ET Simond's office to New Era Road. It's a nice wooded area and two bridges were added in. They have also purchased the ROW to do the next section from New Era Road to Airport Road.
- Cary Minnis mentioned that there is 1 more study to participate in as an MPO but it won't cost us anything. Last year, we had a conversation about applying for a federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. We declined due to the 20% match and looked into other ways to fund something like this through the State. The state agreed to hire a consultant and do a SS4A for regions that want to participate. We are at the top of the list due to our inquiry and it looks like

things are moving forward and we will likely begin this with this calendar year and start asking communities to participate. Mike mentioned that the contract was awarded to an engineering firm to complete these SS4A safety studies/plans.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Clarida and seconded by Mr. Atkisson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.