

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON November 13, 2023
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Tim Atkisson	Williamson County
Brad Robinson	City of Carterville
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Steve Frattini	City of Herrin
Glenn Clarida	City of Marion
Adam Lach	RIDES
Doug Keirn (proxy vote for Carrie Nelsen)	IDOT
Carrie Nelsen (Zoom – not counted in quorum)	IDOT

Others Present:

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

Welcome and Introductions

Gary Williams called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm and welcomed all present.

Approval of the October 10, 2023 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Atkisson and seconded by Mr. Frattini to approve the October 10, 2023 Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried.

TIP FY2024-2027 Modification #15 (Administrative)

This is an administrative action so no vote is needed.

15. This modification moves the Saluki Greenway Multi-Use Trail Construction (Carbondale) from FY26 to FY24.

South Market Street Update

Mike received the following information from Horner & Shifrin: The Corp of Engineers is doing extensive hydraulic modeling at Crab Orchard Creek and will be significantly more in depth than Horner & Shifrin's planning scope and analysis. Preliminary models indicate that the published FEMA flow rates have been greatly underestimated when compared to actual flow rates. Work is expected to be completed in the Spring of 2024.

Safe Routes to Schools Plan Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

Mike announced that the RFQ has been posted online and the link is in today's agenda.

Williamson County Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Notice of Planning Activities

Mike referred to the Notice of Planning Activities and Request for Participation memo in the handout and urged members to email Kelsey Bowe to provide any expertise or ideas.

SIMPO TIP App Informational Update

Mike referred members to the link embedded in today's agenda if they'd like to see what's going on with SIMPO projects.

Illinois ADA Compliance Support Project Announcement

Mike referred members to the survey embedded within the email containing the packet for today's meeting. IDOT already has an ADA transition plan and we can adopt the same.

Other MPO Business

- On November 1, 2023 it was announced on WSIU Radio that the next round of EV rebate for Illinois residents is currently open.
- Mike announced that he included information about EV chargers within the Ohio DOT, they are currently leading the nation for National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) plans.

Adjourn

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