

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
(SIMPO)  
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
ON February 05, 2024

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Emery	Williamson County
Molly Maxwell	City of Carbondale
Donnie Smoot	City of Carterville
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
Glenn Clarida	City of Marion
Shawn Freeman	Jackson County Mass Transit
Adam Lach	RIDES
Jay Kranz	IDOT

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Doug Keirn	IDOT
Tom Caldwell	IDOT
Mike Ziarnek	GERPDC/SIMPO
Cary Minnis	GERPDC
Abra Phillips	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Travis Emery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all present. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of the January 08, 2024 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Smoot to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the January 08, 2024 meeting (included in handout). The motion carried.

Consultant Studies Update / Payment of Bills

South Market Street – Marion (Horner & Shifrin, Inc.) – the consultant has billed \$44,756.88 to date with \$30,243.12 remaining. Noted completed actions:

- Identification of existing roadway deficiencies
- Existing traffic counts
- 20-year projected traffic and turning movements at all intersections
- Capacity and signal warrants analysis (existing and proposed traffic) at all intersections
- Recommended intersection capacity improvements
- Crash data analysis and recommended safety improvements
- Typical section recommendations
- Bike / Pedestrian accommodation recommendation
- Draft report prepared and distributed

The following invoices received January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 require a vote to pay:

1. Invoice No.: 70212 – October 2023 - \$10,777.56
2. Invoice No.: 70539 – November 2023 - \$20,523.64
3. Invoice No.: 70804 – December 2023 - \$4,134.49
4. Invoice No.: 71151 – January 2024 - \$9,321.19

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

#### Safe Routes to Schools Plan – Project Update

Mike informed the group that the contract is still being finalized and the Greater Egypt is set to approve it at their board meeting next week.

#### National Performance Management Measures

Mike referred to the 57-page document, an embedded link included in the email and distributed with the packet. Tom Caldwell noted that comments are due by the end of February.

#### SS4A – Safe Streets and Roads for All – Status Update

Mr. Emery announced that Williamson County submitted their grant agreement last week and plan to start as soon as possible after approval. Mr. Minnis noted that Greater Egypt/SIMPO is not too far behind Williamson County. Mr. Emery asked how we are splitting the state routes and Mr. Minnis answered that if they are in the MPO area, they will be part of Greater Egypt's plan and others will fall under Williamson County.

#### National Roadway Safety Strategy – Allies in Action

Mike referred to page 8 in the handout and noted that this is informative reading.

#### Alternate Roadway Design Publications Recognized by FHWA

Mike referred to page 14 in today's handout and encouraged members to check this out.

#### USDOT FHWA Guidebook: Trails as Resilient Infrastructure

Mike referred to page 17 in the handout for more informative reading.

#### Trail Funding Opportunities: IDNR – Federal Recreational Trails Program

Mike noted that there's an electronic link embedded within the agenda and announced that the window doesn't close until March 22, 2024.

#### Other MPO Business

- IDOT released 2 circular letters recently.
- IDOT – Marion: the Westminster Bridge is open to traffic
- FHWA has released a 12-page pdf about proven safety countermeasures
- Mr. Minnis announced that the SPR opens at the end of February and closes in late March. We are requesting study ideas so please contact Mike Ziarnek or Cary Minnis if you have any.

#### Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Lach and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.