

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON February 12, 2024
IN MARION, ILLINOIS

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Julie Peterson	Jackson County
Tim Atkisson	Williamson County
Gary Williams	City of Carbondale
Ron Mitchell	Village of Crainville
Adam Lach	RIDES

Others Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Betsy Tracy (Zoom)	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 1:02 pm and welcomed all present.

Approval of the January 08, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Atkisson to approve the January 08, 2024 Policy Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Consultant Studies / Payment of Bills Update – February 2024

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 17th, 2024 were approved at last week's TAC meeting:

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

Mike reminded the group that the FEMA Flood Study on Crab Orchard Creek is expected to be wrapped up in the Spring of 2024.

National Performance Management Measures

Mike referred the group to a link embedded in the electronic version of today's packet for a 38-page document related to this topic and urged members to reach out with any questions.

IDOT Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting

Mike referred the group to the informational reading included in today's packet and discussed the advanced memorandum released by FHWA on January 26, 2024 regarding the deadline, and announced that FHWA will not enforce the February 1, 2024 deadline and instead will move that deadline to March 29, 2024. If anyone would like the link for the memo, please ask Mike.

Safe Streets and Roads for All – Status Update

Mike announced that IDOT has selected a contractor, and they are working with their subcontractors to get everything up and running. He also noted that we will be working very closely with Williamson County on this plan.

IDOT Statewide Planning & Research (SPR) Funds – FY2025

Mike informed the group that as of February 9, 2024, the notice that SPR is open has not been put up yet.

Total Solar Eclipse – Monday, April 8, 2024

Mike reminded the group that the meeting on April 8, 2024 has been moved to April 9, 2024 due to the expected traffic for the solar eclipse. This was approved at the Policy meeting held on July 10, 2023. Mike also announced that USDOT and FHWA are hosting a free preparation webinar with tips on how to prepare for the eclipse.

Other MPO Business

Cary Minnis announced that the in-house bike map is currently being developed.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Atkisson and seconded by Mr. Lach to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.