

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
(SIMPO)
MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
ON March 04, 2024

Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Travis Emery	Williamson County
Mitch Burdick	Jackson County
Molly Maxwell	City of Carbondale
Doug Phillips	City of Marion
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
Kelsey Bowe	GERPDC

Welcome and Introductions

Travis Emery, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:19 p.m. and welcomed all present. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of the February 05, 2024 TAC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Ms. Maxwell to approve the Technical Advisory Committee minutes of the February 05, 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 \$70,106.64 to date with \$4,893.36 remaining. Noted completed actions:

Recommended Intersection Improvements

- Preliminary Drawings and estimates prepared at following locations:
 - Market and Boyton turn lane improvements
 - Market and Boyton roundabout
 - Market and Golf Course turn lane improvements

Recommended Safety Improvements

- Preliminary Drawings and estimates prepared for following safety improvements
 - Guardrail removal and shoulder work south of Boyton Street
 - Horizontal curve correction north of Crab Orchard Creek
 - Vertical curve correction near Crab Orchard Creek
 - Market Cochran intersection realignment
 - Market Cochran roundabout

Crab Orchard Creek Drainage Analysis

- Review existing hydrology
- Performed Hec-Ras analysis for Crab Orchard Creek & West End Creek for 5-to-500-year storm events
- Performed HY-8 calculations for Timberline/Cochran watersheds
- Provide recommendations to remove Market Street from the flood zone at Crab Orchard Creek & Westend Creek
- Provide culvert sizing recommendations at Timberline & Cochran stream crossings
- Prepare various drainage exhibits for inclusion in the final report

The following invoice received February 15th, 2024 requires a vote to pay:

Invoice No.: 71470 – January 2024 - \$25,349.76

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve payment of the bill listed above. The motion carried.

Safe Routes to Schools Plan – Project Update

Mike announced that the Horner & Shifrin contract was signed on February 23, 2024 and the coordination for the kickoff is underway. Mr. Emery announced that Williamson County received approval for their application last Friday and the

Greater Egypt GIS Bike Southern Illinois Website

Mike referred those present to the embedded link in today's handout and noted that it's online and ready to use. Mitch Burdick suggested that we spread the word and embed the link in other local government sites.

IDOT Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) Funding Opportunity

Mike relayed a message from Cary Minnis that he is encouraging the group to decide on a plan. So far, we have been presented with the following ideas:

- From Mitch Burdick – Jackson County expressed an interest in connecting Giant City State Park with the Crab Orchard Greenway at Carbondale.
- From Molly Maxwell – Ms. Maxwell suggests that we look into the National Resources Economic Development Board and check out the Jackson County Bikeway and Greenlands Plan of 2002 and the Southern Illinois Bike Trails Plan that was completed for Jackson County in 1998. Molly also brought the intersection South (Frontage Road) of the signalized intersection of IL 13 and Giant City Road to Mike's attention.
- Mike and Cary Minnis have also been discussing the idea of extending the Safe Routes to School Plan to the entire Greater Egypt area.

Google Streetview Collection Manual 2023 – Status Update

Mike announced that we finally have the completed manual and the funding from SIMPO is already in place for this project. We may expand to the Greater Egypt Region after SIMPO is completed. Mr. Emery agrees that expanding is a great idea.

IDNR Bike Path Program and other IDNR Grant Opportunities

Mike noted that the links for this are clickable on the E-version of today's agenda. We expect these to open any day now. It provides grants to eligible local governments for projects that develop or rehabilitate bike paths and/or acquire land for bike path development. Other grant opportunities now accepting applications include the Federal Recreation Trails Program, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Program, and the Voluntary Fire Assistance Grants Program.

Safe System Roadway Design Hierarchy

This was released in January 2024, and this is supplemental material that goes along with our Safe Streets for All Plan. The link is included in today's agenda. Mr. Emery announced that Williamson County got

approval for their SS4A agreement last Friday and will be getting started quickly and will connect with SIMPO and Greater Egypt to start getting meetings set up.

Other MPO Business

- Mike encouraged all to look at IDOT's circular letters
- IDOT's 2023 annual report is out on the IDOT site
- RIDES was awarded 41 new vehicles from IDOT and is reportedly the largest award of its consolidated government program.
- Beginning 3/4/24 – IL 3 at the Randolph County Line to 146 will be under construction for patching and reconstruction.
- Carbondale's city manager, Gary Williams, has resigned and is taking a position elsewhere.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mr. Phillips to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.