

SOUTHEAST METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2013

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Ms. Barbara Lohr, City of Jackson
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mr. Steve Duke, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Mark Bechtel, Federal Transit Administration (via conference call)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission
Mr. Jay Lancaster, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order: Chairman Buchheit called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda

The May 15, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 2, 2013 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Lohr.

Financial Report

Mr. Shrimplin stated that the City of Cape Girardeau has created a separate account for SEMPO and has filed the necessary paperwork with the state agencies. The SEMPO budget is part of the UPWP; once these items are adopted by the Board, the City can begin invoicing MoDOT and IDOT as well as the SEMPO member jurisdictions and agencies.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Meyer announced Kelly Green's resignation. She will be moving her family to Syracuse, New York where her husband will begin a new position with his current employer. The group expressed their thanks to Mrs. Green for all of her contributions.

Mr. Shrimplin presented several concepts for the SEMPO logo. The group offered comments and provided direction for further development of the logo. Once the revisions are made, the logo will be presented to the TPC for a recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Shrimplin presented an outline of the SEMPO website. He stated that the URL is www.southeastMPO.org and that the website is in the early stages. He encouraged everyone to visit the website and provide feedback.

Chairman Buchheit stated that the SEMOGIS.com website contains a link to a map showing the SEMPO boundary.

Mr. Shrimplin provided an update on the status of the UPWP. The TPC has spent its past two meetings developing and revising the draft. The document is nearing completion. TPC Chairman Larry Payne has called a meeting for June 5th with the goal of passing a formal recommendation of the draft UPWP to the Board. After discussion, it was decided that the Board should meet in June to approve the draft so it can be issued for public comments. Chairman Buchheit called a Board meeting for June 12, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

The group discussed the 2013 TIGER Grant Program. Mr. Lancaster distributed a list of projects MoDOT is considering for making application. He also indicated that the Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port) is determining whether or not to apply. He stated the TIGER program is quite competitive; in fact, only a few Missouri projects have been selected in the past. Projects that are selected tend to emphasize multi-modal transportation, sustainability, livability, and redevelopment. They also have a significant cost-sharing component. Mr. Meyer asked if planning studies are fundable under the TIGER program. Ms. Tracy stated that they are not fundable. Another key characteristic of projects that get selected is project readiness. She added that port studies are a fundable item. Mr. Bechtel mentioned that approximately 1 out of 30 projects is selected. Over-matching and having multiple funding sources increases chances of being selected.

Other Communication

Each person shared an update on their organization. The group also discussed SEMPO's role when it comes to operations and maintenance issues. The consensus was that these are still the responsibility of the jurisdictions and agencies. SEMPO should be kept informed of these issues, but not directly involved.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki, seconded by Mr. Meyer, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin