



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

July 17, 2013

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

### Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission  
Mr. Charlie Herbst, Cape Girardeau County  
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. Dan Overbey, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority  
Mr. Matt Seiler, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration

### Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission  
Mr. Ron Eskew, City of Scott City  
Mr. Joe Killian, 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 2:05 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 July 17, 2013 Board Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Lohr.

## Minutes

The minutes of the June 12, 2013 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Herbst and seconded by Mr. Roach.

## Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Buchheit stated that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission will be in Farmington for its monthly meeting on August 7, 2013. He plans on attending the meeting and providing updates on the Southeast Missouri RPC and SEMPO. He stated that if anyone has other items for him to present, they should contact him.

Chairman Buchheit asked what the process should be for handling requests from the public. The Board decided that maintenance requests should be directed to the Acting Executive Director, who will then contact the appropriate party. Requests for projects will be solicited by the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) as part of its duties in assisting with the development of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Southeast Missouri and Bootheel RPC's will meet with SEMPO to prioritize the transportation needs for the region.

## New/Unfinished Business

Chairman Buchheit opened the **public hearing on the draft Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**. There being no comments from the public, he closed the public hearing. Mr. Shrimplin stated that the public hearing was advertised in the Southeast Missourian on July 14, 2013. Prior to the ad, the draft UPWP was posted on the SEMPO website, and printed copies were made available at the Cape Girardeau and Jackson city halls as well as the Cape Girardeau County Administrative Office. He then reviewed the latest revisions to the document. The group identified additional revisions to be made. Mr. Mogelnicki made a motion to adopt the draft Fiscal Year 2014 Unified Planning Work Program with the additional revisions noted. Mr. Herbst seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstaining. Mr. Shrimplin stated that the draft UPWP will remain available for public comment through the end of the month. The document will then be revised and presented to the TPC at its next meeting on August 7, 2013.

Chairman Buchheit presented **Resolution No. 2013-01, A Resolution authorizing the Acting Executive Director to execute documents with the State of Illinois for Federal and State Planning Funds**. He explained that the authorization would allow Mr. Shrimplin to sign any and all documents from the State of Illinois that are required in order for SEMPO to receive grant funds. Mr. Roach made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-01. Vice Chairwoman Lohr seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 0 abstaining.

## Other Communications

Mr. Mogelnicki stated that the Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority is experiencing a delay in receiving funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Mrs. Kelly Watson, also representing the Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority, explained that the FTA has informed her that their projects must be on SEMPO's TIP in order to receive the funds. Mr. Killian explained that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is in the process of preparing

a draft interim TIP for SEMPO. Ms. Tracy stated that a new MPO was recently formed in Illinois, and suggested that MoDOT contact the MPO to discuss its interim TIP. Mr. Shrimplin stated if necessary, he could provide a letter explaining to the FTA that SEMPO is a new MPO and does not yet have an official TIP, but that an interim TIP is in process.

Mr. Seiler presented MoDOT's On The Move Mid-Summer Update. He stated that MoDOT will submit a draft of its long-range plan to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for review. The public comment period will take place in the fall. Follow-up meetings will be scheduled to verify the public comments were understood correctly.

Mr. Payne stated that the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a reception for MoDOT Director David Nichols on August 1, 2013. Mr. Nichols will be speaking at the First Friday Coffee on August 2, 2013.

An announcement was made about a public meeting/open house for the 66 Corridor Study on July 24, 2013 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Shawnee Community College gymnasium in Ullin, Illinois. More information about the 66 Corridor Study is available online at [www.66corridor.org](http://www.66corridor.org).

#### Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki, seconded by Mr. Herbst, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin  
Acting Executive Director