



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

January 15, 2014

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

### Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission  
Mrs. Barbara Lohr, City of Jackson  
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

### Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mr. Steve Duke, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Mike Latuszek, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)  
Mr. Matt Seiler, Missouri Department of Transportation

### Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission  
Ms. Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mrs. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority

### Call to Order

Chairman Buchheit called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

### Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction. Jeff and Tracey Glenn, Glennview Strategies, were introduced as MoDOT consultants. Molly Hood was

introduced as the new Assistant City Manager – Development Services Director for the City of Cape Girardeau.

### Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### Adoption of Agenda

The January 15, 2014 Board Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Lohr.

### Minutes

The minutes of the October 16, 2013 Board Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Vice Chairwoman Lohr.

### Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Buchheit gave a recap of SEMPO's 2013 accomplishments and noted that it was a productive first official year for the MPO.

### New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Jeff Glenn explained that Glennview Strategies is part of a multi-firm facilitation team that has been retained by MoDOT to assist MPO's and RPC's with developing and implementing a process for creating a prioritized transportation project list as required by the initiative petition for the proposed 1% sales tax. The process must be inclusive, transparent and accountable. It must also address the needs of all modes of transportation. He then reviewed the schedule for the list. Each MPO and RPC must submit its proposed process to MoDOT by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Outreach meetings are to be held in February and/or March. By April 30<sup>th</sup>, each MPO and RPC must submit its prioritized transportation project list to MoDOT. He added that the process must reflect the four goals from the On the Move initiative: Maintenance, Safety, Economic development, and Connections and choices. MPO's and RPC's may establish additional goals. In response to a question from Chairman Buchheit, Mr. Glenn stated that the next step is for his team to submit a proposal to the SEMPO staff. Once the proposal is accepted, his team will work with the staff and the Technical Planning Committee to get started. Mr. Meyer clarified that SEMPO's participation in the process is not an endorsement of the proposed tax by SEMPO or its members.

Chairman Buchheit stated that the SEMO RPC has started on developing an outline for the Long Range Transportation Plan. The outline will be presented to the Technical Planning Committee for review on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Once the outline is approved, a schedule will be prepared.

Mr. Killian stated that he will be presenting an amendment to the FY 2014-2017 Interim Transportation Improvement Program at the Technical Planning Committee meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. He explained that there were two projects accidentally omitted from the document because the locations referenced did not appear to fall within SEMPO's boundary.

Mr. Shrimplin stated that staff is working on drafts of the Title VI Program and the Public Participation Plan. The Title VI Program must be submitted to MoDOT by March 31<sup>st</sup>. He added that work will soon begin on the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program. Mrs. Voss stated that the Consolidated Planning Grant Agreement for FY 2015 will be executed by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Other Communications

Each person shared an update on their organization. Mr. Seiler announced that the Freight Forum will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the River Campus in Cape Girardeau. He also reported that the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission recently reviewed its financial forecast and made some decisions on directing the STIP and how MoDOT manages its funding. The Commission will not add any new major projects to the STIP. In addition, the cost share program for local road projects is being suspended. He also stated that MoDOT's long range planning process, On the Move, is going well. Over 12,000 comments have been received statewide. A draft report is available on the On the Move website.

#### Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Roach, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin  
Acting Executive Director