



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 2014

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Ron Eskew, City of Scott City
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Mike Latuszek, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)
Mr. Bruce Loy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (via conference call)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Introductions

There were no introductions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the May 7, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Eskew.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 23, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin presented the final version of the Public Participation Plan. He stated that the public comment period began March 20, 2014 and ended May 6, 2014, which was greater than the required minimum 45-day period. The Board of Directors held a public hearing on April 23, 2014, which was advertised in the newspaper. No public comments were received. **Mr. Phillips made a motion to recommend adoption of the Public Participation Plan to the Board of Directors. Ms. Brink seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Shrimplin presented the latest draft version of the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that the document has been updated in several places, including the Board and TPC member lists, tasks accomplished list, introduction, financial tables, and work element descriptions. Comments were received from FHWA, FTA, and MoDOT. The draft is ready to be released for the required minimum 15-day public comment period. Mrs. Voss reminded the Committee that the Missouri Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) funds must be spent within five years or they will be forfeited. Mr. Shrimplin stated that per the Board's directive, staff is to expend the Illinois grant funds before using Missouri funds. Two of the Illinois grant funds are one-time, start-up funds which must be used by June 30, 2015. **Mr. Phillips made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors release the draft FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program for public comment. Mr. Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Other Communications

The Committee discussed the upcoming regional prioritization meetings for the proposed transportation sales tax. Representatives from SEMPO and the four RPC's will be meeting with MoDOT Southeast District staff to discuss their respective prioritized project lists, and to develop a single project list for the entire district. In preparation for the first regional prioritization meeting, Mr. Okenfuss asked the Committee how the I-55 corridor project could be broken into smaller projects. The Committee decided to seek input from Cape Girardeau and Jackson city officials as well as the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee.

Mr. Shrimplin stated that due to the required minimum 15-day public comment period for the FY 2015 UPWP, the next TPC meeting cannot be held on the first Wednesday in June as per the normal schedule. Ms. Brink invited the Committee to hold its next meeting at the SEMO Port. A tour of the port will be provided, followed by a complimentary lunch and the meeting. The Committee scheduled the next meeting for June 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the SEMO Port.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Loy, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin