



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mrs. Elquin Auala, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation
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 (FHWA)
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Ms. Tracee Stotts, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mrs. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CGCTA)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order

Chairwoman Watson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.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 agenda of the December 2, 2015 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Christian.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 4, 2015 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairwoman

There were no communications from the Chairwoman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin reviewed the remaining schedule for the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mr. Christian asked those who made comments to verify their comments have been addressed properly by reviewing the latest versions of the MTP and the TIP. He also requested that any additional comments be submitted soon to ensure SEMPO stays on schedule. Mr. Bollinger made a motion to release the 2016-2040 MTP for public comment. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Phillips made a motion to release the FY 2016-2019 TIP for public comment. Mr. Payne seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Shrimplin announced Alex McElroy has been hired as the City of Cape Girardeau's new Development Services Director, effective December 14, 2015.

Mr. Brandon stated Congress is expected to pass the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act in the next few days. If passed and signed into law by the President, the FAST Act will be the longest transportation bill Congress has passed since 2005, providing funding through 2020. Mr. Brandon also mentioned MoDOT is in the process of determining what improvements are needed for the I-55/US-61 overpass (Center Junction).

Mr. Bollinger stated the grand opening of Jackson's new civic center is scheduled for early January, 2016 but the center may have a soft opening by the end of the year.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Shrimplin