



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2016

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Charlie Herbst, Cape Girardeau County
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)
Mr. Harry Rediger, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Ex-Officio Members Present:

Mrs. Kathy Mangels, Southeast Missouri State University
Mrs. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission
Mr. Curtis Jones, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order

Chairman Buchheit called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 agenda of the February 17, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Rediger.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 20, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Christian reviewed the most recent revisions to the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated there were a number of clean-up items in the TIP, which he worked with Mr. Killian to address. Mr. Shrimplin stated SEMPO held a public information session to kick off the MTP process in November of 2014 and also held a public input session on the draft MTP in September of 2015. In addition, SEMPO provided a 30-day public comment period and a public hearing for both the MTP and the TIP.

Chairman Buchheit presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01, A Resolution adopting the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Meyer asked if the possible actions listed under the Goals and Objectives section of the MTP obligates SEMPO or its members to follow through with them. Mr. Shrimplin stated the possible actions do not obligate SEMPO or its members; they are included for reference purposes and may serve as a basis for including new activities in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01. Mr. Herbst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Buchheit presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02, A Resolution adopting the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program. A discussion was held on the need to amend the Public Participation Plan, and subsequently the TIP, to raise the threshold for requiring a TIP Amendment as it pertains to changes in a project's total programmed amount. Mr. Shrimplin indicated this issue will appear on the next Technical Planning Committee agenda. Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2016-02. Mr. Mogelnicki seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Buchheit presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03, A Resolution authorizing the execution of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Certification. Mr. Jones stated the Certification is missing a signature line for IDOT. Mr. Shrimplin stated the Certification will be amended prior to execution. Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03 with the aforementioned amendment. Mr. Hahs seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Mr. Rediger reported that the City of Cape Girardeau is holding education sessions on the proposed vehicle sales tax renewal and use tax. Both issues will be on the April 5, 2016 ballot. Also, the City is in the public meeting stage for the new police station plan options.

Mr. Meyer reported that the City of Cape Girardeau has awarded two contracts for street repair.

Mr. Hahs reported that the City of Jackson will also be holding education sessions on its proposed use tax. In addition, the design of the Phase 1 projects approved as part of the \$4 million water bond issue is underway.

Mr. Herbst reported that Cape Girardeau County will be paving six to eight miles of County roads and doing overlay/chip and seal work on an additional ten to twelve miles. He also reported that the juvenile center is close to fruition, and that the use tax revenue is coming in as expected. He stated there will need to be coordination for the upcoming roundabout project in downtown Jackson. He also mentioned that the recent flood event did not damage County roads.

Mr. Mogelnicki reported that the CTA recently purchased a low floor minivan, which will be delivered tomorrow. He also announced the CTA will no longer serve as the ticketing office for Greyhound bus service.

Mrs. Mangels reported that Southeast Missouri State University has started construction of the first building in the new Greek Village development. The University will also be opening a new speech and hearing clinic on Pacific Street.

Chairman Buchheit reported that the New Bourbon Regional Port Authority experienced damage to two paved sections as a result of the recent flood event. Also, the SEMO RPC recently purchased software that will allow it to do topography modeling.

Mr. Okenfuss announced the MoDOT Planning Partners Meeting will be held tomorrow in Jefferson City. He explained that MoDOT will now be able to match the full amount of federal funds due to the additional FY 2015 state revenues. The higher-than-expected revenues can be attributed to various factors, such increased travel due to an improved economy and low gas prices as well as efforts by MoDOT to obtain federal reimbursement of maintenance activities. He also mentioned that the FAST Act will provide stable funding over the next five years, but legislative changes are needed to ensure long-term funding.

Mr. Jones announced IDOT recently made some personnel changes. Bruce Carmitchel is the new Bureau Chief of Planning, and there have been some reassignments of Metropolitan Planning Managers to different MPO's. Tom Caldwell has been reassigned, and Mr. Jones is now the Metropolitan Planning Manager for SEMPO. He also mentioned that the state budget is imminent.

Mrs. Tracy thanked SEMPO and the SEMO RPC for the work that went into the preparation and adoption of the MTP and the TIP.

Other Business and Communications

There were no other business and communications.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Rediger, seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ryan Shrimplin