



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 17, 2017

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Ms. Kathy Mangels, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Harry Rediger, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division (FHWA) (via teleconference)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Curtis Jones, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

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 May 17, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Rediger.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 19, 2017 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

- **Public Hearing on FY 2018 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Chairman Buchheit opened the public hearing on the FY 2018 UPWP. There being no appearances to speak, he closed the public hearing. Mr. Shrimplin stated that a number of new items had been added and changes made compared to the FY 2017 UPWP. He stated that the FY 2018 UPWP includes funding for an online TIP tool software, which will make the TIP easier to manage and also include mapping functionality. He also explained that starting in FY 2018, SEMPO is required to have its own Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. As a result, SEMO RPC will be creating a new plan for SEMPO, which is identified in the document. Continuation of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan is also included in the new UPWP, as is a new Title VI Program. The document also includes a section on coordinating with MoDOT and other MPO's on the designation of Critical Rural and Urban Freight Corridors. Finally, language has been added regarding MAP-21/FAST Act performance measures. Mr. Shrimplin stated that the document is currently out for public comment. The TPC will recommend adoption of the FY 2018 UPWP on June 7th, and the Board will adopt it on June 21st.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Buchheit introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02. Mr. Shrimplin explained that Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2017 UPWP added information regarding work to be completed by three consultants: KLG Engineering, Lochmueller Group, and SEMO RPC. He added that the total budget amount did not change, nor did the funding sources and amounts. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02, which passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03, A Resolution expressing support of a Missouri Department of Transportation Cost Share Program application by the City of Jackson for the East Jackson Boulevard Roadway Lighting Project – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Buchheit introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03. Mr. Roach explained that the City of Jackson intends to submit a Cost Share Program application to MoDOT for

installing highway lighting along East Jackson Boulevard (US-61) from Walmart to the I-55 Interchange. The project involves installing 125 LED lights with black fixtures and poles. The project cost is estimated at just under \$1 million, which would be a 50/50 cost share. A motion was made by Mr. Rediger and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2017-03, which passed unanimously.

- **Staff Report on Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan**

Ms. Green reported on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. She stated that the Study Oversight Team (SOT) has been created. The SOT met on May 2nd for its kickoff meeting. Ms. Green explained that the group had great discussion about concerns and potential needs in the region. She stated that the consultant has developed a draft vision statement and goals based on input from the SOT. The consultant will be working with the SOT to finalize the vision statement and goals over the next month. Information on the first public engagement event will be forthcoming as well. She stated that she will continue to keep the Board of Directors updated on the plan.

- **Staff Report on Performance Measures**

Ms. Green stated that she is continuing to learn more about the federal requirements of MAP-21/FAST Act. She stated that she will continue to keep the Board of Directors updated as necessary.

Member Reports

Mr. Rediger and Mr. Meyer gave an update on several City of Cape Girardeau projects, including Veterans Memorial Drive Phases 5, Bloomfield Road Phase 5, the South Sprigg Street Bridge, the Main Street Improvements, Independence Sidewalks, Cape LaCroix Trail Widening, and the Asphalt Overlay and Neighborhood Street Repair Programs. Mr. Rediger stated that the City of Cape Girardeau received minimal flood damage. The City has been discussing the Cape LaCroix/Walker Branch improvements with the Army Corps of Engineers. The infrastructure is thirty-five years old and will soon be in need of some maintenance.

Mr. Hahs provided an update on many City of Jackson projects, including water projects, Main Street improvements, High Street / Adam Street improvements, and the MoDOT sidewalk project. Since the school bond issue passed, some school entrances may be reconstructed or altered.

Mr. Phillips reported that all Cape Special Road District roads that were closed due to flooding have been reopened. He added that the asphalt paving program should begin in two weeks.

Ms. Mangels mentioned SEMO University is receiving two new transit vehicles as replacements, and the campus master plan will address parking lots.

Mr. Killian stated that MoDOT is in the application phase of the Cost Share Program, which closes on June 30th. MoDOT is still in the public comment period for the STIP. Mr. Meyer requested that MoDOT involve the City of Cape Girardeau in the scoping of Center Junction and the Exit 93 flyover. Mr. Killian also provided a flood update for the MoDOT Southeast District.

Mr. Buchheit stated the SEMO RPC has been busy addressing flood water concerns.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Shrimplin announced that he has been named the new SEMPO Executive Director, effective immediately.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green, P.E.