



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

December 20, 2017

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
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:

Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. Enos Han, Federal Highway Administration – MO Division (FHWA) (via teleconference)
Mr. Mark Shelton, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

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. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Meyer 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 December 20, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Buchheit and seconded by Mr. Rediger.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 13, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Rediger.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09, A Resolution recognizing Chauncy Buchheit - Reading and Passage**

Vice Chairman Meyer introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09. Mr. Shrimplin presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Buchheit on behalf of SEMPO. Several members of the Board expressed their gratitude to Mr. Buchheit for his dedication to SEMPO and the SEMO RPC. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Rediger to approve RESOLUTION NO 2017-09, which passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10, A Resolution supporting MoDOT and IDOT Transit Asset Management Plan and Safety Performance Measure Targets - Reading and Passage**

Vice Chairman Meyer introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10. Mr. Shrimplin explained that the Board had decided to support the MoDOT and IDOT Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM) performance measure targets earlier in the year. In addition, the Board decided at its last meeting to support the MoDOT and IDOT safety performance measure targets. The resolution formalizes both decisions. A motion was made by Mr. Rediger and seconded by Mr. Phillips to approve RESOLUTION NO 2017-10, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Mr. Rediger reported that the City of Cape Girardeau's Lexington Avenue Improvements Project is proceeding and is scheduled to be completed in 2018. He also reported that he has received positive feedback regarding the new Skywest Airlines service at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport.

Mr. Phillips reported that Cape Special Road District has been conducting routine maintenance and is preparing for winter weather.

Mr. Shelton reported on MoDOT's meeting with the regional planning partners to develop district-wide prioritized project and program lists for the 10-year additional funding scenario. Under the scenario, MoDOT's Southeast District would receive approximately \$210 million for road and bridge projects and \$46 million for multi-modal projects and programs. The Southeast District asked its regional planning partners to create and submit their individual prioritized lists for both road and bridge and multi-modal. The regional planning partners then met at the Southeast District Office on December 12th to select the projects and programs for the district-wide lists. One (1) project in the SEMPO planning area was selected for the road and bridge list: reconstruction of the I-55 interchange at Exit 93 (\$19 million). In addition, one (1) project in the SEMPO planning area was selected for the multi-modal list: contribution toward the SEMO Port Loop Tracks Terminal Project (\$10 million). The regional planning partners agreed to designate \$26.7 million for a multi-modal grant program. In addition, all of the regional planning partners except SEMPO agreed to set aside 5% of their apportionment for MoDOT's maintenance program.

Mr. Killian reported that MoDOT's February letting will include projects on US-61, MO-74, and Rte. K. A portion of the work will be done at night. Several of the existing grates will be upgraded to bike-traversable grates. Some of the turn lanes on US-61 will be widened. MoDOT will also evaluate the intersection of US-61 and Hopper Road for a potential traffic signal.

Mr. Roach reported that the City of Jackson is in process of completing several infrastructure and roadway projects, with more to begin next year.

Mr. Buchheit reported that the SEMO RPC assisted the City of Farmington with obtaining MoDOT Cost Share funds for the construction of a J-turn intersection to serve a local industrial business.

Mr. Christian reported that he is working on the Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plans for the SEMO RPC and SEMPO. He will be presenting a draft of the SEMPO plan at the February 7th TPC meeting. In addition, he is working on adding the required performance measure language to the MTP and TIP. Drafts will be presented to the TPC in February or March.

Mr. Han reported that he and other FHWA – MO Division staff would like to visit SEMPO in early spring. He suggested meeting after a Board of Directors meeting for one to two hours. He would like to solicit any questions prior to the meeting. Mr. Han will invite FHWA – IL Division and FTA as well.

Ms. Brink announced that the SEMO Port is in the process of finalizing grading plans for the Loop Tracks Terminal Project, which is funded by a Delta Regional Authority (DRA) grant. SEMO Port is still working to secure funding for the remainder of the project.

Staff Report

Ms. Green reported that the draft Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan has been released for public comment, along with an online comment form. Two (2) Community Open Houses will be held on January 9th to allow the public to review and discuss the draft plan with Lochmueller Group and SEMPO representatives. The first open house will be held at the Jackson Civic Center from 3:30-5:00 p.m. The second open house will be held at the Osage Centre in Cape Girardeau from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Mr. Shrimplin mentioned that he will prepare a Q&A sheet in advance of the open houses. He also mentioned that he recently gave a presentation on the plan at a Rotary Club meeting.

Mr. Shrimplin reported that the 2018 Meeting Schedule has been prepared and is included in the agenda packets.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green, P.E.