



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2018

Jackson Civic Center – Jackson, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Barry Horst, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
(alternate for Ms. Kathy Mangels)

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Hannah Barnett, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Enos Han, Federal Highway Administration – MO Division (FHWA)
(via teleconference)
Mr. Curtis Jones, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
(via teleconference)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (FHWA)
(via teleconference)
Ms. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
(via teleconference)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Carie Huston, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Hahs 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 April 18, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 21, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the Public Participation Plan - Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03. Mr. Shrimplin explained that Public Participation Plan (PPP) Amendment No. 2 was released for public comment in February, and no comments were received. The amendment adds a section entitled "Transit Program of Projects" which states that CTA (a Section 5307 grant recipient) and Southeast Missouri State University (a sub-recipient) have elected to follow SEMPO's TIP public participation process to meet the public participation requirements for the Program of Projects (POP). A motion was made

by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Roach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2018-03, which passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 6 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04. Mr. Shrimplin stated that FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 6 was released for public comment in March, and no comments were received. Mr. Christian stated that the amendment consists of two new projects. The first project is a box culvert extension on Rte. W, approximately ½ mile south of Rte. Y. The second project is the grading and construction of Harbor Lead Track 2 as part of the SEMO Port's Loop Tracks Terminal project, which is being funded by the Delta Regional Authority. A motion was made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Roach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2018-04, which passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05, A Resolution adopting the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05. Mr. Shrimplin gave a presentation on the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. He stated that the plan was released for public comment in November and two open houses were held on January 9th to obtain feedback from the public on the draft plan. The Study Oversight Team (SOT) also reviewed the draft and provided comments to Lochmueller Group. The plan was revised accordingly and is now ready for approval. Mr. Horst asked if the plan addresses ADA considerations. Mr. Shrimplin referred Mr. Horst to a section of the plan that recommends ADA-compliant pedestrian accommodations. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2018-05, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program – Review of Draft**

Mr. Shrimplin presented a draft of the FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that the main projects proposed for FY 2019 are the ADA Self Evaluation and Transition Plan, the TIP Tool Software and Maintenance, and an update to the Title VI Program. He explained that the Performance Measures subsection in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) section has been updated to reflect the targets already set by MoDOT and supported by SEMPO. Mr. Shrimplin also noted that the proposed budget reflects an increase over the FY 2018 budget. He stated that the TPC will release the draft for public comment on May 2nd. The Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on the draft on May 16th, after which the document will be finalized for TPC recommendation of adoption on June 6th and adoption by the Board on June 20th.

Member Reports

Mr. Meyer reported that the City of Cape Girardeau is moving forward with scheduling projects that were approved as part of the extension of the Parks, Recreation, and Stormwater tax (PRS2), recently approved by the voters. He also reported that he met with MoDOT's Southeast District staff to discuss the I-55/US 61 interchange reconstruction project. He explained that even after using a higher annual traffic increase rate as requested by SEMPO, the model still indicated that a diverging diamond interchange (DDI) would produce the highest level of service in the design year.

Mr. Roach reported that the City of Jackson also recently received voter approval of a tax, for public safety. The funds will be used to construct new police and fire stations. The City is also working on its annual maintenance contracts.

Mr. Phillips reported that Cape Special Road District's asphalt overlay projects have been delayed due to rain but should begin in the next two weeks.

Mr. Horst reported that the Volkswagen settlement provides \$41 million for use by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to implement its beneficiary mitigation plan. Projects that directly reduce vehicle emissions are eligible to receive funding as part of the mitigation program. The selection process will take place over the summer. He also discussed the SEMO RPC's \$300,000 revolving loan fund, which can be used for gap financing on facilities and equipment.

Mr. Christian reported that FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 7 has been submitted for review by MoDOT, IDOT, and ONE DOT. The TPC will release the amendment for public comment on May 2nd. He added that he will present a draft of the Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan to the TPC on May 2nd as well.

Mr. Killian reported on transportation-related bills in the state legislature, including HB2540, which proposes to increase vehicle registration and license fees, and SB734, which proposes to increase the motor fuel tax from \$0.17 per gallon to \$0.27 per gallon. He also discussed SJR36, which proposes to authorize a state sales tax increase of 4/10 cent to fund the Missouri State Highway Patrol in lieu of its current funding source. He also reported that the Rte. D, Rte. PP, and SP (Spur) 34 resurfacing and shouldering projects were let in March and awarded to APEX Paving. The US 61 and Rte. K overlay project will be let April 20th. There will be a letting in May for a bridge deck replacement on Rte. V over Little Indian Creek. The draft STIP will be released for public comment on May 2nd. The draft LRTP update is in the public comment period. The next deadline for the Cost Share Program is June 29th. In response to a question from Mr. Bollinger, he indicated that MoDOT will not be holding any application workshops for the program.

Mr. Jones announced that IDOT has issued a call for projects for Statewide Planning and Research Funds. Applications are due May 16th. Awards will be announced on July 1st. An application workshop will be held.

Mr. Han announced that ONE DOT will be holding an MPO Listening Session immediately following the May 2nd SEMPO TPC meeting. He also announced that FHWA will host a Multi-Jurisdictional Coordination Meeting in Kansas City on May 16th and 17th.

Ms. Barnett reported that the Bootheel area is participating in MoDOT's Cost Share Program.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin reported that four (4) proposals were received in response to the TIP Tool Software and Maintenance RFP. The Technology Subcommittee is in the process of reviewing and scoring the proposals to determine which firms should be selected for interviews.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Mehner reported that the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce's Transportation Committee recently discussed the proposed DDI design for the I-55/US 61 interchange. He indicated that the Committee applauded MoDOT's efforts in finding a way to replace the entire interchange rather than just the bridge decks. Concerns were raised, however, about the narrow span of the overpass, which will only provide space for a 5 foot wide sidewalk and no space for additional lanes on US 61 in the future. A request was made at the Committee meeting for a letter summarizing the concerns to be prepared and submitted to MoDOT. Mr. Mehner explained to the Committee that if such a letter was to be submitted, it would need to be prepared by SEMPO rather than the Chamber. Mr. Meyer stated that he is satisfied after MoDOT explored the issues adequately, and that there are many ramifications to having a wider span. In response to a question from Mr. Roach, he indicated that the sidewalk will be installed as part of the project.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:12 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin