



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2014

SEMO Port . Scott County

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mrs. Elquin Auala, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Dan Overbey, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)
Mrs. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority

Staff Present:

Ms. Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

SEMO Port Tour

Mr. Overbey gave a tour of the SEMO Port, followed by lunch provided by the Port.

Call to Order

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 11:52 a.m.

Introductions

There were no introductions.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the June 11, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Christian.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 7, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Overbey.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin reviewed the latest revisions to the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that the required 15-day minimum public comment period has closed, and that no comments were received. FHWA, FTA, and MoDOT had issued comments previously, and the document has been revised accordingly. A public hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2014 during the Board of Directors meeting. A notice of the public hearing was published in the newspaper on June 8, 2014. **Mr. Bollinger made a motion to recommend the Board of Directors adopt the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Overbey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Other Communications

Chairman Payne reminded the Committee members that the MoDOT Southeast District will be hosting an open house for the proposed transportation sales tax project list on June 12, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre in Cape Girardeau. Open houses are also scheduled in Poplar Bluff and Farmington the following week.

Ms. Hood gave a recap of the two prioritization process meetings with the MoDOT Southeast District and the RPC. If passed, the transportation sales tax would generate over \$5 billion in revenue over a 10-year period. The Southeast District would receive about \$380 million to be spent on projects in the district. SEMPO projects that made the Southeast District's proposed list include: improvements to Interstate 55 (redesign of Exit 93 and upgrades to the Bloomfield Road overpass), improvements to US Highway 61 and Missouri State Route 25, the Loop Tracks Project at SEMO Port, and a bicycle/pedestrian trail connecting East Main Street in Jackson to Missouri State Route W in Cape Girardeau. Mr. Killian added that a map showing the locations of the projects and a list with brief descriptions will be on display boards at the open house. Mr. Christian stated that SEMPO and the RPC decided to take money off the top to supplement funding for maintenance of the existing road and bridge system, and also set aside money to fund a competitive grant program for transit agencies.

Mrs. Auala asked if SEMPO will receive Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds directly and then distribute the funds to applicants. No one knew if this is the case. Mr. Killian agreed to contact Eva Voss for clarification.

Ms. Hood thanked the SEMO Port staff for hosting the tour and providing lunch.

After discussion, the Committee decided to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting in July. Staff will work with the SEMO RPC and MoDOT to continue progress on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Overbey, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin