



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

August 19, 2020

Via Zoom On Line Conference

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
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. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) IL Division

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present on Call:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Hahs called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Introductions

Mr. McElroy introduced those members on the conference call.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the August 19, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Bob Fox and seconded by Scott Meyer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 15, 2020 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Hahs reserved his comments for member reports.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

Chairman Hahs asked if there were any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

New/Unfinished Business

- **Americans with Disabilities Act Pedestrian Transportation Infrastructure Condition Assessment – Update**

Lochmueller has established the sidewalk inventory for the SEMPO area with the field work being complete. They collected over 13,500 data points. A brief summary of their initial findings was provided to the Board before this meeting. Next steps: Analysis of the data set collected (started August 1), Framework plan preparation (started August 1), Plan documentation (September 1 – October 15), Present to the Board on October 21, 2020. Lochmueller will be contacting each community to discuss required items such as grievance policies and designated ADA coordinators. These items are required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update – Update**

Mr. McElroy noted that 15 firms (5 local and 10 regional firms with transportation planning specialization) were solicited directly through e-mail for the MTP Update. Proposals were due July 27 and the subcommittee and TPC will interview the two

teams on September 2. The two firms are KLG and Lochmueller Partnership and BFW Engineering. Interviews are set up for 30-minute presentations and 15 minutes of Q & A. The Board should expect a recommendation at the September 16 Board meeting.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that the consultants are on the design phase of the Sprigg St. project, from William St. to Broadway. The City did a traffic study at the intersection of Sprigg St. and William St. to see if a southbound right turn lane onto Sprigg St. at William St. was warranted. The study revealed that it is not warranted and they are now looking at the opposite corner in the southwest quadrant to see what improvements can be added there. This is a busy intersection with truck turning and pedestrian issues. The acquisition phase for easements is proceeding for the West End Boulevard project from Rose to Bertling Streets. The City now has Corps approval and so it is being designed and should start later this year. Nothing starts on TTF6 until the City starts collecting the money.

Mr. Meyer noted that the City is working with MoDOT and the developer on the TDD proposal trying to work through some of the issues regarding access along Kingshighway. A decision that would clarify the issues has been delayed by the judge. The City continues to support the project and look for clarity so it can move forward.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs noted that the City is currently overlaying Farmington Road, which is one of the major projects on their annual asphalt program. He went on to note that they have substantially completed the Industrial Park road that they did in cooperation with Cape Girardeau County with a DRA grant. They are looking at two of the three low water bridges in the City and are considering replacements. They are starting at the one in the park and proposing at next council meeting the hiring of an engineering company to give some options for replacing the bridge in the future. They would need to work with the Park Board to come up with a plan. After the park bridge is complete, the City will move to the Mary St. Bridge. They are looking for some grant funding for these projects and are working with SEMO RPC on this.

Cape Special Road District - Mr. Phillips reported that they are mostly doing routine maintenance. One notable project is a box culvert replacement on Sprigg St in the Cape Girardeau city limits. They plan to let that project this fall.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicke noted that ridership is still at about 70% of the normal numbers.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort noted the University is in the process of move in week (instead of move in day as in the past). They are trying to plan for a new normal and keeping students safe during COVID 19.

Airport – Ms. Amos reported that ridership has increased to about 355 passengers, which is the best month since March. They continue working on the Terminal Area

Master plan and received some feedback from FAA yesterday. They are reviewing the comments. They hope to meet with consultants next week to work on details which would mean they should have more information next month.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that an administrative modification (ad mod) was sent to ONE DOT last week and that it is live on the TIP site. There is also a TIP Amendment that will be taken to the TPC in September and then will come to the Board. He is still waiting for ONE DOT to finish their review before we can officially bring to TPC and Board.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss noted that contractors are getting close to a traffic shift that should start on September 1st or 2nd. They will be sending out fliers to local communities and Sportsplex and will post information on Facebook. He said they will be shifting traffic on to the new lanes. There will still be one lane in each direction with the major difference being that vehicles will not be able to make left turns across opposing traffic at any point. The restriction will extend through the limits of the project. This configuration will be in place for 6 to 8 weeks. Once it is complete, everything east of the interchange will be done in its full build condition with the traffic light at Veterans Memorial Driveway active. Over the next 6 to 8 weeks there will be three smaller phases and those will be detailed in the handout that will go out later today. His understanding is that the I-55 northbound on ramp will open but the I-55 southbound off ramp will not. The offramp is being used as a staging area so it will remain closed at this time. They don't have a good timeframe on the opening of that ramp.

Ms. O'Connor noted that she had reviewed the TIP Amendment, had no issues with it, and forwarded it to Brad McMahan at Federal Highway to let him know she had no comments. She has not heard back from him but will follow up in order to move the TIP Amendment forward.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell noted that all is going well.

FHWA – No report from Ms. Tracy.

Staff Report

TPC will be busy with MTP next month so staff will start the prioritization of road, bridge, and multimodal projects in October and will try to get them to MoDOT in October or November. Mr. McElroy noted that he will send out the prioritization from last year and will have some updates from what was in scoping and FY 20. The Board will then be familiar with it and hopefully be able to have a more abbreviated prioritization as there was good vetting on projects last year. This should just be a refresher with everyone noting whether the priorities remain or have changed. He just wanted to give the Board a heads up on this process.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:31 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills