



## TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

October 7, 2020  
Osage Centre

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)  
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC) via zoom  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA) via zoom

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) via zoom  
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) via zoom  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) via zoom  
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) via zoom  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Illinois Division via zoom

Staff Present:

Alex McElroy

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Due to lack of a quorum, no official actions could be taken. Executive Director McElroy called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

Those in attendance discussed the items on the agenda without taking action.

- **MoDOT STIP 2022-2026** – Mr. Shrimplin noted that it was his understanding that the STIP was on hold. Mr. Brandon said MoDOT got off schedule last year. He said they put the pause on the STIP then and didn't create a new one. They are hopeful they will get back into the cycle. He said they are starting to estimate the bridges and overlays for the next STIP. He is hoping it will be a normal cycle and they will be able to create a new STIP. He noted that the backfill money, which is the money that was freed up for the planning partner projects, is uncertain with no expected clarification until at least January. He added that they still need the annual list and input from SEMPO as to whether the priorities will change. Mr. Shrimplin noted that likely everyone will be ok with keeping the Mary Street and the Hubble Creek bridge as priorities.

Mr. Shrimplin noted he had forwarded a pedestrian project to Mr. Brandon to be added, even if it is considered low priority. Mr. Bollinger gave a brief history on that project, noting that about 5 years ago the City of Jackson was approached by a parent of a child with special needs wanting a sidewalk in that area. At that time, MoDOT did a timing signal adjustment to allow for longer time for crossing. He noted that it is good to discuss again.

Mr. McElroy said he did bring the spreadsheet created last year with the addition of the intersection that Mr. Shrimplin has suggested. He said he would e-mail the list out to the committee. Mr. McElroy noted that the timing would be to get the list to MoDOT in November. This has to go before the Board and in order to make the timing work, it would need to go to them this month to be approved in November. Mr. Bollinger suggested e-mailing the list out to the TPC and then call a special meeting within the next week or so. Mr. Shrimplin noted the sunshine law would have to be followed but if it was e-mailed out and no one had any changes, a meeting might not be necessary. If there was something that warranted a discussion, then a meeting could be called. Mr. McElroy noted that our timeframe would allow for that. Ms. Brink noted that for sure the Port's projects will change. Mr. McElroy noted he will e-mail the list out to everyone.

- **American with Disabilities Act Pedestrian Transportation Infrastructure Condition Assessment** – Mr. McElroy noted that Ms. Sharp with Lochmueller Group said they would have the draft plans done by end of next week. He noted that as soon as he received the information, he would e-mail that information out before the Board meeting so everyone would have a chance to look at them and then any TPC member is welcome to attend the Board meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> when they will be presented.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Mr. McElroy noted that the Board had approved the KLG/Lochmueller team for the project. He said the Kickoff meeting was held last week and a steering committee has already been established with a meeting scheduled for this Friday by Zoom. He noted the team is drafting a schedule for the completion of project and will be working with MoDOT and IDOT to finalize the schedule.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported that TTF6 will begin seeing funding by the beginning of the year and the City is preparing to get started when that happens. He noted that they continue work on TTF5. He said that as previously reported, the geotechnical study for Fountain Street is being discussed with Council who will determine the future of that project. He said they are working through issues with property owners on the Independence Street project. They have discovered that Independence Street, which used to be Route K, was supposed to have been given to the City by MoDOT years ago but it was never actually deeded over to the City. He noted that work is now being done to get the appropriate portions of right of way transferred to the City by MoDOT. The decision has been made not to do a public meeting for the Main Street project but to send out correspondence to individual property owners about how the project will impact them. That correspondence is being prepared now and should be sent out this month. Sprigg Street project is in the design development stage. North West End Blvd plans are being finalized by the consultants and easements are being acquired.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported they are in the design development phase of two low water replacement projects in the Jackson City Park. They are scheduled to replace one next year and the other in 2022. He noted they are being very diligent due to safety concerns with a near drowning and cars washing off the bridges. Because of this, the projects have been accelerated and Smith & Co. is working on the design for the Hubble Creek local one lane bridge. He noted they will know more in about a month regarding design and aesthetics. They are working with the Parks Department on the scope of the project. A larger bridge will have to be replaced at West Mary Street. It is wider and longer and will need pedestrian facilities. A consulting engineer will not be hired until the scope is better defined. He noted they are in the middle of annual improvement programs. Annual concrete pavement will be completed by the end of the year and annual asphalt pavement is almost done. There are a couple more streets to finish and additional work by Klaus Park village that was added. Mr. Bollinger also noted the City's parks and street crews are working together to extend a section of the recreational trail in Jackson City Park. This is a phased process with some this year and some next and they will do small sections as time allows. This is being done with city crews.

CTA – Ms. Watson reported that current ridership continues at about 70-75% of pre-COVID numbers.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported that they are very busy right now. They finally have a signed contract for the BUILD project so they will be moving forward on that and looking at advertising for the materials handling portion of the project. The RFQ for that will open soon. They are meeting with engineers on the EDA project tomorrow. They hope to have the plans complete by the end of this month so they can start advertising in November and have a contractor under contract by the end of this year or at least early next year.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported they will be doing some office remodeling in the near future.

MoDOT – Mr. Brandon reported they are evaluating what they want to do with BUILD and INFRA grants as a state. He noted they had the Highway Safety and Traffic Conference virtually last week and it went well. The Rte. 177 project is still moving and there is a news release out on it asking for public comments.

Ms. O'Connor said she will be sending an e-mail to Mr. McElroy asking who would need to be included from SEMPO and consultants for a meeting to discuss MTP extension request.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell noted it was good to see the steering committee meeting had been set for this Friday.

### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported that he included the MoDOT press release on Rte. 177 in the meeting packet. The project manager is Benji Philpot and they are soliciting public comments until October 19<sup>th</sup>.

He also noted that as part of the UPWP a small amount of funding was approved for redevelopment and hosting of the website. He has had some preliminary meetings with local firms. He said he doesn't plan to do anything right away but will be trying to get it done this year. He thought there had been about \$15,000 approved for the entire project and will check

on procurement threshold for RFP's and RFQ's. He noted it would be nice to use a local company if possible. He wanted the committee to be aware of this.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Meeting was concluded at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marla Mills