



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**
January 20, 2021
Via Zoom

Board Voting Members Present via zoom:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Beth Glaus, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present via zoom:

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Eva Steinman, Federal Transit Administration – Region 7 (FTA)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (FHWA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present via zoom:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. John Mehner, MAGNET
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Staff Present via zoom:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau, SEMPO

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present via zoom:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Hahs called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

Introductions

Those present were identified by Mr. McElroy.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 20, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded Mr. Roach.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 16, 2020 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Hahs had no communication at this time.

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

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01, A Resolution Expressing Support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Jackson for the West Mary Street Sidewalk Connection** – It was noted there was a recommendation to approve this Resolution by the Technical Planning Committee. Upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Fox, adoption of the Resolution passed unanimously.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02, A Resolution supporting Southeast Missouri State University Safety Performance Measure** – Mr. McElroy noted that this is the first time the University has put forth performance targets so this is a starting point for them. A copy of their safety plan was included in the agenda packet. It was further noted that there was a recommendation to approve this Resolution by the Technical Planning Committee. Upon a motion made by Mr. Fox, seconded by Mr. Phillips, adoption of the Resolution passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03, A Resolution in Memoriam of Lawrence Payne** – Out of respect for Mr. Payne, Chairman Hahs read the Resolution out loud. It was noted that there was a recommendation to approve this Resolution by the Technical Planning Committee. Upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer and Seconded by Mr. Fox, the adoption of the Resolution passed unanimously. Mr. McElroy noted that the Resolution would be finalized, signed, framed, and then presented to Mr. Payne's family. Mr. Hahs asked for a moment of silence out of respect for Mr. Payne.

- **RESOLUTION O. 2021-04, A Resolution Expressing Support of a City of Cape Girardeau Transportation Alternative Program Grant Program Application for the Kingshighway and Maria Louise Lane and Cape Rock Drive Intersection Improvement Project** – Mr. McElroy noted that the Cape Girardeau City Council authorized the application at their meeting last night. He also noted that it was identified in a TEAP study as an area of concern. There was a recommendation to approve this Resolution by the Technical Planning Commission. Upon a motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Fox, the adoption of the Resolution passed unanimously.

- **Americans with Disabilities Act Pedestrian Transportation Infrastructure Condition Assessment** - Mr. McElroy noted that this is just an acceptance of the report and there has been time for comment. There are hard copies and flash drives with the data for the cities. Upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Roach, the Assessment was unanimously accepted.

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**
Mr. McElroy noted that sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 were submitted to the steering committee for comment by January 15. Consultants are working on sections 3, 7 and 9. They are combining sections 3 and 9 to put the performance measures with the goals and objectives. When received by Mr. McElroy, he will review and likely convene the steering committee to vet the strategies to identify which direction SEMPO wants to take. He expects to receive those by the end of this week.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox noted the city is still working on a few big TTF5 projects. Fountain Street has some geotechnical issues and it has not been determined how these will be handled. The Main Street project is in property acquisition and starting preliminary design. Sprigg Street is in preliminary design. On the Independence Street project, staff is working with MoDOT on right of way acquisition and staff and consultants continue to meet with other property owners. On the West End Boulevard project, the utility work is almost finished with construction starting later this spring. The city is working on a huge stormwater project at Good Hope and Kingshighway. Mr. Fox noted that he has received comments from residents that there are some areas on Kingshighway where the concrete is caving in at the edge of the new

pavement repair. These issues have occurred on both North and South Kingshighway areas. He wanted to note this for MoDOT.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that the city had wrapped up the normal maintenance projects. Big projects this year is replacement of 1 low water bridge and planning for replacement next year of another low water bridge. In addition, the city has outlined its concrete and asphalt programs for this year with main project being Old Cape Road. Mr. Hahs had two questions for MoDOT. He noted that with DDI running well, the city of Jackson is working with a consultant on some retail development at Exit 99. He said the first thing they would like to do is plan what that intersection will look like, which is dependent on what MoDOT will do with the present right of way. He asked who he should be working with on this. Also, he noted that on East Jackson Boulevard there is a leak creating an icy situation on the sidewalk. Mr. Hahs asked if there was a plan by MoDOT to address this.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted they are out for bid for the asphalt overlays for this year with bid opening on February 9.

Cape Regional Airport – Ms. Amos noted a huge portion of the Terminal Area Masterplan was approved by FTA on Monday. This was critical and means they can move forward on planning and with other projects.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted that he has an administrative modification that he is working on with MoDOT. It will not require action as it is just a modification but the Board will receive information on this at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Tanz noted that the statewide planning partner meeting is on February 10.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss offered to address some of the concerns expressed. As far as Kingshighway, he noted that the MoDOT maintenance crews had observed some of the same issues and had planned to make repairs. He offered to follow up and get a schedule and will coordinate to make sure none of the locations are missed. He said that they would have to wait until the contractors are done before the Exit 99 plans were made but will make sure to bring the detailed plan to them when they have it. He went on to say he would talk to the right of way staff regarding timeline and what has been done.

Mr. A. Meyer explained the exact limits may be difficult to determine at this time but that the right of way department could share in general what that might look like.

Mr. Okenfuss noted that they were aware of the sidewalk issue and have an on-call contractor scheduled to work on it but not sure when work will be done.

Mr. Okenfuss stated that Mr. Brandon is working to develop the STIP for this year, which was not updated last year because of COVID. One project they have been discussing is on US 61 just north of Courthouse. He noted they are planning some

improvements including a turn lane onto Mary Street and the possibility of replacing the Hubble Creek bridge. He noted MoDOT will be calling the city of Jackson to discuss these projects. He said they would like to work out any utility concerns, etc. Mr. Brandon noted that this would be funded with backfill money from the focus on bridges program. It is the bridge replacement over Hubble Creek and improvements at the intersection of Mary Street. He noted that will come off the unfunded needs list so it has to be updated. He noted he had sent a request out to the local planners in the district. He noted they are looking at a two- tier list like before. The first tier will have \$500 million and the second tier will be a \$2 billion list. Southeast gets a portion of that so for our area tier 1 will be \$44.1 million and tier 2 will be \$176.2 million. These are projects that have been identified that should funding become available, MoDOT could pull projects from that list. He noted that he is working off the most recent list and trying to get some estimates. Once the list is developed, he will send out for review, comments and changes. A final draft needs to be submitted to the MoDOT central office by March 1.

Ms. O'Connor noted that the statewide planning partner meeting on February 10 is virtual so it has more capacity than in past but is still limited to 10 people per organization. She said the hope is to see some additional people attend.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report.

Southeast Missouri State University – Ms. Glaus said she had nothing SEMPO focused to report but noted that the Governor had recently released some funds that will allow them to make some much-needed tunnel repairs. There will be approximately \$4.94 mill with the repairs to be completed in 2022 and 2023.

MAGNET – Mr. Mehner noted that the legislative session has started. He said that early conversations in reference to transportation funding seems to be around the South Carolina plan which is a 2 cent a year gas tax raise for at least five years, with Missouri residents having the opportunity to saving receipts and taking a reduction of that tax on their income tax.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy asked that anyone interested in participating in the statewide planning partner meeting should contact him and he will get them registered. He went on to say that the last project in the UPWP is underway. He is working with Rooted Web, a local company, to update website.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:45 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Mills