



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

January 22, 2014

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

### Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission  
Ms. Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mr. Mike Latuszek, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)

Due to lack of a quorum, no official actions could be taken. Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance discussed the tasks to be completed in the upcoming months.

Mr. Shrimplin stated that work will soon begin on the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program. He stated that he does not envision the document changing that much from FY 2014 except for the financial portions, which cannot be started until MoDOT and IDOT provide the funding figures for the new fiscal year.

Mr. Shrimplin reviewed an in-progress draft of the FY 2014-2017 Title VI Program. He stated that staff will need assistance from the SEMO RPC in completing the portions pertaining to demographic data and growth projections for the SEMPO service area.

Mr. Shrimplin stated that staff is in the process of obtaining examples of the Public Participation Plan from other MPO's and will begin preparing a draft.

Mr. Christian reviewed a proposed outline for the Long Range Transportation Plan. He stated that a draft should be ready for review by spring.

Mr. Killian reviewed a draft of the amended FY 2014-2017 Interim Transportation Improvement Program. He explained that there were two projects accidentally omitted from the document because the locations referenced did not appear to fall within SEMPO's boundary. The group discussed the need to release the draft for public comment before presenting to the Board for review. Mr. Shrimplin stated that staff will post the document to the website following the

meeting. The group acknowledged that due to the lengthy time frame for obtaining approval for the TIP and its amendments, SEMPO needs to develop a process that begins several months before documents are submitted to the DOT's.

Mr. Shrimplin reported that Jeff Glenn, MoDOT consultant, gave a presentation on the Initiative Petition process at the January 15, 2014 Board of Directors meeting. The Board agreed to use Mr. Glenn's firm to develop a public participation process in preparing a list of projects to be funded by the statewide one percent sales tax should it be approved by the voters. Staff will meet with Mr. Glenn to begin work.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin  
Acting Executive Director