



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2014

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission
Mr. Ron Eskew, City of Scott City
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Mike Latuszek, Federal Highway Administration (via conference call)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Dan Overbey, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (Transportation Committee)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Bill Robinett, Missouri Department of Transportation (via conference call)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (via conference call)

Staff Present:

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

Call to Order

Chairman Payne called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction. Mike Brandon was introduced as a Transportation Project Designer for MoDOT, who will be temporarily filling the role previously held by Jay Lancaster.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda

The March 5, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Eskew.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 10, 2014 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Overbey and seconded by Mr. Christian.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin presented the FY 2014-2017 Title VI Program and gave an overview of the key components. He stated that the document has been posted on the website for public comment since January. To provide further opportunities for public comment, he will give a presentation on the Title VI Program at the beginning of the two outreach meetings for the initiative petition project prioritization process, to be held on March 14, 2014. Mr. Robinett stated that MoDOT has hired a consultant to review the Title VI Program documents submitted statewide. **Mr. Phillips made a motion to recommend approval of the FY 2014-2017 Title VI Program to the Board of Directors for release to MoDOT. Mr. Overbey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ms. Hood presented the draft Public Participation Plan and gave an overview of the key components. Ms. Tracy stated that a 45 day minimum public comment period is required for amendments to the Public Participation Plan, not 15 days as stated in the draft. Mr. Shrimplin stated that staff will make the correction. **Mr. Christian made a motion to recommend approval of the draft Public Participation Plan to the Board of Directors for release for public comment, with the noted correction. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Shrimplin presented an in-progress draft of the FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). He stated that the document is very similar to the FY 2014 UPWP. The Board and TPC member lists have been updated, along with the accomplishments list. The work elements will remain the same as last year except for the removal of work products that have been or will be completed by the time the FY 2015 UPWP is finalized. Most of the changes will be in the financial tables. Staff is working with MoDOT and IDOT to obtain the funding amounts for the next fiscal year. Once these numbers are in place, the matching funds can be determined and the budget prepared. There were no questions or comments. Mr. Shrimplin stated that staff will continue to work on the document in the upcoming months.

Mr. Christian gave an update on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He stated that the RPC is presently adding standard language, membership information, and census data. He will be coordinating with the City of Cape Girardeau and the City of Jackson on obtaining copies of zoning maps, land use maps, infrastructure maps, traffic accident data, and other information that may be of use in the preparation of the MTP. He will be meeting with SEMPO staff to select a subconsultant for the traffic demand modeling. Mr. Latuszek suggested that a committee be formed to work on the MTP, consisting of MoDOT and IDOT, city and county officials, transit and freight providers, the Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, and other representatives who can provide information necessary for the plan. Ms. Tracy suggested studying MTP's by other MPO's for ideas, such as scenario planning and performance measures.

Other Communications

Ms. Tracy stated that \$600 million will be available for the sixth round of the TIGER grant program. Applications are due by April 28, 2014. Project submissions should emphasize multi-modal improvements, and should be ready to commence upon award. Mr. Overbey stated that the Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority would like to submit an application for a loop track, but has not done so because an economic development study would be required, which can be expensive. Chairman Payne stated that SEMPO needs to support the project.

Mr. Killian stated that the MoDOT Southeast District will be meeting with SEMPO and the RPC's on March 17, 2014 to discuss the initiative petition project prioritization process.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Eskew, the Committee unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin
Acting Executive Director