



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2015

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mrs. Elquin Auala, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
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
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (via conference call)
Mrs. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CGCTA)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order

Chairwoman Watson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the November 4, 2015 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 7, 2015 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Payne.

Communications from the Chairwoman

There were no communications from the Chairwoman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin reviewed the remaining schedule for the review and adoption of the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mrs. Voss shared her comments on the MTP and the TIP. Mr. Killian stated he has additional projects to be added to the MTP's fiscally constrained project list and will forward them to Mr. Christian. Mr. Payne mentioned that IDOT is moving forward with a study for the 66 Corridor Project, which is proposed to run through a portion of SEMPO's metropolitan planning area. Mr. Shrimplin stated the MTP currently includes a statement about the 66 Corridor, but it may not mention the IDOT study in progress. Mr. Christian will check and revise, if necessary.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Okenfuss stated the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) will hold a press conference tomorrow afternoon to announce MoDOT's new director. Next month, MHTC will hear presentations from the private sector on innovative ideas for improving I-70 as part of the "Road to Tomorrow" initiative.

Mr. Killian reported that MoDOT has prepared a tentative list of projects to be funded by its portion of the excess FY 2015 state revenues. The tentative list includes two projects in SEMPO's metropolitan planning area. The first project is a pavement overlay for US-61 from Center Junction to Mount Auburn Road in Cape Girardeau. He clarified this project will not include the portion of US-61 under the I-55 bridge, as MoDOT wants to complete the bridge work first. The bridge is currently in the scoping phase and will hopefully be approved for construction soon. The second project involves bridge improvements for the I-55 flyover at Exit 93 (US-61) in Cape Girardeau.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Shrimplin