



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2016

Osage Centre - Cape Girardeau

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mrs. Elquin Auala, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mrs. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. David Blalock, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation
Mr. Mike Latuszek, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)(via conference call)
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET
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 (CTA)

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 March 2, 2016 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Mehner.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 3, 2016 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Communications from the Chairwoman

There were no communications from the Chairwoman.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Shrimplin presented a draft amendment to the Public Participation Plan (PPP) and reviewed the proposed changes. He stated that per recent discussions by both the Board and the TPC, the threshold for making an administrative modification to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is being raised from fifteen percent (15%) of the project's total programmed amount to fifty percent (50%). Mr. Latuszek indicated he did not believe 50% would be an appropriate threshold for an MPO of SEMPO's size. He agreed to look into the matter and follow-up. Mr. Shrimplin stated another significant change to the PPP is the table establishing the minimum public comment periods for SEMPO's plans and programs. The amendment switches from periods of 15, 30, and 45 calendar days to periods of 14, 28, and 42 calendar days to better coincide with the Board and TPC meeting schedules. Mr. Latuszek stated the minimum public comment period for adopting and amending the PPP must remain at 45 days, as required by federal law. The TPC established new minimum public comment periods for the other plans and programs. Mr. Shrimplin also stated the introduction needs to be updated to include language about the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. Mr. Latuszek and Mrs. Voss offered to provide some suggested language.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Bollinger reported that the City of Jackson is going out to bid on concrete street repair and asphalt overlay. He also provided updates on the Hubble Creek Recreation Trail Phase 2 project, the water bond projects, the railroad crossing project, and the roundabout project.

Mr. Payne stated Scott City is looking at the interchange and a new route to the city; MoDOT held a meeting a couple weeks ago. He added that the County is working on a project to provide better access for the quarry.

Mr. Phillips reported that Cape Special Road District is working on a contract for asphalt overlay of nine (9) to ten (10) miles in various locations, plus a bridge replacement on County Road 651.

Mrs. Watson mentioned the CTA will no longer sell tickets for Greyhound bus service. She stated the CTA is still in the process of raising the matching funds for fleet replacement, but did manage to purchase a small used bus.

Mrs. Brink reported that some of the SEMO Port projects in the TIP have been completed and need to be removed. The other projects will proceed as funding becomes available. The Port is looking into applying for TIGER funds.

Mr. Christian stated the SEMO RPC attended the MoDOT Statewide Planning Partners Meeting.

Mrs. Auala stated MoDOT will begin taking Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) applications on September 1, 2016. A meeting will be scheduled regarding changing some of the program requirements.

Mr. Killian gave an overview of the FAST Act.

Mr. Blalock announced the Delta Regional Authority will be holding a two-day training course on disaster recovery and economic resilience. The course will be held March 7-8, 2016 in Cape Girardeau. More information is available on the Bootheel RPC's website.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Mehner, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Shrimplin