



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2016

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Chauncy Buchheit, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Ms. Beth Glaus, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)(appointed alternate for Kathy Mangels)
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Ms. Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau (appointed alternate for Scott Meyer)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Harry Rediger, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. David Blalock, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET
Mr. Jeremiah Shuler, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) (via conference call)
Mrs. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Call to Order

Chairman Buchheit called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.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 October 19, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Rediger and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 21, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Buchheit stated he received an email from Janette Vomund, Multimodal Operations Specialist – Transit for MoDOT, requesting that each RPC and MPO submit a budget for updating their Human Service Coordination Plan by October 28, 2016. The Human Service Coordination Plan is a requirement for projects and programs funded under the FTA Section 5310, Transportation for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities. MoDOT is making available FTA federal planning funds to assist in preparing the updates. Federal participation will be 80% of the cost, up to \$20,000. The other 20% is to be local match. Mr. Shrimplin stated he also received the email, but SEMPO does not have its own Human Service Coordination Plan. He confirmed with Ms. Vomund that SEMPO will need to submit a budget for preparing a new one. Mr. Shrimplin will consult with Mr. Christian in preparing the budget since the SEMO RPC will be submitting one for updating its plan.

New/Unfinished Business

Mrs. Voss gave a presentation entitled “MPO Planning Process”.

Chairman Buchheit presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Cape Rock Drive Sidewalk – Kingshighway to Perryville Road Project. Mr. Shrimplin stated the City of Cape Girardeau submitted Missouri Moves applications in July for this project and the Independence Street Sidewalk – Gordonville Road/East Rodney Drive to Cape LaCroix Trail Project. The Missouri Moves program has since been suspended, so the City is seeking funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) instead. The scope of work and budget has not changed for either project. Mr. Roach made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2016-13. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Buchheit presented RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Independence Street Sidewalk – Gordonville Road/East Rodney Drive to Cape LaCroix Trail Project. Mr. Hahs made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2016-14. Mr. Roach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Mr. Rediger gave an update on the City of Cape Girardeau’s transportation projects, including the Independence/Gordonville roundabout, the Independence/Silver Springs culvert, Bloomfield Road Phase 5, the South Sprigg Street bridge, and Veterans Memorial Drive Phase 5. Ms. Hood noted the sidewalk gap project on North Sprigg Street is also underway. Mr. McElroy stated the City is making street repairs in the Ashland Hills neighborhood.

Mr. Hahs announced the City of Jackson, MoDOT, and the Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the US-61/East Main Street roundabout on October 21, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. He also mentioned the City of Jackson will be starting on a Major Traffic Plan Study next year. In addition, the waterline improvements are currently underway. Mr. Roach stated the City is nearing completion of its trail projects.

Mr. Phillips mentioned the Cape Special Road District is doing routine maintenance and nearing completion of the County Road 651 bridge replacement project.

Mr. Mogelnicki reported that the CTA's triennial review is next year. The CTA received a very lengthy questionnaire that must be completed in advance of the review.

Mr. Blalock stated the Bootheel RPC's Transportation Advisory Committee met yesterday to prioritize its members' transportation needs.

Mr. Mehner indicated the Transportation Development District (TDD) for the extension of Veterans Memorial Drive through the Midamerica Hotels property at Center Junction is underway. Ms. Hood stated the Cape Girardeau City Council will hold a public hearing on the TDD on November 21, 2016.

Mr. Killian reported that MoDOT's Director, Patrick McKenna, and MoDOT's Southeast District Engineer, Mark Shelton, met with Earl Norman to discuss the repurposing of the earmarks. He also stated the City of Jackson's Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) project was selected for funding, which will require SEMPO's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to be amended. In addition, Ameren was not able to complete the work that required closure of Interstate 55 on October 18, 2016. The next closure date and time is yet to be determined. Lastly, MoDOT has started working on the 2018-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Southeast District is requesting that SEMPO submit a list of the top three maintenance and safety needs for each of the following: roads, bridges, the port, the airport, and transit. Mr. Shrimplin stated the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) will make its recommendation to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Shuler announced the U.S. Department of Transportation will be holding an "MPOwerment" Roundtable Discussion at the East-West Gateway Council of Governments office in St. Louis on November 2, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Other Business and Communications

There were no other business and communications.

Adjournment

Upon motion made by Mr. Rediger, seconded by Mr. Hahs, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Shrimplin