



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 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
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

None

Technical Planning Committee Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
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. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee
Mrs. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

Staff Present:

Ms. Molly Hood, City of Cape Girardeau
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 November 16, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 19, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Buchheit stated that with the election of a new U.S. president, a robust infrastructure funding bill seems likely. He continued by stating it would be a good idea to have a “contingency list” of transportation needs and projects ready in case funding becomes available. The other Board members agreed, and directed staff to begin working with the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) on preparing such a list.

New/Unfinished Business

Mr. Killian stated 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 or four maintenance and safety needs for each of the following: roads, bridges, port, airport, and transit. At its last meeting, the TPC passed a motion recommending the following list of needs:

ROAD

- US-61 @ I-55 Interchange (Center Junction) – pavement overlay
- US-61 in downtown Jackson – pavement overlay and replacement of Hubble Creek bridge by Jackson Park
- MO-177 – elevation of road surface to mitigate flooding
- MO-K/Farrar Drive intersection – repair of damaged pavement

BRIDGE

- I-55 Exit 99 (Center Junction) - replacement
- I-55 Exit 93 (US-61/South Kingshighway) - replacement
- I-55/Bloomfield Road Overpass - replacement

PORT

- Loop Track – construction
- River Road – construction
- Main Line – elevation of track section to mitigate flooding
- North 9 & 10 Track - construction

AIRPORT

- Runway 02 – rehabilitation
- Runway 10-28 – rehabilitation of lighting system and new windsock, airfield lighting beacon, and electrical vault

- Airport Terminal Area Master Plan – preparation

TRANSIT

- Transit facility – construction, including covered & fenced parking for fleet vehicles
- Bus stop shelters/benches – purchase and installation
- Bus service between Cape Girardeau and Jackson – capital and operations

Mr. Roach made a motion to approve the transportation needs list recommended by the TPC for MoDOT's use in preparing the 2018-2022 STIP. Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Mr. Meyer stated work on the South Sprigg Street bridge has not yet started. He added that both Hopper Road and the Independence Street/Gordonville Road/East Rodney Drive roundabout will be opening soon.

Mr. Hahs reported that the US-61/East Main Street roundabout is functioning well.

Mr. Roach indicated the City of Jackson's trail projects should be completed soon. He also mentioned the Major Traffic Plan Study will begin in the upcoming months.

Ms. Glaus mentioned SEMO University is completing construction of a speech and hearing clinic.

Mr. Christian stated the SEMO RPC has started on a greenway master plan for the City of Perryville. The RPC is also in the process of scoring Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) projects in its planning area for use by the selection committee next month. The RPC's transportation needs list for MoDOT's 2018-2022 STIP is also in process.

Mr. Killian reported there were twenty-one TAP applications submitted for projects in MoDOT's Southeast District. The aggregate federal share of the project costs exceeds the \$1.7 million available for the Southeast District. Applications will be reviewed in December and selections will be announced in January.

Mrs. Watson stated the CTA received three new vehicles through the FTA Section 5311 program. She added that the CTA will be issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacing its dispatching software.

Mr. Shrimplin informed the Board that the City of Cape Girardeau issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit consultants for professional services related to regional transportation planning and other purposes. Consultants have until November 18, 2016 to submit their Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). Each selected consultant will execute a contract with the City to provide services on an on-call basis. Having the consultants under contract will expedite the process for obtaining services, including those required for SEMPO.

Mr. Mehner announced the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) will be in Southeast Missouri December 6, 2016 to hold its meeting and tour the SEMO Port.

Other Business and Communications

There were no other business and communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned unanimously at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ryan Shrimplin