



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2018

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Ms. Hannah Barnett, 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 (MoDOT)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Lance DeBrock, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via teleconference)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Bollinger called the meeting to order at 11 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 September 5, 2018 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Payne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 1, 2018 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Ms. Watson and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

New/Unfinished Business

- **FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 8 – Motion to release for public comment**

Mr. Christian presented the latest draft of FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 8. Mr. Killian explained that emergency work is needed on the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge due to an expansion joint failure. HNTB has been hired to design a new expansion joint. The bridge will remain open to traffic while the work is underway, which may complicate the construction activities. The amendment has been reviewed by MoDOT, IDOT, and ONE DOT. Mr. Christian stated that the amendment also includes language regarding performance measures as required by FAST Act and MAP-21. A motion was made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Phillips to release FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 8 for public comment, which passed unanimously.

- **City of Cape Girardeau Complete Streets Policy – Discussion**

Mr. McElroy explained that after Trailnet's presentation at the June 20th SEMPO Board of Directors meeting, Mayor Fox expressed interest in having the City of Cape Girardeau adopt a Complete Streets Policy. Mr. McElroy presented a draft of the City of Cape Girardeau Complete Streets Policy prepared by staff along with a resolution of adoption. He stated that the Complete Streets Policy will be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 12th for a recommendation to the City Council. A motion was made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Mehner to support the City of Cape Girardeau Complete Streets Policy, which passed unanimously.

- **I-55/US61 Interchange Reconstruction Design – Discussion**

Mr. Killian discussed the schedule for the diverging diamond interchange (DDI) project at Interstate 55 and US Highway 61. He stated that the project is expected to be let in May of 2019. He then discussed an email from Mr. Jason Williams with MoDOT to the City of Cape Girardeau and the City of Jackson regarding the additional cost to design the interchange with a wider shared use trail rather than a standard pedestrian path. The additional cost was approximately \$205,000 which would include extra paving. There would be a reduction in the MSE wall height, resulting in some savings. The additional cost would be borne by the municipalities. Mr. Williams' email requested a response by September 14th due to schedule constraints. MoDOT's Bridge Division needs to engage the bridge consultant very soon. Ms. Green pointed out that Mr. Williams' email does not fully explain what would be included in the \$205,000 additional cost. Mr. Killian agreed

to look into the scope of work for the additional cost. He stated that if the municipalities are interested in paying the additional cost, a supplemental agreement would need to be executed. Mr. Bollinger asked what will happen if one municipality is not interested. Mr. Killian replied that MoDOT will proceed with the 5 foot wide standard pedestrian path as proposed. He noted that the speed limit will be lowered to 35 mph at the underpass so cyclists can share the lanes and pedestrians can use the path. Several TPC members asked about the limits of the path and future sidewalk connections in the right-of-way. Mr. Christian suggested the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) as a possible funding source for constructing sidewalks along the corridor.

- **PM2 and PM3 Targets – Discussion**

Ms. Green stated that MoDOT and IDOT have set their targets for Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance Measures (PM2 and PM3, respectively). As required by FAST Act and MAP-21, MPOs are required to set their own targets or support the state targets. The deadline for taking action on PM2 and PM3 is November 16th. She then explained the targets set by MoDOT and IDOT and provided information sheets. A motion was made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Payne to recommend that the Board of Directors pass a resolution supporting the MoDOT and IDOT PM2 and PM3 targets, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

Mr. McElroy reported that a ribbon-cutting ceremony was recently held for the re-opening of the Sloan Creek Bridge, and that the City of Cape Girardeau staff is reviewing design options as part of the Independence Street Corridor Study.

Mr. Bollinger reported that the City of Jackson is working to obtain easements for the East Main Street/Oak Hill Road Traffic Signal Project, and that the City's Asphalt Overlay Program is underway.

Mr. Phillips reported that Cape Special Road District has installed new pipes in preparation for next year's road overlay program.

Mr. Christian reported that the SEMO RPC's 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on September 25th, and that the SEMO RPC TAC meeting is scheduled for September 13th.

Ms. Barnett reported that the Bootheel RPC is working to compile a list of each county's top four transportation projects/needs. The Bootheel RPC's Annual Dinner Meeting will be held on October 18th and the TAC meeting is scheduled for October 17th.

Mr. Mehner reported that starting January 7, 2019, SkyWest Airlines will operate three flights per day on weekdays and two flights per day on weekends. The flights will have a stop in Paducah, KY.

Mr. Killian reported that the TAP cycle is now open. The program requires a 20% local match (maximum federal share of 80%). In order to qualify, a project must seek a minimum of \$100,000 of federal reimbursement; the maximum federal reimbursement is \$400,000. The application deadline is November 2, 2018. Mr. Killian also mentioned that MoDOT has started reviewing the project/needs lists submitted by SEMPO and the RPCs. He announced that a meeting to discuss Proposition D will be held on October 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Poplar Bluff. Mr. Mehner mentioned that the Proposition D campaign committee was in Cape Girardeau

yesterday. He stated that the Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce and the Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET are endorsing Proposition D.

Mr. Payne asked what role the regional planning partners have in the technical design aspects of MoDOT projects. Ms. Voss stated that there is no policy in place for establishing such a role. She continued by stating that each planning partner should work with its MoDOT district representatives to ensure that opportunities for input are provided. Mr. Payne requested that MoDOT develop a policy regarding the regional planning partners' role in technical design of MoDOT projects.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin stated that there is no information to report.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:56 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Mehner.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green, PE