



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

October 17, 2018

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

### Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic  
Development Commission (SEMO RPC) (alternate for Mr. Barry Horst)  
Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)  
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson

### Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)

### Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Curtis Jones, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)  
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)

### Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

Others Present:

Ms. Casey Brunke, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Jeff Wachter, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Jason Williams, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Call to Order

Chairman Hahs 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 comments from the public.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the October 17, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

**New/Unfinished Business**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 8 to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13. Mr. Christian explained that the amendment adds a new project for emergency work on the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge due to an expansion joint failure. The amendment also includes language regarding performance measures as required by FAST Act and MAP-21. Mr. Shrimplin reported that no comments were received during the public comment period. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Fox to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13, which passed unanimously.

- **I-55/US61 Diverging Diamond Interchange Project – Discussion**

Mr. Andy Meyer, Mr. Jason Williams, and Mr. Jeff Wachter with MoDOT were in attendance to discuss the letters from the City of Jackson and the City of Cape Girardeau requesting that MoDOT construct a recreational trail from South Old Orchard Road in Jackson to Veterans Memorial Drive in Cape Girardeau as part of the I-55/US61 (a.k.a. Center Junction) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project. Mr. Meyer stated that MoDOT is supportive of a trail in this location once a plan has been developed. No such plan is in place, however, and MoDOT has a tight schedule to complete the DDI project.

Mr. Williams explained that MoDOT has three months to complete the project design in order to stay on schedule for the letting in May 2019. He continued by stating that the current conditions at the interchange do not present a need for pedestrian facilities. While the project does include a 5 foot wide paved path on the north side of the underpass, it does not extend all the way to the ramps because MoDOT does not want to give the impression that there is a pedestrian facility in place. Mr. Williams added that without a plan, MoDOT does not know how to design the requested trail. In response to a question from Mr. Fox, Mr. Williams indicated that SEMPO would be responsible for the preparation of a plan for the trail.

Mr. Scott Meyer stated that the rationale for requesting the trail as part of the DDI project was that there would be a cost savings by having all of the work done at the same time. He added that the late timing of the trail request was due to the fact that SEMPO was not involved in the project in the early stages. Mr. Andy Meyer replied that SEMPO's Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan did not identify this trail as a high priority.

Mr. Fox stated that the DDI is being built for the future as much as the present, and as such, the project should anticipate future needs. Mr. Scott Meyer pointed out that there are existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the Cape Girardeau side of the interchange. Mr. Roach commented that this is the first major MoDOT project since SEMPO adopted the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan and yet MoDOT has chosen to not include bike/ped facilities in the project.

A motion was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Roach to prepare and send a letter requesting that MoDOT construct a recreational trail from South Old Orchard Road in Jackson to Veterans Memorial Drive in Cape Girardeau as part of the I-55/US61 (a.k.a. Center Junction) Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project, which passed unanimously.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that the resurfacing work on US61 is moving along, but he did have a concern about how rough the outer edges of the pavement look. The Independence Street Corridor Study continues; several options for traffic and

access management improvements are being developed for review by City staff. An open house on the West End Boulevard Improvements – Rose Street to Bertling Street project was held last month. More than 50 residents attended.

City of Jackson – Chairman Hahs reported that the Jackson portion of the US61 resurfacing work is substantially complete. Work on the access break on East Main Street near Exit 102 has been delayed due to bedrock that was encountered at the site. The East Main Street/Oak Hill Road Traffic Signal project was recently issued for bid. The City is in the process of reviewing proposals for engineering services for the Shawnee Boulevard/East Main Street intersection project. Mr. Roach thanked MoDOT for a job well done on the Route D asphalt overlay and shoulder widening project.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki reported that the CTA received two new wheelchair-accessible minivans. The contract for the new dispatch software was recently executed. Shawnee Mass Transit District (MTD), based in Illinois, has requested permission to connect to the CTA's fixed bus route. CTA has agreed to the connection; the MTD will be promoting it on its website.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he is working on TIP Amendment No. 9, which involves the Center Junction DDI project. The amendment will be presented to the TPC at its next meeting. The Technology Subcommittee continues to work with DTS on developing the online TIP tool. The tool is expected to be completed in time for preparing the FY 2020-2023 TIP.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer discussed the emergency repairs to the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge. MoDOT is working with IDOT on developing a traffic control plan. There will be lane closures while the work is underway. Permanent improvements to the bridge will be made next summer. Mr. Meyer also reported that MoDOT will be re-decking the Cape LaCroix Creek bridge near Hobby Lobby. Next year, MoDOT will resurface Route K. Mr. Williams reported that MoDOT will be resurfacing US61 from the MO25 junction north to near the Fruitland interchange. In addition, MoDOT will be replacing the bridge rail and guardrail on the Hubble Creek bridge. MoDOT will also be extending the southbound US61 right turn lane onto Route D. Mr. Payne reminded MoDOT that he had suggested making East Jackson Boulevard (US61) six lanes (three lanes in each direction).

### Staff Report

Staff had nothing 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 2:44 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin  
Executive Director