



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 3, 2018

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

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

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. Bruce Loy, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport  
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)  
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (Bootheel RPC) (alternate for Ms. Hannah Barnett)  
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)

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

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Lance DeBrock, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Curtis Jones, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Joe Killian, 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. Carie Huston, KLG Engineering

### Call to Order

Mr. Payne called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. as Chairman Bollinger had not yet arrived and Vice Chairman McElroy was absent.

### 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 3, 2018 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Ms. Brink.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 5, 2018 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Ms. Brink and seconded by Mr. Mehner.

### Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

### New/Unfinished Business

- **FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 8 – Motion to recommend approval**

Mr. Christian presented FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment No. 8. He 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. The amendment has been reviewed by MoDOT, IDOT, and ONE DOT. Mr. Shrimplin reported that no comments were received during the public comment period. A motion was made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Ms. Brink to recommend approval of FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 8 to the Board of Directors, which passed unanimously.

- **Proposition D Meeting October 25, 2018 – Discussion**

Mr. Shrimplin stated that MoDOT Southeast District Engineer Mark Shelton has requested that each of the regional planning partners give a short presentation on their local transportation needs and issues at the Proposition D meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Poplar Bluff. Mr. Shrimplin proposed a presentation similar to the one given at the 10-year funding scenario meeting last December. The TPC agreed to use the proposed presentation. Vice Chairman McElroy will attend the meeting and give the presentation.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported that an open house on the West End Boulevard Improvements – Rose Street to Bertling Street project was held last week. More than 50 residents attended.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the City's legal team is reviewing the agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for the City's portion of the improvements as part of the I-55/US61 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project. Engineering design for the East Main Street/Oak Hill Road traffic signal project is underway. City staff is currently acquiring easements for a new sidewalk leading to the signal. Also in

progress are the East Main Street access break project and the Concrete Street Repair and Asphalt Overlay projects.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported that he attended a meeting for transit grant sub-recipients in Columbia. The University was recognized for having the highest increase in ridership.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported that the Port is spending the grant funds received from the Delta Regional Authority. There is an upcoming bid opening for one rail project. Plans are underway for two additional projects.

Cape Girardeau Regional Airport – Mr. Loy discussed the recent increase in flights at the Airport. He also reported that Congress recently authorized \$1 billion in supplemental funding for small and rural airfields. Although the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport does not meet all of the qualifications, he will submit an application anyway. A conspiracy theory has been circulating about chemical trails from jets departing the Airport. The trail is actually water condensation, which is harmless.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that FY 2016-2019 TIP Amendment No. 9 has been prepared and submitted to MoDOT, IDOT, and ONE DOT for review. The amendment will be ready to release for public comment at the next TPC meeting.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported that RPC staff has been busy working on hazard mitigation grants.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported that work on the Route D and Route PP/Spur 34 asphalt overlay and shoulder widening projects is finished. Semi-final inspections have been scheduled for next week. Work continues on the US61 asphalt overlay project. The contractor is replacing guardrails and gutter grates as part of the project. Paving operations began in Jackson and are now moving on to Cape Girardeau. Hours of operation are 6:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. in Jackson and 8:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in Cape Girardeau. The MO25 sand sealing work is finished. Pavement striping should be completed by the end of the week. The application deadline for the next Cost Share Program cycle is October 19<sup>th</sup>. The application deadline for the next Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) cycle is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

IDOT – Mr. Jones reported that the application deadline for the next Safe Routes to School Program cycle is November 19<sup>th</sup>. The annual Fall Planning Conference will be held in Peoria on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin reported that the agreement with DTS for TIP tool software and maintenance services has now been signed by both parties. A conference call to kick off the project will be scheduled.

### Other Business and Communications

Mr. Shrimplin stated that Board of Directors Chairman Dwain Hahs would like for SEMPO to send a letter to MoDOT requesting that MoDOT construct a trail from South Old Orchard Road to Veterans Memorial Drive as part of the I-55/US61 DDI project. The City of Jackson and the City of Cape Girardeau have already sent letters with this same request. A motion was made

by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Loy to recommend the Board of Directors authorize sending such a letter, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:38 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Mehner.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie Huston, KLG Engineering