



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2019

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

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

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Mark Shelton, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
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

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.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the March 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 16, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

New/Unfinished Business

- **Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3 – Motion to set a public hearing for April 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Osage Centre**

A motion was made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Payne to set a public hearing on Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3 for April 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program – Motion to set a public hearing for May 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Osage Centre**

A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer to set a public hearing on the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program for May 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre, which passed unanimously.

- **MoDOT Funding Scenarios - Discussion**

Mr. Shelton explained that MoDOT Southeast District staff recently held a meeting with its regional planning partners to discuss three funding scenarios. The first scenario involves the expiration of the FAST Act next year and the potential reduction in federal funding for transportation projects. MoDOT is changing how it shows project information in the out years of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The projects in the third and fourth years of the STIP will be shaded, which will denote the potential for the project to be pushed to a later

year if there is insufficient federal funding to include it in the year shown. The second scenario involves Missouri Governor Mike Parson's proposed Focus on Bridges funding package which, if approved, will free up \$345 million to be distributed among the MoDOT districts. The third scenario involves an additional \$1.65 billion in statewide transportation funding using Amendment 3 bonding capacity. For the second and third scenarios, the regional planning partners were asked how the Southeast District's share of each amount should be used to meet unfunded needs.

Mr. Shrimplin explained that the regional planning partners agreed to use MoDOT's flexible funds distribution formula to determine each partner's share of the funds for each of the two scenarios. Based on the formula, SEMPO would be allocated \$3.41 million under the Focus on Bridges scenario and \$16.37 million under the Amendment 3 scenario. Mr. Killian stated that the need(s) submitted for one scenario should not be the same need(s) submitted for the other scenario.

Upon discussion, the Board decided to submit US 61 from Courthouse Square to the Route D intersection for the Focus on Bridges scenario and I-55 Exit 93 interchange for the Amendment 3 scenario.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Meyer reported that Proposition Y, a \$12 million bond issue for Cape Girardeau Public Schools, is on the April 2 ballot. \$4 million of the bond amount is proposed for a new aquatic center next to Jefferson Elementary School. The City of Cape Girardeau has committed \$6 million for the new facility. If the bond issue passes and the project will moves forward, there will be a need to make access improvements. He has spoken with MoDOT about a break in access on MO 74 and a connection to South Minnesota Avenue (right in/right out). In addition, the City would look at constructing a street in the unimproved College Street right-of-way south of the aquatic center site in order to connect to South West End Boulevard. Trail connections would also be considered. Mr. Meyer also reported that the City has purchased a pothole patcher. Crews are learning how to use it. With this technology, what was a three- or four-person job is now a one-person job, which will save the City considerable costs in both labor and Worker's Compensation claims. Other items of note include the 2019 asphalt overlay program, which will be advertised for bids soon, and the Independence Street Corridor (from the Gordonville Road/East Rodney Drive roundabout to Caruthers Avenue), which is nearing the start of the design phase.

City of Jackson – Chairman Hahs reported that Fronabarger Concreters is installing a break in access on East Main Street. The East Main Street/Shawnee Boulevard roundabout design is in process. Staff will be reviewing the construction timeline. He commented that he has received several complaints about the visibility of the striping on East Jackson Boulevard (US 61) due to the overlay work last year. Chairman Hahs also reported that the City has a use tax measure on the April 2 ballot. If passed, the tax will fund transportation improvements, including street lights.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that crews are continuing relocation of the electric and water lines at the site of the Center Junction Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Payne reported that the Capital Sand route is functioning well. There may be additional sand operations in the future.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki stated that there is nothing new to report.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort stated that there is nothing new to report.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he submitted the narrative portion of the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for review by MoDOT, IDOT, FHWA, and FTA. He is currently working on an administrative modification, which will be completed soon. The TIP website is nearing completion but there are some issues yet to be resolved. The new TIP must be adopted prior to the end of the fiscal year (June 30).

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported that Southeast District staff will be meeting with local businesses on April 9 to discuss the I-55 Exit 93 interchange. Participants will be asked to prioritize a set of issues with the current interchange and discuss how these issues affect them. Mr. Okenfuss will then share the results with SEMPO. A public meeting will be scheduled in the near future to capture input from the traveling public. In response to a question, Mr. Okenfuss stated that he will look into whether or not an analysis has been done on the effect of the Center Junction DDI construction on traffic patterns.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer reported that the contractor for the US 61 overlay project will return to re-stripe once the weather breaks.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported that the March letting includes resurfacing US 61 from I-55 to the MO 34/MO 25 intersection, resurfacing in Trail of Tears State Park, and resurfacing Outer Road 55 from the end of state maintenance to US 61. He gave a reminder that the next application deadline for the Cost Share Program is April 26, 2019.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell commended MoDOT on its project prioritization process.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin and Ms. Green stated that there is nothing new 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 2:51 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin