



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019

Jackson Civic Center – Jackson, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
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. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (alternate for
Mr. Mark Shelton)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via
teleconference)
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. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – IL Division (via
teleconference)

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Meyer 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 April 17, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Payne.

Communications from the Chairman

There were no communications from the Chairman.

Public Comments

There were no comments from the public.

New/Unfinished Business

- **Public hearing on Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3**

Vice Chairman Meyer opened the public hearing on Public Participation Plan Amendment No. 3. There being no appearances to speak, he closed the public hearing.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to the Public Participation Plan – Reading and Passage**

Vice Chairman Meyer introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01. Mr. Shrimplin explained that the amendment adds language authorizing staff to initiate a public comment period for any SEMPO plan or program. In addition, the amendment modifies the minimum public comment periods for certain plans and programs. Lastly, the amendment adds language clarifying that changes in a TIP project's total programmed amount resulting in a decrease by any amount qualifies as an administrative modification. He stated that no comments were received from the public comment period or the public hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Roach to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-01, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program – Motion to set a public hearing for June 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Osage Centre**

A motion was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki to set a public hearing on the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program for June 19, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that the City Council watched a demonstration of the new pothole patcher. The Council recently adopted the FY 2019-2024 Capital Improvements Program, which includes funding for upgrades at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport and for upgrades at, or relocation of, City Hall. The Council will appoint members to the Transportation Trust Fund 6 (TTF-6) Subcommittee at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Fox also gave a recap of the City Council's retreat on April 12.

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Meyer thanked MoDOT Southeast District staff for meeting with the City to discuss a potential break in access on MO 74 and a connection to South Minnesota Avenue to serve the new aquatic center, which will be constructed next to Jefferson Elementary School.

City of Jackson – Mr. Roach reported that the 2019 asphalt overlay program is in the bidding phase. The 2019 concrete street repair program will be advertised for bids soon. Construction of the East Main Street/Oak Hill Road traffic signal is progressing. The use tax measure on the April 2 ballot was not approved.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the City is advertising for bids for year 4 of the water bond. The City is continuing to acquire easements for the East Main Street/Shawnee Boulevard roundabout project.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Payne reported that the County is advertising for bids for overlay work.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki reported that the CTA has ordered thirteen new vehicles (nine replacements and four additional).

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported that the University is nearing the end of the semester. Last semester, weekly ridership on the University's transit system averaged 10,800.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he has addressed the FY 2020-2023 TIP comments from MoDOT, IDOT, FHWA, and FTA except for additional comments recently received regarding performance measures.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Horst reported that there are plans for transportation improvements west of Oak Ridge due to industries in that area placing additional demands on the system.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported on the I-55 Exit 93 stakeholders focus group meeting held on April 9. He stated that MoDOT Southeast District staff was impressed with the turnout and participation. The staff will now review and prioritize the needs identified by the stakeholders and engage a consultant to begin preparing design options. Mr. Okenfuss also discussed Governor Mike Parson’s proposed Focus on Bridges package, which has been debated by the state legislature. The legislature is working on a revised package that reduces the funding and adds contingencies.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer reported that the contractor for the US 61 overlay project has resumed work. The bids for US 61 north of Courthouse Square were rejected and will be re-advertised for the May letting. Mr. Meyer also reported that he was recently made aware of the City of Cape Girardeau’s hiring of KLG Engineering to serve as its City Engineer. KLG Engineering is currently under contract with SEMPO for program administration/support services, which raises a conflict of interest concern because federal regulations prohibit a consultant from having a financial or personal interest in a federally funded project. Vice Chairman Meyer requested that Mr. Shrimplin prepare a letter explaining how SEMPO will address this concern.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported that the April letting will include a job order contract for asphalt pavement repair on all of I-155 and I-57 and on I-55 from the Jefferson County Line to the Arkansas State Line. He gave a reminder that the next application deadline for the Cost Share Program is April 26, 2019.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated that there is nothing new to report.

FHWA, IL – Ms. Tracy stated that there is nothing new to report.

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 2:46 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Shrimplin
Executive Director