



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2019

Osage Centre –Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

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. 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)

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 May 15, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 17, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Hahs stated that he will save his communications for Member Reports.

Public Comments

Chairman Hahs asked if there are any comments from the public. There were no comments.

New/Unfinished Business

- **Public hearing on FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program**

Chairman Hahs opened the public hearing. Seeing no appearances to speak, he closed the public hearing.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02, A Resolution adopting the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02. Mr. Shrimplin explained that some of the financial tables in the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) are different from the previous UPWPs. The differences are based on comments and guidance provided by FHWA Missouri Division. Mr. Shrimplin reviewed the tables and discussed the proposed planning activities. He stated that the City of Cape Girardeau will be executing the Consolidated Planning Grant (CPG) agreement soon. The CPG agreement authorizes the disbursement of federal transportation planning funds for SEMPO's operations, plans, programs, and studies. A motion was made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02, which passed unanimously.

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03, A Resolution expressing support of a Delta Regional Authority grant application by Cape Girardeau County for improvements to County Road 330 and Seabaugh Road – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Hahs introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03. Mr. Shrimplin explained that Cape Girardeau County is applying for a Delta Regional Authority grant to upgrade County Road 330 and Seabaugh Road. The scope of work includes road widening, utility relocations, culvert installation, resurfacing with heavy duty pavement, and

improving the entrance from RT PP. MoDOT is willing to provide the soil and the new culvert. The County is willing provide the materials, equipment, and labor. The City of Jackson is willing to participate as well since portions of the project are in the Jackson city limits. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$265,000. Cape Girardeau County Commissioner Paul Koeper is working with Margaret Yates, SEMO RPC, on preparing the application. The TPC recommended passing a resolution of support for the application. A motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2019-03, which passed unanimously.

- **Letter to MoDOT regarding Consultant Conflict of Interest policy – Discussion**

Mr. Shrimplin presented a letter that he prepared at the Board's request clarifying SEMPO's policy regarding conflicts of interest as it pertains to consultants. He stated that the letter is in response to a letter received from the MoDOT Southeast District Office requesting clarification. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Fox to authorize the signing and submission of the letter, which passed unanimously.

- **MoDOT 30% Additional Funding Scenerio – Discussion**

Mr. Shrimplin explained that the MoDOT Southeast District Office recently asked its planning partners to consider a potential additional 30% in funding (based on the same scenarios discussed at the March 20, 2019 Board meeting) and how it should be spent. The TPC discussed this request at its May 1, 2019 meeting and recommended that SEMPO's portion of the additional funding (approximately \$5.93 million) be spent on the following projects (in order of priority):

1. Moving up the MO 177 road raise project in the STIP (currently programmed for construction in FY 2022);
2. Intersection improvements on US 61 at Donna Drive and at Shawnee Boulevard; and
3. Replacing or widening the Bloomfield Road bridge over IS 55.

The Board concurred with the TPC.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that the 2019 Asphalt Overlay program is underway. Construction for the West End Boulevard – Rose Street to Bertling Street project will begin soon. A measure for the renewal of the Capital Improvement Tax will be on the August 6, 2019 ballot. The Transportation Trust Fund 6 (TTF6) Committee members will be appointed at the next City Council meeting.

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Meyer reported that construction for the Independence Street Sidewalk project is progressing.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that a ribbon cutting ceremony for the East Main Street/Oak Hill Road traffic signal will be held next week. Acquisition continues for the East Main Street/Shawnee Boulevard roundabout project. The 2019 Asphalt Overlay program will begin soon.

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

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported that she is working to get the agreement for the Port's Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant award executed. She is also preparing an application for a federal loan to cover a portion of the required match.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he is in the process of finalizing the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He has been working with FTA and MoDOT to resolve some discrepancies in the financial tables pertaining to transit. The TIP has been posted for public comment and will be updated as revisions are made. The TIP will go before the TPC for a recommendation and before the Board for adoption in June.

Cape Regional Airport – Mr. Fox reported that airport boardings in the first quarter of 2019 were up 67% compared to the first quarter of 2018. The growth is very promising in terms of eligibility for additional federal funding opportunities. The Capital Improvement Tax, if renewed by the voters, will provide funding for several major upgrades at the airport.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported that the May letting includes the Center Junction Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project and the resurfacing of US 61 from IS 55 in Fruitland to MO 25 in Jackson. Work will begin soon on the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge repairs, which will involve lane closures and traffic delays. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. He presented a prioritized list of the IS 55 Exit 93 needs identified by the stakeholders during the April 9, 2019 focus group meeting. MoDOT Southeast District staff prioritized the needs. A public meeting will be scheduled in the future to capture comments from the traveling public. MO 177 is still closed due to flooding but is expected to be reopened in the upcoming weeks.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reported that the draft 2020-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) will be posted for public comment in early June.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin and Ms. Green indicated that there is nothing new to report that has not been already discussed.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:31 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Fox.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green, P.E.