



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 2019

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Ms. Hannah Barnett, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development
Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Bruce Loy, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport)
Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

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

Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Mark Shelton, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Seiji Shimbo, 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. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering
Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman McElroy called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

The group went around the room, with each person giving a brief introduction.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the September 4, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Ms. Watson.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 7, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Communications from the Chairman

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

Public Comments

Chairman McElroy asked if there are any comments from the public. There were none.

New/Unfinished Business

- **MoDOT STIP 2021-2025 – Identification and prioritization of needs**

The TPC continued work on the needs lists requested by MoDOT for the next Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Upon discussion, it was determined that the TPC should make a recommendation on the road and bridge needs at this time and continue discussion of the multimodal needs at the next meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Payne to recommend the prioritized road and bridge list to the Board of Directors, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Chairman McElroy reported that the TTF6 Committee will host two public outreach sessions: September 18 at Osage Centre and September 25 at Shawnee Park Center. Both sessions will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and will have an open house format. Each participant will be given \$10 million in “Cape Cash” and asked to vote with their dollars among sixteen specific projects totaling over \$27 million. The total budget for TTF6 is \$25 million but the Committee has set aside \$13 million for general maintenance and repair and \$2 million for contingency and safety.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the electric line relocation project (in preparation for the Center Junction DDI project) has been advertised for bids. Phase 4 of the Water System Facility Plan is underway. The City will be opening bids later this month for the East Main Street/Shawnee Boulevard Roundabout project. The asphalt overlay improvement program is nearing completion.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported that Penzel Construction Company has started driving pile for the County Road 651 bridge project.

CTA – Ms. Watson stated that she has nothing to report.

Cape Airport – Mr. Loy reported that the airport is on target to finish the year with over 10,000 boardings. The Cape Girardeau City Council recently recommended that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) award another two-year Essential Air Service (ESA) contract to SkyWest Airlines, doing business as United Express. Beginning December 1, all flights to Chicago will be direct flights.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he has started on work on FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 2. He is working with DTS to correct some issues with the reporting function of the new TIP tool software.

Bootheel RPC – Ms. Barnett reported that the RPC is currently working with EDA and USDA on broadband expansion and workforce development. Work is progressing on the MO 25 and RT Y acceleration lanes. The RPC's annual dinner will be held on October 16 at the Hickory Log.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported that applications are being accepted for the Governor's Transportation Cost-Share Program. \$50 million will be awarded for public road and bridge projects, both on and off the state highway system. The Cost Share Committee will be looking for shovel ready projects that have an economic impact. The application deadline is October 1. In late July, MoDOT was awarded an \$81.2 million Infrastructure For Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant, which will provide much-needed funds to replace the Rocheport Interstate 70 Bridge. The State legislature had authorized \$301 million in bonding, to be used for repair and replacement of other bridges across the state, if MoDOT was awarded the INFRA grant. MoDOT Southeast District staff will be reviewing the planning scenario needs lists that were submitted by SEMPO and the other regional planning partners in preparation for programming. The resurfacing work on US 61 and RT K is complete except for striping. Work on the Bill Emerson Memorial Bridge continues; the contractor is currently working on the eastbound lanes. Phase 2 of the US 61 resurfacing project in Jackson is complete, and Phase 3 has begun. The paving work is taking place at night.

Mr. Shelton reported that work continues on the Scott City Interchange project. The northbound and southbound lanes will be closed at various times. The contractor is currently painting beams and completing some hand pours in order to finish the mainline section. Seeding will begin soon. The project is scheduled to be completed in June 2020. There have been some issues with the soil, but the contractor is ahead of schedule. Mr. Meyer stated that the contractor is aiming to have the interchange open by October. Mr. Payne commented that the access closures have adversely affected some of the local businesses, including Kelso Kwik Stop, which is going out of business.

Mr. Killian reported that the next application deadline for MODOT's Cost Share Program is October 18.

Mr. Crocker reported that the application deadline for the Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) is September 20. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is taking back unspent Off-System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (BRO) funds, which primarily affects counties as opposed to cities.

Staff Report

Mr. Shrimplin stated that he has 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 11:54 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green