



## TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 8, 2020  
Osage Centre, Cape Girardeau MO

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

Ms. Hannah Barnett, Bootheel Regional Planning & Economic Development  
Commission (Bootheel RPC)  
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 (Cape Airport)  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, SEMO University Department of Public Safety - Transit  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)

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

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (via phone)  
Ms. Eva Voss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via phone)

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

### Others Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport)

### Call to Order

Chairman Shrimplin called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

### Introductions

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

### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 8, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Payne.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 4, 2019 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved with edits upon motion made by Ms. Brink and seconded by Mr. Christian.

### Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Shrimplin stated that he will reserve his communications for Member Reports.

### Public Comments

Chairman Shrimplin asked if there are any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

### New/Unfinished Business

- **FY 2010-2023 TIP Amendment No. 3** Mr. Christian noted that there are two new projects included in with TIP Amendment No. 3. The first is a resurfacing project of Illinois Route 146 through East Cape Girardeau. The project is funded through IDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) National Highway Performance Program (NHPP). The second is a Southeast Missouri (SEMO) Regional Port Authority project which received a \$1.5 million EDA grant award to improve the reliability of the railroad infrastructure during flooding events by helping the SEMO Port raise and improve track and revitalize a bridge structure. Both projects have been submitted for 35 day review. The item will go to the SEMPO Board of Directors meeting in January. The TIP No. 3 amendment was unanimously recommended to the Board of Directors for approval upon a motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips.
- **FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program** At its last meeting, the SEMPO Board discussed the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program recommending it include the ADA assessment under way and the MTP update. The Board felt these projects were sufficient but wanted to get input from TPC. Mr. Shrimplin asked for additional ideas. Discussion of possible Cape City engineering projects by Mr. Payne. Mr. Caldwell asked if there might be ideas for pedestrian safety. This led to discussion of crosswalk requests. Mr. Shrimplin noted that there is a Bike/Ped Plan in place but communities need to engage. Mr. McElroy noted possible overlap on this with the ADA assessment. After discussion, nothing additional was recommended for the UPWP.

- **Pedestrian Transportation system ADA Assessment** Mr. McElroy said the subcommittee has given feedback to the consultants in a conference call earlier this week. Consultants will be coming back with a proposal soon.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau - Chairman Shrimplin noted there has been a recommendation to City Council on TTF6 and this will be a discussion at their next meeting on January 21. Discussion will center on the Veteran Memorial Drive (VMD) Phase 6 option of completing the entire phase at an estimated \$6.75 million or only conducting the design, acquisition and grading at an estimated \$2.3 million which would allow for funds to be made available for consideration of the addition of S. Sprigg Street projects. The City was considered for the Governor's Cost-Share Program for VMD Phase 2 (the northern part of VMD) but this was subsequently declined by City. TTF 5 projects still in process were discussed. Preliminary design for Fountain St., William to Independence has begun. Additional geotechnical study is required. The traffic study is complete for Independence from N. Broadview to Caruthers. Preliminary plans have been submitted for review. There is a tentative public meeting on January 29. Preliminary design on Main St. from Roberts to Cape Rock has begun and field survey is complete. Preliminary design work has begun on Sprigg Street and survey has been completed. Scope has been adjusted to include additional storm drainage work. Utility relocation is underway for on West End from Rose St. to Bertling St. Acquisition phase and permitting is proceeding.

Kiwanis Dr. TEAP project, which is not a TTF project, had its first reading at Council on Jan 6.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Payne had nothing to report.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted that they will be opening bids in February for asphalt overlay for roughly 8-9 miles of work.

CTA – Ms. Watson reported that they are in process of preparing information requested for their tri-annual review with FTA.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported that they are working to complete projects before students return toward the end of this month.

Southeast Regional Port Authority Port (SEMO Port) –Ms. Brink noted they are working to finish a DRA grant. They will advertise soon for a contractor for MODOT job. SEMO Port staff is still working on the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant, in the amount of \$19.8 million, that was awarded through the Department of Transportation in December of 2018.

Cape Airport – This is Mr. Loy's last meeting. Katrina Amos will be taking his place on the Committee. Boardings are up 20%-25% percent for the month. They had 11,777 total for the year, not including charters, which would put them over 12,000. The direct flights to Chicago are doing very well. Terminal area master plan study is under way. They are in the information collection phase. CMT is doing this. Preliminary information should be available in April and sometime after that they could do an update presentation at SEMPO. Mr. Sandfort suggested including someone from the University International Village for this or another presentation.

Mr. Shrimplin noted that the committee would be open to other presentations as well so if anyone had any ideas they should suggest them.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that their next Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting is next Wednesday.

Bootheel RPC – Ms. Barnett reported that they have approved By-Laws for their TAC. Also, they have been awarded two CDBG grants for community projects.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported that there will be a public meeting on January 21 for Exit 93. They want input from public to see what the needs of the traveling public are and what concerns they might have. They have some questions to guide conversation. It is an open house format. There will be 3 or 4 groups with MoDOT staff encouraging conversation about the questions. He requested SEMPO staff and board to attend. They will combine comments with focus group info and provide it to TPC and then take to consultants to identify some solutions.

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meets today and they should take formal action on the Center Junction DDI project.

Mr. Killian requested updated numbers for last 3 or so years from Airport, CTA and SEMO University regarding ridership.

Ms. Voss reported that the state planning partner meeting is January 23rd at the Governor's office building in Jefferson City. The agenda will be going out soon.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell thanked the Committee for the TIP amendment approval recommendation.

Staff Report -

Mr. McElroy participated in the Coalition meeting at the MoDOT District office yesterday. SEMPO staff also participated in MoDOT's FAST Act Webinar on December 9. There will be a UPWP amendment for TEAP coming before the TPC at their next meeting in February.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:33 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills