



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**

February 19, 2020

Osage Centre – Cape Girardeau, MO

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Mr. Charlie Herbst, Cape Girardeau County  
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA)  
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson  
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic  
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Cary Harbison, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Regional Airport  
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
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. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering  
Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Fox 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 February 19, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Dwain Hahs and seconded by Scott Meyer.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 15, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Hahs.

### Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Fox had no communications to share.

### Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

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

### New/Unfinished Business

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 1 to the FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program**

Chairman Fox introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2020-02. Mr. McElroy explained this Amendment refers to inclusion of the TEAP grant for the Kiwanis Drive Corridor Study. There is a kickoff meeting with consultants for this project next Tuesday. The Technical Planning Committee recommended the amendment for approval at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. No public comments were received. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve Resolution No. 2020-02, which passed unanimously.

#### **MoDOT Road and Bridge STIP Needs List – US 61 from I55 to Rte 25 - Discussion**

Mr. Okenfuss explained that the Governor's bridge program has now freed up funding for other projects. MoDOT is working with their planning partners to determine which projects should be moved forward. There is a total amount available of \$350,000,000. MoDOT would like to use the Flexible Funding Formula (Population, Highway Travel, Employment) within the District that the State uses. The planning partner percentages were presented to the Board. There is \$3.4 million set aside for SEMPO's share. MoDOT's planning department then looked at the prioritized list and created cost estimates. MoDOT suggested to reduce the scope of the US 61 from I55 to Rte 25

Project and make improvements on US 61 from Hubble Creek to West Mary Street. There have been traffic changes at West Mary St. due to unintended consequences of the new roundabout and the County building construction. MoDOT is aware that the County is doing some improvements and will work with them. The project will be approved at the July Highway Commission meeting.

Mr. Roach and Mr. Herbst agreed that the project at West Mary Street is necessary. There was discussion that the Hubble Creek bridge replacement is also needed. Mr. Okenfuss stated that he has talked to Mr. Paul Koeper about sidewalk connections that the County is proposing.

Mr. Fox noted that safety should be top priority.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported on the City's TTF5 projects including Fountain Street, Independence Street, Main Street, and Sprigg Street. On West End Blvd., the utility companies have been moving utilities and City staff is working on acquisition. The TTF6 final list is completed and educational presentations are happening now. The Council decided to include the southern section of Sprigg Street, from MO 74 to Southern Expressway, and the design/acquisition/grading of Veterans Memorial Drive, from Hopper Road to Percy Road. The airport staff is working on the master plan and design of the new City Hall is moving along. Mr. Meyer noted that the pool committee has decided on 2 locations and the plan will go to the next school board meeting and then to City Council in March.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that the roundabout is moving along. Jackson Chamber is putting together a group of business owners to look at signage directing drivers to exit at Exit 102 in order to access businesses affected by the DDI project. The group will work with MoDOT to see what options are available. There is interest in starting the process of adding a light at E. Deerwood Drive and US 61. City officials believe this is necessary due to the City of Jackson's Civic Center and a new church at that location. May or June is the scheduled opening of the City's new police station.

Cape County – Mr. Herbst reported that they are looking at pedestrian ways around the courthouse and parking. Specifically, they are focused on crosswalks. They are working with Jackson's city officials on additional lighting. The County would like two extra sidewalks and steps near US61 for safety purposes. Mr. Herbst reported that the County only paved 1-2 miles of County roads and not the typical 5-6 miles. The County is focusing on maintenance/preservation options. County officials are realizing some issues with no planning/zoning in the County. An example are the new driveways along Greensferry Road. County officials are looking at how to control the location of driveways/culverts. They have determined that they can restrict driveway locations but they must pass an ordinance.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki had nothing new to report.

SEMO Port – Mr. Harbison noted that they are working on the DRA project. They were able to complete dredging although they couldn't dredge to the plan elevation. They opened bids for the track construction today. Port officials intend to work on the EDA grant project this summer.

Airport – Ms. Amos reported the master plan consultants have been doing passenger intercept surveys. The facilities inventory is on schedule and they should have a draft report the end of March or first part of April. The perimeter fence project is proceeding.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that he has completed an Administrative Modification which combined a couple of projects. FTA had no comments on Amendment 4 but FHWA did have comments. FHWA asked for a change in the tables so Mr. Christian is working on adjusting the tables the way FHWA is requesting. The new tables will come to the TPC and then the Board of Directors in March.

Magnet – Mr. Mehner said to look for a couple of announcements regarding significant job increases at a company in Cape Girardeau and one in Jackson.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported that DDI project has begun. There will initially be night time closures on the Interstate while the contractor works on prepping the cross-over. Thursday through Sunday southbound I55 will have lane closure throughout the day. Starting March 2, north bound lane closures will occur. And then there will be closures for the bulk of the summer. In Mid-April, US 61 will go to head to head traffic. All this is weather dependent. <https://www.modot.org/center-junction-ddi>

The Hubble Creek bridge project will need to be included in the STIP before we talk about time frame. Members stated that the DDI construction should be completed before the Hubble Creek bridge project begins.

MoDOT - Ms. Voss reported that she is retiring at the end of the month. In April she will begin working with Meramec RPC. She expressed her appreciation to the group and wanted them to know how much she enjoyed working with them.

Staff Report - Mr. McElroy reported that work continues on the ADA project. The TPC is reviewing the Lochmueller proposal. The consultant plans to work with Southeast Missouri State University students to do field work with data collection apps. Deliverables will include 3 reports, one each for Cape Girardeau, Jackson, and the County. Field work is proposed to begin June 1 and run through July. Lochmueller will provide updates to TPC monthly and in person to the Board of Directors quarterly. The project will be completed by December 2020. This project is a condition assessment and we are waiting to hear back with FHWA guidance regarding any need for further public input beyond a public comment period. Staff intends to share the final proposal for approval in March to TPC and then to Board of Directors.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:33 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Green