



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES**  
March 18, 2020  
Via Conference Call

Board Voting Members Present via phone:

Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic  
Development Commission (SEMO RPC) (alternate for Mr. Jeremy Tanz)  
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

Board Non-Voting Members Present via phone:

Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division (FHWA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present via phone:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport)  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present via phone:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present via phone:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the March 18, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Roach.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 19, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Roach.

### Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Fox noted that the current time is an unusual one with many things to work through until the coronavirus scare passes.

### 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. 2020-03, A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate and execute a contract for an ADA Condition Assessment - Reading & Passage**

Chairman Fox introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03. Mr. McElroy noted that the Technical Planning Committee (TPC) has been vetting this proposal. The last point of clarification discussed was how much public involvement was needed. Mr. McElroy discussed the questions with FHWA who said that what is being proposed is sufficient. With that, the TPC's recommendation to the Board was for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Hahs to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program – Motion to set a public hearing for May 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Osage Centre**

Mr. McElroy noted that a draft of the FY 2021 United Planning Work Program was issued to MoDOT, IDOT, and FHWA. They have returned comments. Staff will get back to them in time for a response, to be taken to the April TPC meeting, and to be ready for the May 20 public meeting.

Mr. Meyer asked if FHWA would approve a virtual public meeting as an alternate if needed. Mr. McElroy said they approved this meeting because of the circumstances but he would check into their approval regarding this meeting done virtually.

A motion was made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki to set a public hearing on the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program for May 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Osage Centre, which passed unanimously.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that work is progressing on the West End Boulevard Project. Acquisition is beginning on Independence Street Project. There are geotechnical issues on the Fountain Street Project. All of these projects are TTF5 funded. Staff is waiting for better weather to start the street maintenance projects. Mr. Fox reported that the elections statewide have been postponed to June 2, so TTF 6 ballot is postponed until then.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported that construction on the Shawnee Roundabout Project continues with the biggest issue being the weather. As the county courthouse finishes, the City, in cooperation with the County, is moving forward with street and sidewalk repairs. The City has been getting calls and questions concerning the DDI Project. The City is working with MoDOT regarding signage for the Exit 99 closure.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Herbst noted that county personnel are working on the county roads. As Mr. Hahs noted, the County is working with the City of Jackson and MoDOT to modify and repair some of the sidewalks and streets. The City of Jackson is helping with improved street lighting to make for a better pedestrian experience.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki noted that they are continuing services and nothing is changing at this point.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported they are advertising for bid to raise the mainline out of the floodplain. For the BUILD grant they are advertising for earthwork and rail construction. They are also working on EDA grant project.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported they are moving forward with the master plan. They have reduced hours from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily as a result of the survey. They have received information from passengers with overwhelming numbers of those surveyed wanting a restaurant in the new terminal. They have been trying to move forward with other construction but weather has been deterrent.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian has been working on the CTA's TIP amendment. After all approvals, it will go back to TPC and then come back to this Board. The RPC is working on a grant with their statewide organization to identify low water and flood areas. They are working with local counties and driving 6 of the 7 counties in their area. They will be compiling an inventory of low water and flood prone areas, along with some additional data, and will provide information back to counties.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss gave an update on the DDI Project. The City of Jackson had concerns with signage and how to get traffic to Jackson when Exit 99 is closed.

MoDOT has developed a signage plan with southbound I-55 traffic using Exit 102 and northbound I-55 traffic being encouraged to use Exit 102 although Exit 99 is still available. Mr. Okenfuss thinks it is a good plan.

The contractor will begin setting concrete traffic barriers on northbound I-55 next week. By the first full week of April, traffic will be running head to head on I-55 and a few weeks after that, traffic will be running head to head on US 61. The current work will be finished next week and then contractor will be working on the US 61 crossover. Next week, MoDOT will turn on the temporary signals at RT K and MO 25.

Mr. Okenfuss noted that Mr. Bollinger reported there were pavement repairs needed along US 61 in Jackson. MoDOT is planning to do repairs and a longer-term fix is needed but that will require excavation. MoDOT has fixed some areas already and these are a continuation of those same issues.

Mr. Okenfuss clarified that MODOT is not shutting down the interstate as rumored on Facebook.

FHWA – Betsy Tracy had nothing to report.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy thanked everyone for their flexibility for this meeting. The meeting was needed in order to get started on the ADA assessment. Initially the consultants were going to use students for some of this and now that the University is closed due to COVID-19, they are not sure that will work now. The schedule may need to be adjusted as the report may not be completed by end of year.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:30 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills