



## TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020  
Osage Centre, Cape Girardeau MO

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

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport)  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic Development Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET (MAGNET)  
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
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. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Ms. Brittany O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via phone)  
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (FHWA) (via phone)

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering

### Call to Order

Chairman Shrimplin 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 March 4, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved for adoption upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Payne.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 5, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved as amended upon motion made by Mr. Phillips 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 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 4 – Motion to recommend conditional approval**

Mr. Christian requested to postpone the FY2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 4. Additional changes are necessary. Mr. Christian will bring the amendment to next month's TPC meeting.

- **Pedestrian Transportation System ADA Assessment – Motion to recommend consultant proposal**

Mr. McElroy outlined the consultant's proposal. The deliverables will include three sets of data and shape files for the two cities and for the county. Mr. McElroy stated that FHWA agreed that no additional public outreach is necessary at this point of the condition assessment. Once each community creates its transition plan and budgets, public input will then need to be actively solicited. A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Mehner to recommend approval of the Pedestrian Transportation System ADA Assessment consultant proposal to the Board of Directors, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (discussion)**

Mr. McElroy stated that the DRAFT FY 2021 United Planning Work Program (UPWP) was sent to ONE DOT and MoDOT for review and approval. As discussed in prior meetings, the Draft UPWP includes the ADA Assessment and Metropolitan Transportation Plan update. ONE DOT and MoDOT intend to have their review comments to Mr. McElroy later this month. The TPC will then consider the UPWP at its April meeting.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Chairman Shrimplin reported on the status of the TTF5 projects. Staff and consultant are negotiating a task order for more geotechnical study for the Fountain Street Project. Staff is working with property owners along the Independence Street Project to begin

the acquisition process. Staff is planning a public meeting for the Main Street Project in mid-April. Additional storm sewer work is necessary for the Sprigg Street Project. The consultant is working to obtain the Army Corps of Engineers' permit on the West End Boulevard Project. The utilities along the corridor are being relocated. There is a kick-off meeting scheduled today for the Kiwanis Dr. Corridor TEAP Project.

City of Jackson –Mr. Bollinger reported that the electric relocation that was required for the Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI) project has been completed. The associated water system interconnection project has been let to Jokerst for \$200,000. The contractor has a 90-day completion window. The annual concrete repair contract has been completed by Mike Light Cement Finishing. The Shawnee Roundabout Project construction continues with Lappe Cement Finishing. The contract is for \$740,000 and is currently on schedule. The second phase includes utilities being relocated. Temporary traffic signals are being installed in mid-March and will remain in place until completion, which is anticipated to be in June. Mr. Bollinger also reported that MoDOT has its traffic counters out for a few more weeks. These counts are part of MoDOT's five-year cycle. There are additional counters that the City of Jackson has put out. The City would like to see some improvements at High Street and Main Street in front of courthouse. The City is contemplating pedestrian signals and/or signage options. The traffic counts will help determine the correct solutions.

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

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported that the annual overlay program was awarded to Apex Paving Company. The unit prices were lower than the pricing from last year.

CTA – Ms. Watson reported that Joan Roeseler had requested workforce transportation data from CTA. In January 2013, CTA began a workforce transportation program, taking passengers from Cape Girardeau to Gilster Mary Lee plants in Perryville and McBride. There are a few locations around town where the CTA van will pick up / drop off workers. CTA makes 4 trips per day, every day to these plants. In late July 2018, CTA added another plant, Procter & Gamble, in Fruitland. CTA now makes 2 trips per day to that plant as well. In both instances, CTA was contacted by workforce agencies wanting to work with CTA to provide reliable transportation for their workers. These manufacturing plants were experiencing worker shortages and one of the biggest barriers was reliable transportation. Over a six-year period, CTA has experienced a 79% increase in the number of trips provided. In FY19, CTA vans travelled 162,005 miles transporting workers for these factories. Ms. Watson reported the following yearly comparison of trips:

FY13	7,585 (partial year)
FY14	26,580
FY15	29,139
FY16	26,664
FY17	33,704
FY18	39,667
FY19	47,672

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported that the DRA project is on hold due to wet weather. The contractor hopes to be completed by the end of summer. Utilizing MoDOT FY20 funds, a project to build the Harbor Lead Track No 2 and West 3-5 Tracks should be under contract next week. A second project to raise the mainline out of the floodplain is out for bid. This will tie into the Loop Track Project. They are also working with FEMA on a project that will include painting

a steel railroad bridge and to raise the north portion of the railroad. EDA funding - advertising for engineering services to raise 11,000 feet of track. The intent is to be under contract this summer. The BUILD grant is ongoing. Ms. Brink has been finalizing the funding match. Once the funding and NEPA documents are in place, it could take up to three months to finalize agreement with USDOT. Ms. Brink is working through the NEPA process. In addition, Ms. Brink reported that she has been working with the federal government on grant policies and procedures manual and with MODOT on the unfunded needs/projects list.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported that in February there were 712 passengers leaving the airport. This number is even with last year's number. Ms. Amos is working with the consultant to determine why fares have increased a bit. The Master Plan determined the need to study the hours of operations at the FBO. The fencing project is proceeding as the Council approved the design contract with Crawford, Murphy, and Tilly (CMT) last Monday.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that the RPC's next TAC meeting will be on April 23 at 1:00. Members will begin the project prioritization process. The forms have been sent to the county officials. Mr. Christian will then visit each county to review the projects with county representatives.

Cape Area MAGNET – Mr. Mehner reported on the TransAmerica Corridor. More information may be found at [TransAmericaCorridor.com](http://TransAmericaCorridor.com). In addition, there was great coverage in B magazine. The committee is urging federal government to look at transportation differently. Mr. Mehner stated that the committee is interested in any comments. He discussed that the corridor could allow for driverless vehicles and utility opportunities. The corridor could be built through the middle of US instead of retrofitting existing routes. Mr. Mehner stated to keep in mind that the interstate system was bold and futuristic. This needs to be bold too.

MoDOT –

Mr. Okenfuss reported on the unfunded needs priority lists. He reminded the TPC that last year the Governor chose to bond the poor condition bridge needs. This allowed for funding to be available for other projects. District staff started at the top of the list supplied by SEMPO. The City of Jackson US 61 Project was the highest priority. Utilizing the same statewide funding distribution, district staff used this equation for its planning areas. Using this distribution, allows for \$3.4 million for SEMPO. The US 61 Project exceeds the allotted \$3.4 million. Therefore, district staff looked at a reduced scope of the US 61 Project, which will include additional turn lanes at Mary Street and Hubble Creek bridge replacement. The new bridge will be wider to allow for the ability to have a third lane. Mr. Okenfuss intends to have more information in June. The construction funding for this project may possibly be in FY23.

Mr. Okenfuss provided a brief update on the DDI. There is one lane on northbound I55 that is closed now. This will continue for the foreseeable future. Traffic will be routed head to head on both I55 and US 61 in mid-April.

Mr. Okenfuss reported that interviews are underway for District Engineer position.

Mr. Killian reported that the STIP development cycle is underway. The draft STIP will be released in May for public comment period. He reviewed the next round of cost-share funding. The deadline for the application is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Requirements for the funding include: the project must be on-state system and the project cost is a minimum of \$200,000.

Mr. Killian reported that Ms. Barnett is moving to Arizona. Therefore, there will be some changes at the Bootheel RPC.

Ms. O'Connell reported that she is filling in until Ms. Voss's position is filled. This will likely occur toward the end of March or early April.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracey reported that another call for BUILD grants have opened. The program has set aside 50% of the funds for rural areas (under 200,000 population). The project minimum is \$1.0 million. Applications are due on May 18, 2020. SEMPO can help with the coordination and regional impact is good, but the applicant must own the facility. SEMPO can provide letter of support.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported that he plans to attend a FHWA safety planning workshop at the end of month in Jefferson City.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned upon motion made by Ms. Brink and seconded by Mr. Mehner.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green