



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**
April 15, 2020
Via Conference Call

Board Voting Members Present via phone:

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. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration, IL Division (FHWA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present via phone:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Regional Airport
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Staff Present on Call:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Fox called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the April 15, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Hahs.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 18, 2020 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Fox thanked the group for their flexibility and making the calls work during this time. He expressed confidence that this would soon be over and we would be back to some normalcy.

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. 2020-04, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program – Reading and Passage**

Chairman Fox introduced RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04. A motion was made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Hahs to approve RESOLUTION NO. 2020-04, which passed unanimously.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Chairman Fox reported that the City is doing business as best they can. He reported that the buildings are closed but services continue. He said there is recent Airport news but would let Ms. Amos report on that.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs noted that the DDI work has started. There is additional signage on I55 regarding the Jackson exits. He reported that the roundabout construction continues and is going well. With schools out, the traffic is not as bad as they first anticipated and they will be done before school starts again. They are working in cooperation with Cape County on Missouri Street improvements and the street will be closed next week to accommodate the work.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Herbst reported they have a bid out for asphalt work. The Courthouse is in a holding pattern because of the shutdown but they will move forward as soon as possible.

CTA – Mr. Mogelnicki reported that they are down 60% in ridership but continue to run normal times. They are not having any trouble and drivers are showing up for their shifts.

Cape Regional Airport – Ms. Amos reported that March was down 46.5%. She anticipates that the April report will better reflect what is going on. They are moving forward with the wildlife fence and masterplan. She had hoped to give a full report on the plan but they will be relooking at it now that they got a \$17.5 million grant from the COVID fund. She noted that these funds can be used for operations and capital improvements. They are being encouraged to use the money for operational costs. She has a meeting with city management to look at projects in place and needs. They will put together a list of potential projects for the grant money and then meet with MoDOT tomorrow to see what is feasible and what is not. She noted that this funding is not as restrictive as some of their other funding. They are excited to move some projects forward. They should have a plan in place in the next couple of days for use of this grant money.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss gave an update on Center Junction. He said crews will be demolishing the south bound bridge. They are working on storm sewers and west side of bridge. All is going well with a lot happening. They are planning to do the demolition of the south bound bridge on April 20 and 21 with nighttime closures on US61 to allow them to drop the bridge. The anticipated closure is from 8:30 p.m. to 6 a.m. They are hoping to get done in one day but not sure. They have been working with the Cities of Jackson and Cape Girardeau to have law enforcement on site which has helped. Message boards will be out to give notice of closures.

Mr. Brandon reported on a meeting with ONE DOT. There is a lot of uncertainty regarding revenue streams. There is a two-month lag on funding so staff is trying to figure out how that will affect MoDOT and upcoming lettings with anticipated cash flow. They might have to delay some of the state lettings but likely this will not affect the SEMPO area. He said Federal Highway is taking into consideration that not all agencies are set up to deal with things electronically.

Mr. Killian reiterated the uncertainty of funding. There are anticipated changes with projects but likely none affecting SEMPO. He said there might be a need to look at next fiscal year and make some adjustments. He went on to say that the cost share application cycles are not working well. In the past there has not been enough time for district review. Statewide they are asking cost share project proposals to be delivered to district planning staff for review two weeks prior to deadline to make sure there is time for review and to get the letter of support in a timely fashion. Cost share application deadline for this Friday is moved back to mid-June to go to the August 20 cost share meeting. They are working toward the next TIP amendment.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell thanked and congratulated the group on being able to hold these meetings. The East Cape Project is letting on April 25. IDOT's main priority is keeping projects going. He noted that revenue decreases are an issue.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy noted they are teleworking and still authorizing lettings and working on federal bills.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted that the TPC released the UPWP for public comment. He did get direction from Federal Highway that the public hearing is not a federal requirement but part of our public participation plan. If facilities are still closed, it is not an issue with FHWA if the hearing is cancelled.

Mr. McElroy encouraged the group to go to SEMPO's FB page to see a video posted about the Port. He encouraged the group to like the page and post.

Mr. McElroy gave an update on the ADA assessment. It is moving along good and still on schedule. They have five intern candidates and five offer letters going out with an additional promising candidate for the sixth position.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:26 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Ms. Amos.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills