



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2020
Via Zoom

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
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Larry Payne, Cape Girardeau County (alternate for Mr. Charlie Herbst)
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. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Illinois Division

Staff Present:

None

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Introductions

Each person in the meeting made an introduction, identifying themselves and their organization.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the August 5, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Payne.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 1, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved as amended upon motion made Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Payne.

Communications from the Chairman

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

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

- **FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 5 – Discussion**

Mr. Christian introduced FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 5. The first project is a job order contract for erosion control where the estimated total cost is double than the original estimate. Therefore, an amendment is necessary. The second project is an on-call work zone enforcement project. The last project fell within the guidelines of an administrative modification. This third project will be sent on for review but will be handled administratively. Mr. Christian noted he will update the project costs and Mr. McElroy will send the project to FHWA for review.

TIP Amendment No. 5 will follow the typical process. No action is being taken on this amendment today as it must go to ONE DOT for their 35-day review first. TIP Amendment No. 5 will be brought to the TPC in September to recommend approval.

Mr. Killian noted that the erosion control project is within the Southeast District with little area within the SEMPO area. However, because a portion of the project might fall within the SEMPO area, it is required to be included in the TIP. He noted that the second project is a State FY 2022 on-call work zone enforcement project and it needs to be included in the TIP prior to the spring so it can be awarded whenever Highway Safety is ready. This is for law enforcement to enforce speed and other laws within the work zone and something that is done every year. It must be included as some of the work zones are within the SEMPO area. Generally, federal funds are used for this but sometimes state funds are needed. There was a question regarding the 35-day review period and whether that could be reduced and this be moved to an earlier meeting. It cannot due to the public comment period. Mr. Christian noted that the on-call work zone enforcement has been in the TIP previously.

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Update**

Mr. Shrimplin reported that two statements of qualifications were received and disseminated to the subcommittee for review and preliminary scoring. The committee has elected to interview both firms. Mr. McElroy will schedule those interviews when he returns from vacation.

- **Pedestrian Transportation System ADA Assessment – Update**

Ms. Mills passed on a report from Mr. McElroy noting that the QA/QC process is wrapping up by the end of the week, and field data collection with the interns is complete. Their last day was July 31. Lochmueller will be moving on to digging into data analysis and translating that into plan documentation for our communities.

Member Reports – Mr. Shrimplin noted that he had updates on TTF5 projects. Fountain Street, from William St. to Independence St., had additional geotechnical study done and the report was submitted to the city engineer who is discussing with city management. Independence St., from North Broadview St. to Caruthers Ave., is moving but is a lengthy process because there are a lot of affected property owners. Several commercial properties are affected by the additional lanes created, requiring additional right of way. Staff is taking time to work through the issues. Lochmueller is the consultant and they have done some design work showing how the property owners would be affected. Tim Richmond is sharing plans with the property owners, getting comments, and working through issues. For the Main St. project, from Robert St. to E Cape Rock Dr., staff has decided not to do a public meeting and will focus on meeting individually with the affected property owners. It was determined it would be too difficult to do anything virtually as many of the residents are elderly and previous conversations have confirmed that a virtual meeting would be challenging. The consultants are on the design phase of the Sprigg St. project, from William St. to Broadway. The city did a traffic study at the intersection of Sprigg St. and William St. to see if a southbound right turn lane onto Sprigg St. at William St. was warranted. The study revealed that it is not warranted and they are now looking at the opposite corner in the southwest quadrant to see what improvements can be added there. The West End Boulevard project, from Rose St. to Bertling St., required approval from the Corps of Engineers which has now been obtained. The consultant is in the process of finalizing plans. Easements have been reviewed and the consultant has updated those documents.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported on the asphalt overlay project in the South Industrial Park subdivision and noted that the County is making great progress. The overlay is under way and will be wrapping up soon. The roundabout on E Main St. at Shawnee Blvd. is closed out now and Mr. Bollinger thanked everyone who attended the ribbon cutting. On the annual asphalt pavement improvement program, Apex Paving Co. is starting work next Monday, August 10 on Farmington Road. The annual concrete pavement improvement program is out to bid and will be awarded this month and started next month. Due to the recent flooding, the City is trying to fast track some new bridge replacement projects. Both of these are low water crossings in the city park, and the City will be taking a close look at replacing those sooner than later.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Payne noted they have one project out to bid to get a gravel road ready to be paved with asphalt.

CTA – Ms. Watson reported that their ridership is staying around the 70% mark. Their building is temporarily closed because there was flood damage from rain. It will tentatively only be closed until the end of week. They are still operating but with no public access.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported they are moving forward with projects discussed last month. They are up 100% compared to last month for boardings, hitting 355 passengers. The airport

has to navigate the new travel ban put in place by the City of Chicago. The ban does not affect connecting flights or if traveling to areas outside the City. She noted there is more information on the website. She said things are moving in a positive direction.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted they are working on the TIP Amendment and administrative modification as previously discussed. He noted they are also working on the annual listing of obligated projects for the MPO.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss reported there are some big changes with Center Junction Diverging Diamond Interchange Project starting as early as August 17. They have started to reach out to some of the businesses, Sportsplex, and North County Park about the changes. Traffic will be shifting to the new lanes, particularly on the east side of the interchange which is where a lot of that work has been going on. The configuration will be in place for about 6 weeks and then everything east of the interchange will be in its final configuration. For this 6-week period there will be no left turns across US 61. Motorists will be required to make U-turns beyond the limits of the project. He noted that the work is required to be done and once it is completed everything on the east side will be functional, including the signal at the Sportsplex. Contractors have tentatively scheduled this work to begin on August 17 but there is some additional work that is required to be completed before then so MoDOT will have to wait to finalize the date.

Mr. Okenfuss noted that MoDOT needs to coordinate with the City of Jackson about the work on US 61 north of the Courthouse where pavement repairs are required. MoDOT would like to start August 16th, if that is acceptable with the City.

Mr. Okenfuss also reported they have been working with Mr. Mehner and the developer on a Transportation Development District (TDD) on US 61 north of Lexington Ave. They are in conversations with the City about what they would need to fulfill a permit. The developer is proposing to add a signal into North Pointe Center, building some outer roads, and consolidating some of the entrances.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had no report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy had no report.

Staff Report

No staff report.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:26 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Payne and seconded by Mr. Perry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Mills