



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2021
Via Zoom

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University)
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. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration – Missouri Division (FHWA)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – Illinois Division (FHWA)

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Moment of Silence: Prior to the meeting being called to order, Chairman Christian asked for a moment of silence in memory of Larry Payne who passed away in December.

Call to Order

Chairman Christian called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Introductions

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

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the January 6, 2021 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 2, 2020 Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Perry.

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

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01, A Resolution Expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Jackson for the West Mary Street Sidewalk connection Project** – Mr. McElroy noted that this project is to provide connecting sidewalks to connect to the soon to be replaced bridge at Hubble Creek (Mary Street). Upon a motion by Mr. Shrimplin, seconded by Mr. Perry, a recommendation to the Board for approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 was unanimously passed.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02, A Resolution supporting Southeast Missouri State University Safety Performance Measure Targets** – Mr. Sandfort noted that the University has been working with consultants, Cape County Transit, and University's Emergency Manager to meet federal requirements on targets. This plan is their first and contains the targets that SEMPO has approved. The document will be reviewed annually. Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger, seconded by Mr. Perry, a recommendation to the Board for approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2021-02 was unanimously passed.
- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03, A Resolution in Memoriam of Lawrence Payne** – Upon a motion made by Mr. Shrimplin, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, RESOLUTION No. 2021-03 passed unanimously. Chairman Christian asked that if anyone had anything to add to the resolution, they should let Mr. McElroy know.
- **A Resolution Expressing Support of a City of Cape Girardeau Transportation Alternative Program Grant Program Application to the Missouri Department of Transportation** – Mr. McElroy noted that there is not a specific Resolution as the project and application won't be approved by the City Council until January 19. A specific resolution will be taken to the Board on January 20th. Mr. Shrimplin noted that the resolution didn't have to be formalized for the Committee to support the project. Mr. McElroy explained that the project is a crosswalk along Kingshighway, Cape Rock Dr., and Kiwanis Dr. Members of the public have addressed the committee on the need for this crosswalk. In addition, the project has been submitted previously and was part of a recent TEAP report. Upon a motion by Mr. Shrimplin, seconded by Mr. Bollinger, a recommendation to the Board for approval of a resolution in support of this project was unanimously approved.

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Mr. McElroy noted a milestone in December as the steering committee received draft versions of sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Plan. Consultants need to receive comments by the steering committee on the draft by January 15.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported there is not much to update from last report. The city started to collect tax from TTF 6 as of January 1. Some of the issues with current projects are affects of the project on developments that meet city code, taking them out of compliance because of additional right of way and variances requirements. There has to be a determination on how these will be resolved before there can be further progress with property owners. On the Main Street project, the city is in individual negotiations with property owners. On the Sprigg St. project, the city is not including additional stormwater routing on this project as a study determined it was not feasible. The city is wrapping up the acquisition phase on the West End project where over 100 temporary construction easements were needed and only a dozen or so are left to acquire.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported their annual concrete pavement improvement concluded after adding some work in December. They are starting to work on projects for this year, getting them out to bid. The consulting engineers continue on design of the 2 low water projects. Low water bridge at Hubble Ford will be later this year and they continue to engage the Park Board in those designs. There are currently 2 significant road closures in the city. One is caused by a water system bond project with a closure on Old Cape Road near South Georgia street. Detour routes are set up for about 2 weeks. The other planned road closure to happen this week is South Old Orchard Road which is the outer road of I55 between E Main and E Jackson Blvd. The city is putting a new sewer line under the roadway and will have to do an open cut for the work.

CTA – Ms. Watson had nothing new to report.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported they are preparing for the start of the upcoming semester.

Airport – Ms. Amos said they are waiting on the FAA review of the chapters submitted of the Terminal Area Master Plan. She noted they finished 2020 down 61% for airline passengers with just under 4600. Under the Cares Act they are considered a virtual primary airport for 2020 so even though they did not hit the 10,000 passengers, they will still receive the \$1 million in funding for that year. She said they are not sure what to expect in the future. She said they are hopeful they can start working on hangar development soon.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted that there is an administrative modification coming from MoDOT which won't require approval by TPC or the Board.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry noted that several street and drainage project applications about through. The first phase of office remodel is complete.

MoDOT – Mr. Okenfuss gave an update on Center Junction. The project is on schedule. The northbound bridge should be demolished by next week. The driller should be starting in mid-January to work on the foundations and seed work is being done as well. Project is going well.

Mr. Brandon noted design staff is doing estimates for the upcoming STIP. Looking at asset management and planning partner jobs. There was a question about the project listed at Center Junction on 61. Originally the project was listed as a lighting job but more detail was added over the past several years to include center median and access management safety issues. They thought the ask was for the lighting but need some clarity on the project request. Mr. McElroy noted he would look into it. Mr. Christian noted that the road is very dark and striping is lost during rain events. Mr. Bollinger noted that the lighting design has been done for a while and the city has applied for some grants and just waiting on some funding. The city will donate the design work. He was not sure how it evolved into more than lighting except that he remembered the project being expanded to match some grant requirements. Mr. Bollinger went on to say that the City of Jackson would like to help facilitate the project in any way as they have been pursuing this for almost a decade and they will be open to whatever it might take to help move the project forward as they do consider it unsafe with lighting as the priority.

Mr. Bandon went on to note the administrative modification will go out showing utilization of surplus dollars from the FY 20 budget to apply to FY 21 projects so that the district wide asphalt repair contracts for major highways (except interstates) will be fully funded from those funds. Also, the ADA district wide contracts will be mostly funded by the surplus funds.

Mr. Killian reminded everyone of the January 29 TAP deadline.

Mr. Crocker noted the TAP applications should be sent to his e-mail. Also, he is still needing the SEMO RPC and SEMPO representative designations for this process. He noted they only want one representative from each RPC. They still want two representatives from SEMPO, resulting in one score for each project. Mr. Christian noted that he would be the representative for the SEMO RPC.

Mr. Meyer shared that MoDOT, as of commission meeting today, is looking at a regular STIP cycle for this upcoming year. Revenues are still a bit behind but there is promising news from the Federal side in terms of replacement of lost revenue.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell noted how sorry he was to hear about Mr. Payne and noted how instrumental he was in starting SEMPO.

FHWA – No report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted he has kicked off the last project in the UPWP. He initiated an agreement with Rooted Web to do a new website. He has a kick off meeting with them tomorrow. He invited anyone interested in being part of the process to let him know. Additional input is welcome and needed.

He noted that during the Quarterly Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety meeting it was mentioned that the traffic highway safety program is getting underway. They are holding informational meetings on January 12 and 14. The city of Cape has participated previously. He wanted to make sure everyone was aware of it.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:46 a.m. upon motion made by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Perry.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Mills