



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**
February 17, 2021
Via Zoom

Board Voting Members Present via zoom:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Scott Meyer, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning & Economic
Development Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present via zoom:

Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Steven Minor, Federal Highway Administration – Missouri Division (FHWA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present via zoom:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. John Mehner, MAGNET
Mr. Brian Okenfuss, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present via zoom:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau, SEMPO

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present via zoom:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Hahs called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Introductions

Those present were identified by Mr. McElroy.

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the February 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded Mr. Phillips.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 20, 2021 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Roach.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Hahs had no communication at this time.

Public Comments Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

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

New/Unfinished Business

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update** – Mr. McElroy noted that a draft list of goals, objectives, and strategies was presented to the TPC at their meeting on February 3 and they provided feedback. There were 2 public open houses presented virtually on February 9 with 30 participants total. At those meetings, an overview of the goals and objectives were presented, along with the growth scenarios, travel demand model, and project highlights. It was then opened for comment and questions with some good conversation. The next step is to have a draft by February 19th. The plan will be opened for public comment for a 25-day period. He noted that the process is still on track to have a public hearing in March and present to SEMPO Board for adoption in April.

- **FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan Administrative Modification C**
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Mr. McElroy noted that this will not require action and the explanation is for information only. He noted there are three modifications. The first is the Rt. 177 project to raise bridges in two locations, adding additional funds for right of way. The second is job order contracting for asphalt repairs and the third is another job order contract for ADA improvements in SE District.

- **FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program** – Mr. McElroy noted that it is time to develop the work plan for the upcoming year and he is soliciting ideas for projects. He reported that this was presented at the TPC meeting as well and they gave their ideas, including finalizing the Title VI Plan update as well as the Public Transit Human Services Plan. There was also a suggestion for the development of an Electric Vehicle Plan and/or a freight study. Mr. McElroy said he would send a note to the Board listing the suggestions he already has as a reminder to the Board to provide input. He needs to have a draft plan by the end of the month so needs any input as soon as possible.

Mr. Caldwell noted that truck parking is a concern and might be good to be part of a freight study. He indicated that it has become a big concern in Illinois.

- **MoDOT 2021 Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy noted that he had distributed the unfunded needs list to the Board. Mr. Mike Brandon had asked for final confirmation of the list. Mr. McElroy went through the list, explaining the difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2.

Mr. Okenfuss offered some information on how the list was developed. He noted that MoDOT tries to keep the list updated each year. They looked at previous unfunded needs list and SEMPO's most recent prioritized list. There were certain targets to hit and they apply the Southeast share based on MoDOT's funding formula used on a statewide level. They then picked projects based on highest need, what might be ready, and most viable. Historically Exit 93 has been at the top of the list. The Tier 1 project at Exit 93 is additional work for a project that is in the STIP. In Tier 2, there is a larger Exit 93 project that would allow for more extensive redesign. The Exit 93 bridge replacement in the STIP will be further out, likely 5 years out. This would give the city an opportunity to explore cost share options for a bigger project. He noted MoDOT is hiring a consultant to consider several options at that exit. The other projects came directly from the needs list, trying to match projects with available dollars. Mr. Okenfuss also noted there are some projects that will be rolled into the STIP. Specifically, Route K needs some work, and the City of Cape has set some money aside as a cost share so that will be moved forward. Also, they identified some safety needs at the intersection of Rt. K and 25. Because of the temporary intersection improvements due to the Center Junction project, there has been improved safety results there and they would like to make some permanent improvements. Mr. Okenfuss also noted there are some projects in Jackson as well that might be able to be put in the STIP, including the Hubble Creek Bridge at the courthouse, turn lane improvements at Mary Street and pavement reconstruction. This is in draft form and will become formal in July.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox noted that not much has changed since the report last month. There are some safety projects the city is looking at doing out of TTF5. The

other TTF 5 projects have been delayed because of Covid and other issues. TTF6 monies are now being collected but the city needs to get the TTF5 projects complete.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported they are planning the major projects for the year. He said they are moving up the East Main railroad track, storm water, water line project to see how it can be done this year as the Exit 99 project is being completed. The two low water bridge projects are being planned and one to be completed this year.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted they had a bid opening for asphalt overlay last week. Apex Paving was low bidder and were awarded the contract.

Cape Regional Airport – Ms. Amos noted she is currently working on a Request for Qualifications for an owner’s representative for the new terminal and T-hangar projects. They are looking at design-build for both projects but need a consultant to act as owner’s representative on board first. Hope to have proposals in and start interview process in about 30 days.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted their TAC meeting is at 1:00 p.m. next Thursday. MoDOT will be doing a safety presentation. He noted that SEMO Port has their bid opening for the next part of the EDA rail project next Friday.

MoDOT – Mr. A. Meyer noted there is a letting this Friday, including the ADA work that MoDOT continues to do to progress their transition plan. He noted they spend \$1 to 1.5 million in the 25 counties to try to catch up their pedestrian facilities to be ADA compliant.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had no additional reports

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:37 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Respectfully submitted,
Marla Mills