



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

September 1, 2021

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Airport) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)  
(via Zoom)  
Mr. John Mehner, Cape Girardeau Area MAGNET (MAGNET)  
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit Authority (CTA) (via Zoom)

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

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation  
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) (via Zoom)

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering (via Zoom)

### Others:

Mr. Mark Shelton, American Concrete Paving Association (ACPA)  
Ms. Amy Farris, City of Cape Girardeau (via Zoom)

### Call to Order

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

### Introductions

Each person introduced themselves and their organization and Mr. McElroy identified those participating by zoom.

### Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the September 1, 2021 Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Mehner seconded by Mr. Shrimplin.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 7, 2021, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Shrimplin seconded by Mr. Mehner.

### Communications from the Chairman

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

### Public Comments

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

### New/Unfinished Business

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12, A Resolution Expressing Support of a Cost Share application by the City of Jackson for the US 61 and Deerwood Drive Roundabout Project – Motion to recommend approval**

Mr. McElroy reported that the City of Jackson had a traffic study performed by Lochmueller Group at this intersection. One of the solutions was a roundabout. This solution resulted in a Level of Service A at most, if not all, of the approaches. The City of Jackson has been in conversations with MoDOT regarding their cost share application. The Jackson Board of Alderman has passed a similar resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Shrimplin to support a cost share application by the City of Jackson for the US 61 and Deerwood Drive Roundabout Project, which passed unanimously.

- **2021 General Services Agreement Request for Qualifications – Discussion**

Mr. McElroy reported that this is for the five-year general services agreements that were completed in 2016. It is time to advertise for another five-year term. New local firms will be given an opportunity to be considered for the work. Mr. McElroy provided the timeline in the packet.

- **FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 9 – Motion to release for public comment and recommend conditional approval**

Mr. McElroy reported that he is suggesting to amend this due to some evolving events. With regard to the Minnesota Avenue and MO 74 project, the agreement between the City of Cape Girardeau and MoDOT has not been finalized at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Mehner to table this item. Mr. McElroy stated that this will likely appear on the next agenda.

- **FY 2021-2045 MTP Amendment No. 1 – Motion to release for public comment and recommend conditional approval**

Mr. McElroy stated that this amendment is more or less a housekeeping item. FHWA had pointed out that some funds were scheduled for construction of the air traffic control tower in 2026-2030. This was an error and the funds should be allocated in 2025. In addition, a funding source was not identified under the MoDOT projects. The amendment now shows the funding source as 'MoDOT'. A motion was made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Mr. Shrimplin to release FY 2021-2045 MTP Amendment No. 1 for public comment, which passed unanimously.

- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan – Discussion**

Mr. McElroy reported twenty-three firms were solicited for this plan and there were no responses received. A survey was distributed to all firms with four responses as to why they did not respond to the solicitation. Most of the firms responded that they had limited knowledge. Mr. McElroy reported that he has been contacted by two local entities who are interested in helping with the plan. There was one firm outside of Kansas City that he plans on speaking to soon. Therefore, there are some options available. He will be leaning on Mr. Shrimplin, Ms. Watson, and Mr. Sandfort to assist in providing a recommendation to the TPC on how to move forward. Mr. Mehner asked if this is because we are not far enough ahead in this field. He asked if this was a surprise. Mr. McElroy said he was somewhat surprised but not completely. He stated that he had asked other MPOs if they had completed these. They responded that they were very interested and would be looking at us to see if it works. Mr. Caldwell suggest to look at Illinois to see what they've done. He also suggested that AMPO may be a good resource as well. Mr. Shrimplin asked if the budget was the issue. Mr. McElroy stated that only one responded that the budget was too low. However, it became clear that they thought the planning dollars were to be used for infrastructure as well. Mr. McElroy would like to get this accomplished within this fiscal year and will bring more information next month.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported that under TTF5 the city is finalizing the design and is in the acquisition phase on the Independence Street project. Mr. Shrimplin noted that the city is still in acquisition on the Main Street project and the consultant is finalizing the design. On the Sprigg Street project, staff has met with property owners to finalize the details and the acquisition exhibits are completed and the consultant will be incorporating some ADA parking stalls. On the West End Boulevard project, the consultants are revising the plans to address sanitary sewer issues and several easements have been accepted. The TTF6 consulting agreements are in place, so these projects will begin. The 2021 Concrete Repair program was awarded to Fronabarger and will begin soon. A contract with Bacon Farmer and Workman Engineering for the design of the pedestrian improvements at US 61/Kingshighway/Maria Louise Lane will go to City Council next Tuesday for approval. In addition, the city will be entering into an agreement with Zahner and Associates to survey the in-house design TTF 6 projects.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the Smith and Company is in the final design stage of the Hubble Ford bridge. They intend to put this project out for bid early this month. The city will be replacing the West Mary Street low water crossing. Cochran Engineering is working on this project. It is in the survey phase and they plan to construct this project in 2022. The Asphalt Repair program is underway now and has been award to Black Diamond Paving, also

known as Paving Pros. The Concrete Repair program was awarded and the contractor will begin mid-month.

CTA – Ms. Watson reported they have completed their annual audit. There are more issues with getting replacement vehicles. The Buy America requirement is a hurdle and there are supply chain issues due to COVID. She stated that MoDOT is having the same issues.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported that they are working through the mask mandate and trying to keep the riders and drivers safe. Ridership is up compared to last year so far.

Airport – Ms. Amos reported that that they had a strong month with 863 passengers. This will likely taper off with school starting back up. Burns and McDonnell will be holding a kickoff meeting for the terminal project next week. At that meeting, they will discuss the schedule, logistics, and stakeholders' meetings. The Master Drainage Study has been completed and FAA has reviewed the plan and has provided comments. The FAA had some comments on the terminal NEPA study. These comments are being addressed now and the consultant is obtaining additional data. Staff and FAA are reviewing the 30% design of the Taxiway Bravo project.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that in addition to the TIP amendment as discussed earlier in the meeting there is a required update to the narrative and he is working on. He will be adding in one paragraph that addresses transit safety and performance measures.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported that the office is undergoing some remodeling and therefore the staff is working from home.

MAGNET – Mr. Mehner reported that he is working with a developer at Bloomfield Road and Kingshighway.

MoDOT – Mr. Brandon reported that they are working on the unfunded needs list and that it is due September 30. With regard to the idea to six-lane I-55 from Scott City to Fruitland, MoDOT is looking at what logical segments will work. There is a preference to begin with Exit 96 to Exit 99. Mr. Brandon made Mr. Christian aware of this and so it may necessary to use a portion of the RPC's funds. The Deerwood project is also on the list due to the timing of the Cost Share application process. Mr. Brandon stated that he will likely keep this project on this unfunded needs list but it may get funded on cost share list first. MoDOT is discussing public meetings to present the unfunded needs list. These meetings will likely be a formal public meeting style. The meetings may include commissioners or other politicians. Currently, the meetings are scheduled for mid to late October or November. There will be more information and details to come. MoDOT is beginning their asset (including pavement, bridges, signals, etc.) management program. This helps determine what needs to be added to the STIP. Also, MoDOT is beginning the STIP process for next year.

Mr. Crocker reported that MoDOT is working on the MO 74/Minnesota Avenue Cost Share Agreement. This project is unique and so the standard boiler plate language doesn't apply. With regard to the TAP project at US 61/Kingshighway/Maria Louise, MoDOT suggested some minor edits to the Engineering Services Contract. Once those edits have been made, Mr. Crocker recommended sending those back to MoDOT for review prior to sending them to Council for acceptance. Also, he reported that there will be some major updates with the BRO program. The BRO program is basically a program that counties use to replace off-system bridges using federal money. The definition of an eligible structure is changing. This means

approximately 300 bridges will no longer be eligible. MoDOT received three TEAP applications that they are currently reviewing. They hope to have these selected by this month and announcements shortly thereafter. City of Mansfield, City of Cape Girardeau, and City of Houston applied.

Mr. Meyer reported that Mr. Okenfuss will no longer be the Area Engineer. He will be managing the Chester Bridge project. MoDOT will be making announcements regarding the opening for area engineer position. Mr. Meyer is open to hear SEMPO thoughts regarding the position. The acquisition for the MO 177 project is progressing very well. There are additional traffic resets required for the DDI construction. The contractor was pouring the base of the slope protection today. There will be concrete slopes on one side and rock baskets on the other. MoDOT staff is trying to get out more to visit with partners, but with the continual changes due to COVID makes it complicated.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell was excited to hear about the Chester Bridge project and Mr. Okenfuss. He had nothing else to report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy had nothing to report.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing new to 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 11:43 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Mehner and seconded by Ms. Shrimplin.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green