



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 17, 2021

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Beth Glaus, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO University) (Alternate) (via Zoom)
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Eva Steinman, Federal Transit Administration – Region 7 (FTA) (via Zoom)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport) (via Zoom)
Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Cathy Monroe, Federal Transit Administration – Regions 7 (FTA) (via Zoom)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering (via Zoom)

Other:

Ms. Kim Voelker, Cape Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Jeff Long, Southeast Missourian

Call to Order

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

Introductions

Those present introduced themselves and those via zoom were identified by Mr. McElroy.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 20, 2021, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Hahs.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Tanz noted that the Transportation Bill did pass. SB 3011 was passed in US Senate which allows up to 30% or \$10 million in ARPA funds to be used toward other projects such as transportation. This has not gone through the House yet but looks like it might pass.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 9 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted there are a few things in the Amendment including the Cape Girardeau cost share funds which has \$296,000 for the extension of Minnesota Ave on Rt. 74. There is also some MoDOT job order contracting funds for concrete street repair on all major highways except interstates. Also included is transit asset management and transit safety performance measure targets added to the TIP narrative. These all are part of this amendment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Hahs, Resolution No. 2021-15 approving Amendment No 9 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation improvement Plan was unanimously passed by the Board.

- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan Chose Olsson** – Mr. McElroy gave a brief update. He reminded the group that Olsson Engineering from Overland Park as the consultant for the project. A steering committee was formed, and they are having a kickoff meeting with Olsson tomorrow. When asked about completion of plan, Mr. McElroy noted that there is a tentative completion in September.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported there are still a number of TTF5 projects that are not

completed. The Independence project could go out to bid in Spring with a start in Summer 2022. The Main Street project is also looking at a Spring bid with start in Summer of 2022. The Sprigg Street project should also begin in Summer 2022. The West End project should start in Spring. The TTF6 College Street project will coincide with construction at Jefferson School and should start in Fall of 2022. There are also ongoing concrete and asphalt projects which are winding down.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs noted that their budget year runs January through December, so they are currently in the budget process. They anticipate transportation to be a big part of the budget with two replacements for low water bridges. One is out to bid now and the other is in engineering. Mr. Hahs noted they will be looking at a third bridge replacement on 61 North. This has them looking at 3 bridges in separate phases this year. They will budget the normal street maintenance. MoDOT will be at their next Board of Aldermen meeting to discuss a project on Hwy 61 North from the courthouse to Independence Street, including that bridge replacement.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted that they are still working on County Rd 203, currently tying into Rt K. When completed, Rt K to County Road 206 will be widened to twenty-four feet.

SEMO University – Ms. Glaus had no report at this time.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported they are moving forward on all the projects. On the Terminal they are working with Burns and McDonnell to finalize the basis of design timeline. They are working on the project formulation plan to implement some of the disciplines and work on the 15% basis of design. They have had a lot of survey and geotechnical work done. They have recently received T-Hangar scope from Burns and McDonnell and after review and tweaks it will be submitted to FAA for final approval. Then it will be submitted for an independent fee estimate as required because it is over \$100,000.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted he had nothing additional at this time.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian noted that Mr. Bollinger had asked MoDOT about support for a commercial zone in the Jackson area. He said that legislation dictates that those are reserved for cities of 75,000 or more. There is other legislation regarding ease of regulations that might impact this, but they need to wait and see what the final request is.

Mr. Brandon noted that there will be a public meeting regarding the unfunded needs list on December 2 at the Osage Center. This is High level look at MoDOT's financial situation and the impact at SB 262 that raised the Missouri state tax gas. This will cover the planning process and discuss the unfunded needs with a map. MoDOT personnel will answer questions and provide an opportunity for people to comment as well as providing an online opportunity to comment. They are not sure yet what this means at the local level, but they know it represents a substantial increase. Mr. Brandon encouraged the group to invite people to attend on December 2 from 3 to 5 p.m. Ms. O'Connor noted that there is more to come on this and there might be more information at the next meeting.

FTA – Ms. Steinman said they too are waiting to see the specifics coming out of transportation bill and are excited to finally have the 5-year bill.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy gave some preliminary information on what Missouri might see under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). He noted that there will be an UPWP amendment to include the TEAP grant for the city of Cape for the Broadway signal operation study. The award was \$12,000 for a project of an estimated \$23,000. Mr. Shrimplin asked if the Marina study partially funded through an EDA grant needed to be included in an amendment. Mr. McElroy thought that it did not but said he would look at it further to make sure.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:20 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Fox and seconded by Mr. Hahs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills