



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

December 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 (via Zoom)
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) (via Zoom)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. John Thompson, MAGNET
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit (CTA) (via Zoom)

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

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)
Ms. Betsey Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – III Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

Others Present:

Ms. Dana Brune, Cape Girardeau Regional Chamber of Commerce
Ms. Amy Ferris, City of Cape Girardeau

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairman Bollinger called the meeting to order at 11:02 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 December 1, 2021, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Christian.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 3, 2021, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Christian seconded by Mr. Shrimplin.

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

- **FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment No. 1** – Mr. McElroy explained this amendment was necessary to include the TEAP grant that the city of Cape Girardeau got for the Broadway Street signal operation study. Funding includes \$12,000 TEAP funds and \$11,000 local match for a \$23,000 study cost. A motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Shrimplin to release for public comment and recommend for conditional approval FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment No. 1 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bollinger asked the time frame for the study. Ms. Ferris noted that the TEAP grant agreement with MoDOT is on the Cape City Council agenda for approval on the sixth and the city will be executing the agreements on December 7. She went on to say the timeline should be short for the study as the final report for the grant has to be submitted in May and the consulting engineering firm is Lochmueller Group.

- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy gave a brief update, noting that the steering committee met on the 18th. He went on to say that there are six members plus himself on the committee. The first task for them was to identify the appropriate stakeholders. They identified five groups: electric grid infrastructure and transmission, providers, services, users, and agencies and interested groups. They are working to populate the list. There will be a project management meeting with Olsson this week to identify next steps.
- **CY 2022 SEMPO Meeting Schedule** – Mr. McElroy noted that he had included the 2022 schedule in the agenda packet. He went on to explain that Coordination and Engagement in the MTP listed a strategy to invite transportation agencies to give a presentation about their agency at local government meetings. Discussion about presentations or having transportation partners host a meeting instead of or along with a presentation. Mr. Shrimplin suggested that presentations on SEMPO should also be made at places like city council, board of alderman, county, etc. It was noted that this might be particularly of interest after elections. Mr. McElroy noted he would confirm meetings with the Osage Centre as location and continue to work on these outside hostings or presentations and make changes as needed when they could be confirmed.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris gave an update on the remaining TTF 5 projects noting that Sprigg Street and West End Blvd are in the final plan review stage. She anticipates letting for both projects by the end of December 2021 or early January 2022. The other two TTF 5 projects, Independence and Main Street are still in the design and acquisition stage with anticipated letting in Spring of 2022. The concrete street repair project is under way and anticipated to be completed in early 2022. Ms. Ferris went on to report on the TTF6 Projects. She noted that the College Street design is under way with Koehler engineering. They are hopeful for a 2022 construction. She said they are coordinating a task order with CFS to coordinate surveying with the grant sidewalk project on the Maria Louise Street. She said they just received the survey base drawings from Zahner with in-house design to begin soon. The other three in-house design projects include two on Lexington and one on Bertling. The base drawings are still being completed for these. The kick-off meeting was held in November with Bacon Farmer Workman for the Kingshighway crosswalk project and preliminary engineering is under way. The Rt. 74 and Minnesota Intersection and the Broadway Corridor TEAP project are both going to Council Monday for final approval.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the both the concrete and asphalt repair programs for calendar year 2021 are complete. They are taking change orders to the Mayor and Board for approval. He noted they are out to bid on a few transportation projects. The bridge project over Hubble Creek has been let and bids will be open next Wednesday. Also out to bid is a project that will reconstruct about five hundred feet of East Main Street where the railroad tracks are. He said they will be removing the railroad tracks and will upgrade water line and stormwater drainage system. That also opens next week as well. He noted they hope to hear soon from MoDOT regarding the roundabout at Highway 61 & Deerwood. They will have representatives from MoDOT at the Board of Alderman meeting on Monday who will give an update on Hwy 61 from the roundabout in Centertown to Rt D. There are plans to reconstruct it, replace the bridge in the city park, add turn lanes at Mary Street, and other misc. improvements.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson had nothing to report.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported they had a strong month in terms of airline traffic with over 1,000 passengers. She anticipates they will end the year with a total of about 9,000 passengers. She said that even though they won't hit the 10,000 number, she is confident they should still be considered a primary which makes them eligible for the \$1 million in funding. She went on to say they are working on the bridging documents for the terminal project, and it should go to bid the end of February or first part of March.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported they are working on the annual listing of obligated projects. He said this should be presented for review to TPC next month.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry had nothing new to report.

MAGNET – Mr. Thompson noted that there is a new independent power company NextEra in town. They are located and headquarter in Florida. They are looking at a utility grade solar panel field of 1500 acres. It would be a \$300 million dollar project. They are the largest private producer of power in the world with renewable energy as their sweet spot.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian reminded the group of the unfunded needs meeting set for tomorrow. He said there will be representation from the MoDOT central office as well as local representation. They are expecting a good crowd. Mr. Brandon said it starts at 3:00 with power point at 3:30. They expect a good turnout, and he encourages attendance. Mr. Crocker added there is an opportunity for online comments if someone can't make the meeting. They will take comments until December 22.

Mr. Crocker reported that Rt. AB and Rt. K were in last month's letting. He said that came in under budget by about \$163,000. It is a pavement resurfacing project. The raising of MO 177 will be let this month and awarded next month. Route P will be let in March 2022. He said he has a meeting scheduled next Tuesday with Cape city for a pre-engineering kick off meeting for the Maria Louise project.

Mr. Bollinger asked if a scheduled resurfacing of 72 from 34 to 61 in Jackson is scheduled in 2022. Mr. Brandon said they are discussing what to do with this. As of now the plan is to let it next November. They are working with their pavement specialists and maintenance to figure out what will be best. The current intention is to treat the asphalt sections but there may be concrete repair as well.

Mr. Bollinger asked what MoDOT would do with comments from the public input process and whether SEMPO would need to do anything. Mr. Brandon said they will share comments and it depends on the comments and impact they might have on the projects whether there are changes made. At a minimum they will share these with planning partners and will use for consideration for the future as the list will be updated yearly.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy reported that the President signed the new bipartisan infrastructure law on November 15. There is not much information yet but expecting more information soon and she will push that out as it becomes available. She noted of interest to MPOs would be additional planning funds coming through the bill.

Staff Report-

Mr. McElroy reported that the City of Cape Girardeau is seeking funding to develop the Greater Cape Girardeau business park. Mr. McElroy provided maps in the agenda packet. The city is looking at funding from EDA through their Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant. This would extend Business Park Place further along the 9.25-acre tract and the 14.01-acre tract, along with water and sewer and significant grading. He noted this has future implications for extension of Veterans Memorial which has been previously discussed. They have not yet submitted this application.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

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

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills