



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

January 5, 2022

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. Kirk Sandfort, SEMO University Dept. of Public Safety – Transit (SEMO) (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. Thomas Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (via Zoom)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – Ill Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

### Others Present:

Ms. Amy Ferris, City of Cape Girardeau (via zoom)  
Mr. Tommy Sung, Intern, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport  
Ms. Kim Voelker, Cape Girardeau Regional Chamber of Commerce

### 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 11:01 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 January 5, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Shrimplin, seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 1, 2021, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Thompson seconded by Ms. Amos.

#### 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 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No.10** - Mr. McElroy explained that there are two projects in the amendment, with the first being the CTA facility project. Originally it was listed as a \$3 million total project and is being increased to a \$5 million total project. Originally had \$2.4 from FTA and this amendment increases that to \$4 million and local funds go from \$600,000 to \$1 million. The second project is the City of Jackson cost share program with MoDOT. This is the Deerwood Drive modification. The amendment includes scoping for intersection modifications for the 61/Deerwood Dr. intersection. It includes \$1,000 for 2022 and \$23,000 in 2023 for the scoping. A motion made by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Thompson to release for public comment and recommend for conditional approval FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 10 was unanimously approved.
- **Annual Listing of Obligated Projects (ALOP)** - Mr. McElroy explained that this document is required by federal legislation through the FAST Act which requires MPOs to annually publish their annual listing of obligated projects for the preceding year, July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Most of the information comes from MoDOT and IDOT. Mr. McElroy's understanding is that there is no formal action required to adopt but he is seeking additional clarification. It is being presented at this point for review. Mr. Christian noted that the document should take in everything that had Federal dollars included. There is a Port project that might need to be included because it has federal dollars but not FHWA related. Mr. McElroy reiterated that he is getting clarification on whether these projects need to be added and then will finalize the list. He is also clarifying whether formalized action is necessary.
- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy gave a brief update, noting there was a kick-off mtg in November with discussion around stakeholder engagement. A list was developed with the consultant. Close to finalizing list and engagement will occur between January and February. They have already had one interview with Cape Electrical Supply who were very helpful with information and providing additional leads on stakeholders. There will be a project page on, tentatively, the SEMPO website. This will have information about the project, the purpose, rough outline of the schedule, and links to surveys to engage key public and key stakeholders. At the same time, the group is continuing with research

and continued assessments with information from Cape and Jackson. In February and March, the group will start developing recommendations, funding, and an implementation plan. He noted they will tentatively have a draft to review in mid-April.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris reported on TTF 5 projects, noting they have reviewed final draft plans for both the West End Blvd and the Sprigg Street projects. Still on track for early 2022 lettings on both. They have received final plans for the Independence Street project and those are currently under review. On TTF 6, design is under way for the College Street project with letting anticipated in February 2022. The task order has been executed with Cook Flatt & Strobel (CFS) for the Maria Louise/Kiwanis Drive/Broadview Street intersection improvement project. The survey is back from Zahner on the Sprigg Street project and in house design is under way. On grant projects, the Kingshighway crosswalk project has survey and design under way with Bacon Farmer Workman. Grant agreements have been executed with MoDOT for the Route 74 intersection project and the Broadway Corridor TEAP project. She noted that the engineering services contract for the Broadway Corridor TEAP project was approved and sent to Lochmueller, and they are awaiting approval of the draft engineering services contract with Koehler for the Minnesota project.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger gave an update on the two bridge projects. He noted they opened bids last month on the Hubble Ford replacement project and it will be awarded at the Board's next meeting. It is estimated to be complete by September. The design is completed on West Mary. They are now acquiring right of way and construction easements. On the East Main Street project including the removal of railroad tracks, improvement of drainage, installation of water line, and other general improvements was awarded to Fronabarger Concreters. This will get under way this spring. On Highway 61 Corridor, he said they are talking to MODOT in anticipation of a municipal agreement for improvements on 61 between the courthouse and Route D including replacing the bridge over Hubble Creek, closing some streets, adding designated turn lanes at intersections, and some pedestrian crossings and sidewalks. This is scheduled for 2023.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson had nothing new to report.

SEMO University – Kirk Sandfort reported SEMO is still on break. They expect delivery of a couple of busses within the next month.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported that all projects are moving forward. They finished the year at 9,300 passengers. She said it was considered a good year, given the circumstances. They are moving forward with the terminal project and are in the process of stakeholder engagement. They have met with SkyWest, TSA, and others who have an important perspective regarding the terminal. They hope to have the first draft for review by the end of this month. She noted they are finishing design phase on Taxiway Bravo and hope to go to bid by the end of February or first of March.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted their TAC mtg is on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

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

MAGNET – Mr. Thompson reported that Janice Voss has announced her retirement and they are looking for her replacement. The Board will begin search for new Director in next 30 to 45 days.

MoDOT – Mr. Crocker reported that starting on January 1, Lochmueller will be the SE district contact for all LPA projects. This includes the two projects the city of Cape has with MoDOT. This is being done statewide with different consultants for various parts of state. They don't have enough staff to continue doing LPA work internally. And as a FYI, he noted that the FLAP applications are due February 1. He does not think Cape County has federal land within its boundaries and that is what would be affected. FLAP is a program to improve access to federal land, but it is only for counties that have federal land. The cost share project for Deerwood was approved. They have a meeting today with consultants to discuss Exit 93 looking at 9 alternative designs. Chris is still getting up to speed on the project. There have been three bills filed to repeal SB 262. They are working internally to develop a draft of the draft STIP to educate legislators, so they know how money is going to be spent. One of the important pieces of SB 262 is to continue to match the Federal funds that will be provided from FHWA.

Mr. Brandon gave additional information on how staff is working to develop information to support SB 262 to develop a draft of the draft STIP. He noted that they are understaffed with tremendous staff turnover. It will take a few years to add in the newer projects as initially it is focused on asset management. Trying to get as many of the unfunded needs on the draft as possible.

Mr. Killian noted that there will be another TIP amendment coming for another scoping project. He thought the group would be seeing it in the February meeting.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy reported there is a lot going on and can see effects of additional federal dollars coming through. There will also be a lot of discretionary programs with information on FHWA website to come. She thinks we are in a good place to apply for some of the funding.

#### Staff Report-

Mr. McElroy reported he included a handout with comments from the MoDOT public meeting for information purposes only.

#### 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 upon motion made by Mr. Shrimplin and seconded by Mr. Christian at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills