



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2022

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. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District (via Zoom)
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson
Mr. Jeremy Tanz, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)
Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (Cape Airport) (via Zoom)
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. David Wyman, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Kelly Green, KLG Engineering (via zoom)

Other:

Ms. Dana Brune, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce (MAGNET)
Mr. Jeff Long, Southeast Missourian

Call to Order

Chairman Tanz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Introductions

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

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda of the February 16, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Roach seconded by Mr. Fox.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Mr. Fox.

Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Tanz noted he would hold his communications until member report.

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. 2022-02, A Resolution approving Amendment No. 11 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan - Reading and Passage**

Mr. McElroy reported that this amendment is for \$10,000 for scoping in FY 2022 for closed circuit TVs along Routes 60, 61, 67, 32, 72 and I-55. Mr. Killian reported that MoDOT is amending current STIP and TIP in order to spend some design dollars now and then will roll into future STIP for construction. The TPC released this for public comment and no comments were received. A motion was made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Fox to approve Resolution No. 2022-02 Amendment No. 11 to the FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Plan, which passed unanimously.

- **FY 2023 UPWP List of Activities to be Programmed - Discussion**

Mr. McElroy reported that it is time to begin discussing activities for the next fiscal year. The TPC is also vetting some ideas. Over the last few years, the ADA Transition Framework and the MTP Update have been completed. Now the EV Readiness Plan is underway and will spill into next year since it took two proposal cycles. Title VI is currently being updated. The Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan needs to be pushed to FY 23 as many agencies either no longer exist or no longer provide transit services. Another plan that will need to be added is an update to the Transportation Improvement Plan. Currently the plan is for 2020-2023 so the update will include 2024-2027. MoDOT encouraged SEMPO to start the plan update now. Mr. McElroy has reached out to SEMO RPC to begin that one. This will be major plan and work element for fiscal year 2023. He hopes to have a draft for Board next month and if any member has any other idea, please let him know.

- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan - Discussion**

Mr. McElroy reported that the steering committee met on January 31 and finalized the stakeholder engagement. During the month of February, the team has been actively reaching out to identified stakeholders. They have created various surveys for different stakeholder groups that are live on the website. Thanks to Southeast Missourian for running some stories about the plan and efforts in the newspaper. Next month in March the team will be developing recommendations, possible funding sources, and an implementation plan. They are still on track to have a draft in May and final plan in September. Mr. Shrimplin noted that the consultant is obtaining Jackson and Cape Girardeau codes to identify obstacles to EV infrastructure.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that there are still a number of TTF5 projects that will be ready for bid this calendar year. The Concrete Street repair program, Asphalt Street repair program, and the Capital Improvement Sales Tax pavement repair programs are all proceeding as well. The TTF6 College Street project design is underway now and construction should start in fall of 2022.

City of Jackson – Mr. Roach reported that the Hubble Creek project is scheduled to be completed in July.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported that they opened bids for 2022 overlay projects and there was a 20% increase in price from last year.

SEMO University – Ms. Glaus reported that the Solar Field project is moving along and taking shape. In a time when it is already difficult to find drivers, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has issued new driver training registration requirements. She is looking for training opportunities for their drivers or possibly to become registered as a trainer.

Cape Airport – Ms. Amos reported a reduction in service scheduled to begin on March 1st. Flights will be reduced from twelve weekly flights to ten and this is due to pilot and crew shortages in the airline industry. The terminal, t-hangar, and taxiway bravo projects are on schedule and should be packaged up and ready for bid in the next month or two.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Tanz reported that the State Planning Partners meeting was held today and they discussed MoDOT's employee turnover and potential gas tax repeal. The information will be released on MoDOT's website.

MAGNET – Ms. Brune had nothing new to report.

MoDOT –

Mr. Killian reported that the State Planning Partners meeting was held today and they discussed some of the grants that will be coming forth due to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Some of the funding will help benefits the ports. Also, there was discussion about the of preliminary STIP and MoDOT is working on some finishing touches and will submit the draft to MHTC in May for July approval. He reported that Ms. Farris stated the design of the MO 74/Minnesota cost-share project may take a year.

Mr. Wyman stated that Mr. Crocker will be in touch with Ms. Amos regarding impact of the Rte. AB overlay project. Also, MoDOT and the City of Jackson has been having conversations regarding the Deerwood project.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing new to report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy reported that information from FHWA has been coming out fast and furious. There is guidance regarding EV charging and the DOTs will be required to create a plan and will be due on August 1st. There was new guidance on HSIP and bridge programs. Additional planning funds and many discretionary programs that we need to keep an eye on. These will include funds for traditional surface transportation along with and port related projects.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported that SEMPO's address has changed to 44 N. Lorimier St., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. He is working on changing the address in the SAM registry and D&B. Also, the City of Cape Girardeau will be hosting an open house listening session for the marina feasibility study on February 24th from 4-6 at the new city council chambers.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:23 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Fox seconded by Mr. Roach.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Green