



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 2, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson

Ms. Dana Brune, MAGNET (via zoom)

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 (via zoom)

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. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)

Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – Ill Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

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### Others Present:

Ms. Amy Ferris, City of Cape Girardeau (via zoom)

Ms. Kim Voelker, Cape Girardeau Regional Chamber of Commerce (via Zoom)

Mr. Mark Shelton, Missouri/Kansas Chapter, American Concrete Paving Association

### 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 February 2, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Christian, seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 5, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Christian seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

### 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. 11** – Mr. McElroy noted this is \$10,000 in FY 2022 for scoping for closed circuit TVs along routes 60, 61, 67, 32, 72 and I55. Mr. Killian added that they wanted to get this amended into the TIP as they are rolling it into the STIP. This will be a 2023 project but they wanted to get into scoping now, spending some engineering money in FY 22. He noted the TVs are to be put in strategic locations to help provide traffic and weather conditions. Locations are designate by the MoDOT traffic department. Upon a motion made by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Bollinger, FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 11 was approved for public comment and recommended for conditional approval.
- **FY 2023 UPWP List of Activities to be Programmed** – Mr. McElroy noted that it is time to start work on next fiscal year's work plan. He commented that since he has started as Director, SEMPO has wrapped up the ADA coordination plan, completed the update of the MTP, and is working on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan which is anticipated to cross over into next fiscal year. Mr. McElroy noted that SEMPO has been encouraged by MoDOT staff to begin work on the Transportation Improvement Plan. Mr. McElroy noted his intent is to get started this fiscal year on that plan but most of the work will be done in the next fiscal year. He also noted that he anticipates completion of the Title VI plan. He said that another document being updating is the Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan. After initial review, it has been determined this will require more public engagement and updating than initially suggested so it will not be completed until next fiscal year. He went on to note that the new UPWP would include this plan and 2024-2027 TIP update for sure. He asked the members to submit additional ideas or thoughts on other work to be included as he is just starting the process.
- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy gave a brief update on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan, noting the steering committee held a meeting on Monday where they finalized the stakeholder outreach list. They will begin a social media blitz with the surveys

for public engagement. The website is live with these links now. Consultant Olsson is drafting correspondence to send to entities like car dealerships and groups that have a larger number of stakeholders but scheduling individual interviews would not be overly productive. Ms. Watson is helping provide contacts and Mr. McElroy will send correspondence. He noted they are still looking at having a draft plan mid-April and final plan for approval in August or September.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris reported on the remaining TTF projects. She noted that they are getting close to going out to bid for the Sprigg St. project with anticipated letting in February or March. On the West End Blvd. project, final draft plans have been reviewed and comments sent to Bowen. She noted they expect a letting in March or April. On the Independence Street Project, there is an appraisal services contract underway with anticipated letting sometime in the summer, depending on acquisition. On the Main Street project, she anticipates reviewing the final draft plans soon with a possible letting in Spring or summer 2022. Ms. Ferris went on to report that the 2021 concrete street repair project is still underway with completion anticipated in early 2022. She went on to report on the TTF 6 projects, noting that the College Street project is under way with Koehler and anticipates a letting sometime this spring. On the Maria Louis/Kiwanis Dr/Broadview St intersection improvement project, the task order has been executed and notice to proceed has been issued so design should be under way soon. Ms. Ferris went on to report on the in-house design projects, Sprigg St., Bertling, and the two Lexington project. They have hired Zahner to do surveying and those should be nearing completion so they can begin in-house design soon. New this month is the Veterans Memorial Drive project, Phase VI. She noted they are working on a task order with Bowen Engineering to begin preliminary engineering. She noted they are also working on the 2022 concrete street repair and 2022 asphalt street repair plans in house and planning bid openings this spring or summer. She then reported on the city's grant projects. She noted the survey and design is under way with Bacon Farmer Workman for the Kingshighway Crosswalk project. She said the engineering services contract was approved by MoDOT and is currently being executed by Koehler on the Route 74/Minnesota intersection project. The engineering services was executed and notice to proceed given to Lochmueller this week on the Broadway Corridor TEAP project.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported on the West Mary Street bridge replacement project, noting they are acquiring right of way and easements and hope to have it out to bid and built later this year. Mr. Bollinger went on to say they are working with MODOT on a cost share agreement for the roundabout at US 61 and Deerwood Dr. This goes to the Mayor and board of alderman next Monday for consideration. He said they are also working with MoDOT on improvements to Hwy 61 from the Courthouse to Rt D, to include several improvements and a new bridge. He also said they are currently updating their bridge plan to reflect recent MoDOT biannual bridge inspections that occurred on January 21st. He went on to say they are getting contract documents executed for the Hubble Ford project in city park. This project will begin when weather permits. They are getting ready to bid out their 2022 concrete and asphalt street improvement projects soon.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson had nothing new to report other than they are busy with their annual grant work.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort reported nothing new to report.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that they did some modifications to the Amendment 10 which did not change the dollar figures but changed wording slightly and shifted funds from FHWA to State AC, all still federal dollars. This was just a cleanup.

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

MAGNET – Ms. Voelker reported there was no update.

MoDOT – Mr. Killian noted that the statewide planning partner meeting for this month is virtual.

Ms. O'Connor noted that registration is still open for the statewide planning partner meeting and Mr. McElroy is registered and he can share the link. She went on to note that in regard to the 2023 UPWP program, the FHWA and FTA have issued a joint document for emphasis areas. These are not requirements but things they will be looking for. She said she will send the document out for reference.

Mr. Crocker noted that Julie Stottlemeyer has moved to FHWA to serve as the transportation engineer for the Northeast and Southeast districts, replacing Felix Gonzalez. She will be working with on the STIP and some LPA projects. MoDOT is now allowing some tele-work options for employees if appropriate. He went on to say there is grant funding for Prom and Graduation lock ins with a deadline of February 7 for application. It is \$200 toward lock ins and there will be up to forty awards. The application is on the website. Mr. Crocker went on to say they are working on the Minnesota/Rt 74 cost share agreement and once they get the engineering services contract back from Koehler they can obligate the funds. They will have a preliminary design meeting to iron out details before they start. He noted that there is not much momentum on repealing SB 262. He said they are experiencing about a 10% inflation on lettings. Funds through SB 262 is helping offset those costs. He outlined some new programs being offered through FHWA and the bi-partisan infrastructure law. One is a bridge formula program which appears to be a supplement to the BRO program. There is \$484 million worth of funding with 15% minimum dedicated to off-system projects. He will forward more information when available. These bridges can be funded at 100% rather than the 80/20 match. There is more information on this on the MoDOT website. Each state determines how the program is implemented and they are still working out details. Mr. Crocker went on to give a construction update, noting that the \$1.1 million RT AB project in Cape County was awarded to Apex paving. They recently held a preconstruction conference and they plan to begin concrete repairs in mid-February and asphalt in mid-April depending on weather. Work will be done with flaggers and there will be some work restrictions to address traffic concerns.

Mike Brandon noted they have been hearing a lot about the lack of litter pick up. Some of this is due to Covid. They are trying to increase the Adopt A Highway program as many are not active. They lost the use of incarcerated crews. Litter pickup is hard for staff to get to as they prioritize the maintenance projects. Mr. Brandon asked for anyone noticing routes that have lots of litter issues, let them know but snow plowing and other maintenance is their primary focus. He noted that education on not littering is important. Mr. Brandon went on to say that the Rt 177 raise project was awarded to Robertson Contractors about a month ago.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy had nothing additional to report.

### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported the annual listing of obligated projects is on the website. He added that they are closing city hall tomorrow due to weather.

Mr. Shelton apologized for not bringing this up under public comments but wanted the group to know that the Missouri/Kansas Chapter, American Concrete Paving Association announced that the Center Junction Diverging Diamond intersection project was submitted for an Excellence in Concrete Paving award. It has won in the interchange and intersection category and the award will be presented at their conference on February 24 in Kansas City.

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. Christian and seconded by Mr. Bollinger at 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills