



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Bob Fox, City of Cape Girardeau
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:

Mr. Andrew Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
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)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
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)
Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via zoom)

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Other:

Ms. Dana Brune, Cape Girardeau Area Chamber of Commerce
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 March 16, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs seconded by Mr. Phillips.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 16, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Mr. Phillips.

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

- **Draft FY 2023 UPWP** – Mr. McElroy provided a copy of the Draft FY 2023 UPWP in the agenda packet. He noted that the TPC had a chance to review at their meeting earlier this month. After that meeting, he sent the draft to MoDOT and FHWA for comment. MoDOT did issue comments and those have been incorporated. He said that pending any further comments from FHWA or members of the Board, it is ready for consideration in April. In past this was approved in May, but the timing makes more sense in April since this must be approved prior to the consolidated planning grant agreement. He noted that some of the major projects for this next fiscal year are the update to the 2024-2027 TIP. Through recommendation from MoDOT, this will be started this year with most of the work will be done in the next fiscal year. He noted that the Public Transit Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan is included. He went on to explain that it was slated for updating this fiscal year but in reviewing the 2018 version currently in place, a number of services that either no longer provide transit services or are no longer in business were identified. He noted it would benefit from investing a bit more time in understanding who is currently providing transit services within the MPA and getting a better understanding of what their needs are and what the customer needs are. In addition, included is the continuation of SEMPO's TIP management and data collection and DTS online TIP tool that is updated with every amendment that the Board passes. Also, some carry over is included from the EV Readiness plan. Mr. McElroy note that he moved some funds over to next year for completion as adoption is anticipated in September. As a contingent item, there are funds for an MTP travel demand model update. The travel demand model was originally done as part of the update of the MTP. He noted that Lochmueller agreed to do additional updates for \$4,000 when asked. This would be predicated on a proposal of a large

development in the area to see what impact that development might have on traffic patterns. Mr. McElroy asked that if anyone had additional ideas or input on the UPWP, they should get it to him as soon as possible. He said he plans to take this to the TPC next month and ask them to release for public comment and then the hearing would be held at the Board meeting next month, after which Mr. McElroy said he would ask for approval.

- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted that the social media blitz was continued in February and March, directing people to the survey for the stakeholder groups, with the general public being a stakeholder. Last month it was reported there were 26 surveys completed, with the blitz, there are now 43 surveys completed. Mr. McElroy went on to say they had held direct interviews with Volta Charging and Midwest Energy, who own several the Amerimart gas stations in the area under the Phillips 66 banner. He noted they also interviewed Citizens Electric, which is the co-op just north of the MPA, covering the area between exits 104 and 168. He said they also had interviews with SEMO University, City of Cape, Ameren, and Cape Electric. Through the rest of March, he said the committee will continue to accept responses but are also working on analyzing the received responses. He noted the group expects a draft of the plan in May and a final plan in September.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Fox reported that not a lot has not changed. He said the city still has four main TTF5 projects not completed yet. All should be bid and started by the end of the calendar year. He went on to say they are also working on the concrete and asphalt plan for the next five years. There was a public hearing at the last council meeting for the five-year capital improvement plan 2022-2027. As a note, he reported that in the fiscal year 22-23 there is \$17.8 million scheduled to be spent on streets.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported they have started on the first low water bridge project. The bridge has been taken out and replacement construction has begun. He noted they are in the engineering phase on the 2nd bridge project. He said they were also getting ready for their next one in Sunset Hills. They are doing engineering studies this year to be ready when monies are available. He noted they have signed the MOU with MoDOT on the Deerwood project and are working on the one for Hwy 61 North through town. He commented that they had a call from a company interested in a scooter program, which Mr. McElroy identified as active transportation.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported that asphalt overlay should get under way soon.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported they are about 1/3rd of the way complete with the BUILD project and are working on finalizing plans and specs on the transload conveyer dump pit component of the overall project.

AIRPORT – Ms. Amos reported that Skywest announced they will discontinue service in Cape Girardeau within the next 90 days. She noted they are working with the Department of Transportation (DOT) and going through a new essential air service bidding phase. She said they are actively reaching out to airlines and working with a consultant to position Cape Girardeau for the best new carrier to come in and offer the same reliable services provided by Skywest. This will likely go longer than 90 days, but she noted that DOT has issued a hold-in order for Skywest which means they cannot leave until there has been a transition to a new airline. Skywest does not have to adhere to the order but it would not reflect well on them in the

program if they do not so she is comfortable there will be service for the duration until another service is in place. Ms. Amos went on to say they continue to move forward with the terminal project. She is reviewing, along with FAA, the draft basis of design. She said they hope to present to council the second week of April and once there is approval from everyone, it can go out to bid. She said she is also reviewing the T-Hangar agreement and hopes to have it on the next council agenda so it can move forward. She said the Taxiway Bavo project was just put out to bid yesterday and they anticipated having bids by first part of April and then start in June.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Tanz reported the TAC meeting for the rest of the region is next month and they are starting the prioritization process. They are revamping the process to get more input from the communities. Mr. Christian noted they are starting on the update to the TIP.

MAGNET – Ms. Brune reported they finished a series of discussions with large employers regarding the TransAmerica Corridor. The group is currently working with the Springfield area to get the southern part of the state on the same page and will branch out from there.

MoDOT –

Mr. Meyer noted that there is a supply chain task force meeting on March 24th from 12-3 at the MoDOT office in Sikeston. There will be regional industry representatives presenting at the meeting and it will be live streamed and recorded. There is information on the MoDOT website regarding this. He said the Rt 177 grade raise has begun with clearing and pavement removal. As previously mentioned, he noted they are working on agreements for work on Rt. 61 in Jackson and this is progressing as well. The Exit 93 and 93B project, the Dutchtown interchange is progressing to the point they are getting close to being able to share the developed alternatives from consultants with groups like SEMPO and then will have public meetings after they gather input from the partners. He commented on the Chester Bridge, which is a regional project, noting that the project is scheduled for a fiscal year 23 award and the request for proposal would go out at that time.

Mr. Brandon noted they are working on the STIP. When they have a draft, they will send out to the planning partners. He said they will be starting their asset management yearly update process soon as well.

Mr. Killian noted that he will be submitting the list of any new projects and updated projects to Drew for inclusion in an amendment. The STIP will be effective in July.

Ms. O'Connor had no updates

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had nothing new to report.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy reported there is a lot in pipeline but nothing specific to discuss at this time.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported he included in the agenda packet a summary of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law specific to Missouri. He noted that Missouri is set to receive about \$7 billion over five years in federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges, \$99 million over five years to expand the EV charging network, and is eligible for \$6 billion for the new Safe Streets for All program. Also within the Bill, there are going to be 25 competitive infrastructure funding opportunities specific to local governments. Missouri will be eligible for \$732 million over five years to improve public transportation options, and airports will receive \$274 million for

infrastructure development. This is just a portion of what is in the Bill, and he provided it for the Board's reference only.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:24 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Phillips seconded by Mr. Hahs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills