



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
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
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
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)

Others Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

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 March 2, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Shrimplin seconded by Ms. Amos.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 2, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Shrimplin seconded by Ms. Amos.

Communications from the Chairman

Vice Chairman Christian stated that he will reserve his communications for Member Reports.

Public Comments

Vice Chairman Christian 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 shared that SEMPO typically issues a draft of the UPWP to MoDOT and FHWA in March for review and comment with a timeline of adoption occurring in May. Mr. McElroy highlighted the projects outline in the FY2023 UPWP which included a 2024 – 2027 TIP Update, a Public Transit - Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan, finalizing and adopting the Electric vehicle Readiness Plan, TIP program management, Data Collection and Management, TIP Tool Software, and an as needed MTP Travel Demand Model (TDM) Update. Mr. McElroy explained the TDM is included in the budget based on an agreement with Lochmueller Group that if the need arises due to a significant development being proposed within the SEMPO MPA, an updated Travel Demand Model could be conducted to project the impact of the proposed development.
- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy shared that during the month of February, efforts focused on highlighting the surveys on SEMPO's website soliciting feedback and input on the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan project. Mr. McElroy shared that to date, there have only been 26 surveys completed. In effort to increase this number the project team will be creating social media text that will be distributed to SEMPO members for dissemination as they deem appropriate through their various media and social media accounts. Mr. McElroy also shared that a number of interviews have been conducted that have helped to inform the plan. Interviews conducted to date include: Volta Charging, MidWest Energy, Citizens Electric, Ameren, and Cape Electric. Mr. McElroy stated that the outreach efforts will continue through March while the project team begins to develop recommendations, identify funding opportunities, and develop an implementation plan.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris reported that in TTF 6 College Street getting ready for bid and should be ready within a couple of weeks and awarding a contract in April. Sprigg Street should also be going out to bid within a couple of weeks with awarding occurring in late April. West End Boulevard should be let in April and awarded in May. Main Street will also go out to bid in April and be awarded in May. The Independence Street project, staff is still working on acquisition, letting is expected in late summer or during the fall at the earliest. For the Concrete Street Repair program, the contractor is working on Themis, Sheridan, and Whitener. The Maria/Louise/Kiwanis Drive project has the design underway. All of the survey work is complete for the Sprigg, Bertling, and Lexington project with design occurring in-house. Bowen Engineering has started the preliminary engineering for the Veterans Memorial Drive. For the Grant projects, staff has the Kingshighway crosswalk project staff has Bacon Farmer Workman has design underway. MoDOT has issued the Notice-to-Proceed to Koehler Engineering for the US74/Shawnee Parkway right-in-right-out project and the Broadway corridor TEAP project.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson stated nothing to report.

SEMO University – Mr. Sandfort stated nothing to report.

Cape Girardeau Regional Airport – Ms. Amos reported that the taxiway Bravo project will be put out to bid next week. Ms. Amos stated that she had submitted an FAA grant application under the new BIL legislation to assist with the Terminal work being conducted. Ms. Amos stated that the airline continues to struggle to achieve operational airline stability with staff shortages. Ms. Amos stated that they may partner with Paducah for a month to help alleviate some of these issues.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported that they are updating their website with RootedWeb and new logo. They also have an application in to use funds to purchase a drone with thermal imaging and LiDAR capabilities.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported they are doing some remodeling and have a few new employees.

MoDOT – Mr. Crocker reported that David Wyman accepted a position as project manager. MoDOT awarded \$1.6 million contract to Apex Paving to repave route P in Cape, Scott, and Stoddard counties. The Route 177 project is closing the north portion on March 7th with anticipated completion in June. The southern portion would then be closed with a final project completion deadline in November 1st. Route 61/Center Junction was closed last week due to an accident that cause the concrete walls to be damaged. Loose concrete has been removed and a repair will need to take place in the near future. RAISE grants are due April 14th and if a MoDOT letter of support is desired agencies need to submit the request a s soon as possible as MoDOT needs a three week review time.

Mr. Killian stated that MoDOT staff recently submitted all of their STIP projects for 2023 – 2027 and Mr. Christian should receive a copy of the list of projects by mid-April so work can begin on the next TIP amendment. Release for public comment is anticipated in May.

Mr. Crocker also shared that City signs along the state highways will no longer display population information. This is intended to align further with the MUTCD guidelines and in efforts not to distract drivers. The signs will be cycled out as they need replaced.

Ms. O'Connor stated the new amounts for the CPG are still unknown at this time but they do have the 2022 allocation and they believe it will be increasing by roughly 15%. It was also thought under the new funding there will be an approximate 2% increase in funding each year to the planning funds.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell stated nothing to report.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy stated nothing to report.

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 upon motion made by Ryan Shrimplin and seconded by Ms. Amos at 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex McElroy
Executive Director