



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

April 6, 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

Mr. Drew Christian, Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)

Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC) (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 (MoDOT)

Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

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

Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL (Via Zoom)

### Others Present:

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

### 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 11:02 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 April 6, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Christian seconded by Mr. Shrimplin.

### Approval of Minutes

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

### 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

- **Draft FY 2023 UPWP** – Mr. McElroy note that he had received a few comments from FHWA and MoDOT concerning the UPWP and those have been incorporated. The planning committee has reviewed it and Mr. McElroy asked that the Committee vote to release for public comment and recommend for conditional approval by the Board. Upon a motion by Mr. Shrimplin and a second by Mr. Christian, the Committee recommended for conditional approval. Mr. McElroy went on to note that the public hearing notice was scheduled for April 10 with the public hearing to be held on April 20 and then he will ask for adoption that day. He noted this timing will open the entire month of May to get the consolidated planning grant approval coordinated.
- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy reported that he had spoken to the consultant yesterday and they are still working on the draft. They plan to have an internal draft by April 22 to share with the steering and planning committee. Pending comments, a public draft should be ready by May 16 for internal review and can go to the Board as a draft on May 18. This gives time to incorporate any comments, have a final draft by mid-August, and to be adopted in September. He noted that the process is still on schedule.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris reported that TTF projects are finally going out to bid. The College St. TTF6 project is out to bid with opening scheduled for April 12 and Council award on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Sprigg St. TTF5 project is out to bid with opening planned for April 19 and Council award May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will be followed by the West End Blvd. project which will be advertised on April 21st with bid opening on May 10. The Main Street project will be advertised on May 5<sup>th</sup> with bid opening on May 24<sup>th</sup>. The 2022 concrete and 2022 asphalt street repair plans are being completed in house with bid openings in June and July 2022. The Independence St. TTF5 project is still in design, and they are still working on acquisition. She said they are still hoping to let this project in the fall. For the grants projects, Ms. Ferris noted they met with consultants Bacon Farmer Workman on the Kingshighway crosswalk project to discuss the preliminary layout and are working to coordinate with the Maria Louise project. The notice to proceed has been given to Koehler on the Route 74/ Minnesota Intersection project and the design is under way. She noted they had a meeting with Lochmueller on the Broadway Corridor TEAP project

where they presented recommendations to the city. They are setting up implementation for next week.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the concrete street repair annual program is out to bid. The annual asphalt program should be out to bid soon. Hubble Ford bridge is under way. On the West Mary Street bridge replacement project, the city is still acquiring easements and right of ways and should go out to bid in July with construction in the fall. The East Main St. construction of 1000 feet of roadway, reconstruction, new water line, and tearing out the railroad tracks was awarded to Fronabargar. This should start soon. The roundabout at Deerwood Request for Proposals will go out shortly to select an engineering firm. This is a 50/50 MoDOT cost share project. The city is also working with MoDOT on US 61 utility relocations. The city has consultants on board for this project with Strickland Engineering for water and sewer and Allen and Hoshall out of Memphis for electric relocation. He noted they hope to have a municipal agreement draft from MoDOT by the middle of this month.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson had nothing to report.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported their TAC meeting is coming up later this month. He noted they will be starting the prioritization process. He said they are not voting yet but getting it in place to give everyone time to look at the projects and review with a vote prior to the July TAC meeting and formal adoption of the list at that meeting. He went on to say they are working on the new TIP for the MPO, looking at projects that have funding in the future years that don't currently show up in the TIP and adding MoDOT's new projects.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported they have new employees and will be bringing them to a future meeting.

MAGNET – Ms. Brune gave an update, noting that with John Thompson retiring, Mandi Brink and Brian Gereau have split the duties. They are working on hiring an Executive Director and have hired an administrative assistant. She noted that on the Cape Chamber side, Mr. Rob Gilligan will start Monday. She gave a thank you to Chris Crocker for giving an update to the Cape Chamber's Transportation Committee on Rt.177.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer gave an update on Rt. 177. He noted that a closure on 177 (north) started in early March and should be done in June. He said they are making steady progress. He reported that Dave Wyman has changed roles and is now project manager. In this role, he will continue on some of the same projects such as agreements being discussed. He noted that the group will work with both Mr. Wyman and Mr. Crocker on some issues and might also work with a new south area engineer, Matt Wilkerson. His area stops at the Cape/Scott line but there is some overlap on issues. At the next SEMPO Board meeting, the project manager on the Exit 93 project, Tim Pickett, will make a presentation. He will show the alternative options from the consultant on the Exit 93 and 93B interchange. The Commission met this morning where the April awards for on call concrete repairs were awarded. Later this month, the RT AB railroad crossing with Burlington Northern will be let.

Mr. Crocker added that there is LPA training coming up through LTAP. RAISE applications are due April 14<sup>th</sup>. A notice of funding for Infragant applications was announced and they are due May 23, 2022. This will combine three programs. It is for projects with national significance. There are webinars on transportation.gov on this program. There may be a Transportation alternative (TAP) call soon. Nothing definite has been announced. He said that earlier this year they had said that AARPA funds cannot be used for matching funds, but this is incorrect. The

AARPA funds can be used as matching. Mr. Crocker also noted that a conversion from a DUNS to UEP number is required for recipients of federal funds and MoDOT can not obligate funds without the UEP number. Mr. Crocker noted there has been a few complications on the new LPA projects. Working with Lochmueller, they agreed they need to have pre-approval of preliminary plans. He also noted that the Chester River project will be let in May.

Mr. Killian noted that he has a list of TIP projects that he needs to submit to this MPO. The next cost share application deadline is June 22, and the next MPSD application deadline is June 14. If there are any questions on any of these, people should contact Mr. Killian or Mr. Crocker.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell had no report.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had no additional 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 Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Shrimplin at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills