



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

June 15, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

### **Board Voting Members Present:**

Ms. Beth Glaus, Southeast Missouri State University  
Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Ms. Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau  
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. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration IL Division (via zoom)

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

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport  
Mr. Michael Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via zoom)  
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via zoom)  
Mr. Rob Gilligan, MAGNET

### **Staff Present:**

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### **Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:**

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

### **Other:**

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 June 15, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Hahs seconded by Mr. Roach.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the May 18, 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 reports.

### 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

- **Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2023** – A motion was made by Mr. Hahs, seconded by Mr. Roach to nominate Mr. Jeremy Tanz as chair for Fiscal Year 2023. Mr. Tanz's nomination was unanimously approved by the Board. A. Mr. Tanz nominated Mayor Hahs as vice-chair, seconded by Mr. Phillips. Mr. Hahs' nomination was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. McElroy noted that the rotating two-year voting terms change this year so in July the County of Cape Girardeau will replace the Cape Special Road District's voting position and the CTA will take over the SEMO University's voting position.

- **Resolution No 5, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Jackson for the East Main Street Sidewalk – Bellevue Street to Shawnee Boulevard Project** – Mr. Hahs explained that the project is on East Main Street to I55 where there is no sidewalk. It will be about a half million-dollar project. The city is proposing a shared cost with the city using ARPA funds. The proposal is to make it a true trail of eight feet wide to be used by pedestrians and bicycles. Upon a motion made by Mr. Phillips and seconded by Mr. Roach, Resolution No 5, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Jackson for the East Main Street Sidewalk – Bellevue Street to Shawnee Boulevard Project passed unanimously.
- **Resolution No. 6, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Cape Rock Drive Sidewalk Phase I – Kingshighway to Brookwood Drive Project** – Mr. McElroy noted the there is a Resolution for Phase II of this project next on the agenda. He went on to say that the city had unsuccessfully applied for this, including both phases, in 2016. After reexamining the project, the city decided it was too large as one project and split it into two phases. Phase I is from Kingshighway to Brookwood including Alma Schroeder School and Dennis Scivally Park as well as Kingshighway by Arena Park and the Police and the Municipal Court. He noted the second phase is to continue the sidewalk from Brookwood Drive to Perryville

Road where there is existing sidewalk leading to Kiwanis Park. He noted that Phase I would be the priority, but his understanding is that the applications would be reviewed independently. Resolution No 6, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Cape Rock Sidewalk – Kingshighway to Perryville Road Project was unanimously passed upon motion by Mr. Hahs seconded by Ms. Kinder.

- **Resolution No. 7, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Cape Rock Drive Sidewalk Phase I –Brookwood Drive to Perryville Road Project -** Resolution No, A Resolution expressing support of a Transportation Alternatives Program application by the City of Cape Girardeau for the Cape Rock Sidewalk –Brookwood to Perryville Road Project was unanimously passed upon motion by Ms. Kinder seconded by Mr. Hahs.
- **Resolution No 7, a Resolution authorizing an application to the US Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program and authorizing the City of Cape Girardeau as the lead applicant and to execute all necessary grant documents** - Mr. McElroy noted that applications are open now until September 15. This Resolution is necessary as part of the grant process. The application would be for the development of a comprehensive safety action plan for the entire SEMPO area. This would open the door for the member agencies to apply for implementation grants. Resolution No 7, a Resolution authorizing an application to the US Department of Transportation for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program and authorizing the City of Cape Girardeau as the lead applicant and to execute all necessary grant documents was unanimously passed upon motion by Mr. Hahs seconded by Ms. Kinder.
- **Resolution No. 9, A Resolution adopting the 2022 Title VI Program** - Mr. McElroy noted there were two public meetings and a public hearing at the Board meeting on this and the TPC has recommended approval. Upon a motion made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Roach, Resolution No. 9, A Resolution adopting the 2022 Title VI Program was approved.
- **MoDOT Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy said he did not need action from the board on the list at this time but wanted it in the agenda to allow items to be brought forward. Mr. McElroy noted that he added, at the suggestion of Ms. Kinder, under the Road and Bridge Section, safety improvements on Rt. 74 between Minnesota Avenue and Sprigg Street. It was noted that with the development of Sunset Farms, apartments at Jefferson, and the expansion of College Street, there will be more pedestrian traffic, so the city wanted to put that as a planning priority for SEMPO. He reviewed the tier sheet. The estimated amount shows how much SEMPO has put in for that tier. Tier 1 has no estimated amount at this time as I55 Exit 93 improvements were put into scoping, so it came out of Tier 1. This means we need approximately \$5 million of projects for Tier 1 and 2.2 million in Tier 2 and 3. These priorities can all be change.
- **Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy did receive a preliminary draft and as soon as his comments have been incorporated and they clean up additional edits, it will be sent out to the steering committee.

#### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Kinder reported she had nothing additional from last month's report.

Airport - Ms. Amos reported that they are moving forward with the Taxiway Bravo project being awarded. She noted that they are waiting on the federal funds to come to the city, but she thought construction would start sometime next month. Ms. Amos noted that they have put the Terminal project out for Request for Qualifications and Proposals. The proposals are due June 30. Hope to move quickly with a groundbreaking on August 8 tentatively. She noted the 26 T-Hangar projects are in design and will go out to bid next month. Ms. Amos said that they have spent a significant amount of time on the airline situation. She recapped that in March Skywest had said they were terminating their contract. This put the Airport back into the Essential Air Service bidding cycle. They have been working with DOT and consultants to secure a carrier. She noted she spent a month and a half trying to secure a regional jet service and was able to do that with Contour. At that point, SkyWest wanted to consider staying, with significant changes from the current services. Ms. Amos said SkyWest has not presented their offer yet. She said the council would make the final decision on Monday.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs noted the asphalt bids are in and will be discussed at council on Monday. He said the Mary St. bid will also be awarded on Monday. Mr. Hahs said they are continuing with the concrete program with the majority of the project on Main St. Mr. Hahs said the Hubble St. bridge in the park is moving forward. He said there is a bond issue on the August 2 primary election for wastewater treatment plant upgrades to borrow \$10.1 million to improve, rebuild, and expand the wastewater treatment plant.

Cape Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted that they are working on routine maintenance and focusing on culvert replacement in advance of next year's asphalt overlay.

SEMO University - Ms. Glaus reported that the Ameren Neighborhood Solar project is near completion. A tunnel infrastructure project is starting now and will continue into 2023, affecting the area behind Academic Hall and a small portion of sidewalk. This will affect access to behind Academic and will affect shuttle routes.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian noted that a TIP amendment will be coming to SEMPO next month. He said he is working on the next four-year TIP update. He said they are also going through the prioritization process with the municipalities.

MAGNET – Mr. Gilligan reported on behalf of MAGNET noting there was nothing new to report.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer noted that the 177 grade raise project had a deck pour on Monday night and Tuesday morning. He said the Chester bridge replacement is starting the process. There is an industry interest meeting tomorrow at MoDOT. He anticipates the Request for Qualifications to be issued the same day. He went on to say there will be a public information meeting regarding the project in Perryville on June 23 from 4-6 at the Higher Education Center. He said that the consultants have made progress working through the drafts of options on the Exit 93 project. They are anticipating a public meeting on July 27 where more specific options will be presented along with how they function and anticipated costs. He went on to say there is a public meeting on the Route 61 project on June 28<sup>th</sup>. He said they are having trouble getting the permitting for Rt AB and are hopeful they can start next week. If they do not, they will have to delay further due to conflicting schedules.

Mr. Crocker noted that the Rt. 61 and Deerwood roundabout cost share project has gone through the selection process. Mr. Crocker noted he was on vacation when he received the

committee's selection. He will get that out as soon as possible. Mr. Crocker went on to note that the Rt M Scott City project will start next month. He said that the Cost Share deadline is approaching on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July for the next round. The following round is in October. As a reminder, he said it is a 50/50 cost share unless there is significant economic development. He said they are still not sure about the governor's cost share program, but it should be clarified when the budget is approved. He said they would be looking for shovel ready projects for that as the money has to be used within a one-year time frame. This money can be spent off system. The TAP call is out, and deadlines are approaching with the preliminary application due June 30 for a review. Mr. Crocker noted there are some significant changes on the BRO projects. There is a new three-year call for projects. The SE District will have \$8.6 million in funding. Historically, the counties submitted the applications and cities would work with the counties. Now special road districts, cities, and anyone with eligible bridges can apply for funds. He said there is an updated list of eligible bridges. The applications are due July 22 as they are trying to spend some of the 2022 allocations which were delayed due to the federal bill. The first year will be a three-year call and then updated annually. Each district will have a regional bridge committee made up of ten people and they will work with MPOs and RPCs. The goal is that the MPOs and RPCs discuss with their regions to work out a local bridge improvement plan (LBIP). Mr. Crocker went on to say the draft STIP is out for review with comments due by July 9. He noted it is exceptionally large at \$9.9 billion in federal funding. Mr. Meyer noted that the district has 403 projects which is the largest number they have ever had.

Ms. O'Connor noted they have everything ready for the 2023 fiscal year for SEMPO. The agreement has been executed and the Notice to Proceed was sent this morning.

Ms. Tracy noted the biggest thing they have been working on is the Safe Streets for All and she encourages the MPO to apply.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing to add.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:40 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Hahs seconded by Mr. Phillips

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills