



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

August 17, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

### Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson  
Mr. Charlie Herbst, County of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape County Transit (CTA)  
Mr. Jim Roach, City of Jackson  
Mr. Drew Christian, Semo RPC

### Board Non-Voting Members Present:

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

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

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Rob Gilligan, MAGNET (via Zoom)  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Mr. Kelley Watson, Cape County Transit (CTA)

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

### Other:

Mr. Mike Albin, Horner Shiffrin  
Mr. Scott Meyer  
Mr. Earl Norman  
Ms. Laura Klipfel, Ameren Missouri  
Devon Brazeal, Olssen  
John Hansen, Olssen  
Blake Hansen, Olssen  
Brian Marshall, Olssen  
Mr. John Voss

### Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Tanz, Vice Chairman Dwain Hahs 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 August 17, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made by Mr. Herbst seconded by Mr. Roach.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 20, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Mogelnickie seconded by Mr. Roach.

### Communications from the Chairman

Vice-Chairman Hahs noted he would hold his communications until member reports.

### Public Comments

Vice-Chairman Hahs asked if there were any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

### New/Unfinished Business

- **Resolution NO. 2022-12, A Resolution Expressing Support of a US Department of Transportation Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program grant application by the City of Cape Girardeau** - Mr. McElroy reported that the City of Cape Girardeau is looking to participate in this grant program that is authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The city is looking to develop a study of the Rt 74/Shawnee Parkway corridor to analyze how to enhance the south mobility in the area. With the development of the Jefferson School aquatic center, the potential of Southside Farms just east of the Shawnee sportsplex, and the extension of College Street, it is anticipated that there will be increased pedestrian traffic in that area. Applications are due October 13, and it will go to Council for approval, so the Resolution is just showing support. Upon a motion made by Mr. Herbst and seconded by Mr. Mogelnickie, the Board unanimously passed Resolution No. 2022-12.
- **Draft Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy introduced the Olssen team, noting this project has been quite the undertaking starting in November, and guided by a steering committee.

Mr. Blake Hansen with Olssen said he felt that SEMPO was being progressive by developing this plan. He said the steering committee provided the purpose statement. He was joined by Brian Marshall, John Hansen, and Devon Brazeal and the team reviewed:

- Purpose statement – prepare area for additional electric vehicles in area
- Plan Development process
- Benefits of Electrified Mobility
- Basics of Plug-in EVs and Charging
- Barriers to Adoption

- Stakeholders and Public Outreach
- PEVs and Charging in SEMPO Region
- Regional PEV Existing Conditions
- Increasing EV Adoption in Underserved Communities
- The Road Ahead
- Recommendations – Actions & Next Steps
  - Adapt
  - Facilitate
  - Educate
  - Coordinate

The team answered questions from the Board, specifically addressing the impact of EV on the infrastructure due to reduced gas tax as well as other questions.

- **Transamerica Corridor** – Mr. McElroy noted that this is a project that was recognized by SEMPO's MTP and identified in the unfunded needs list. He said Mr. Scott Meyer had asked to address the Board concerning the project. Mr. Scott Meyer then introduced Mr. Earl Norman who provided a brief history of the project up to this past fall.

Mr. Scott Meyer then discussed the current efforts and moving forward. He said they have had meetings with legislators at all levels. They have discussed the project with the Delta Regional Authority and State Chamber of Commerce, which identified the Corridor as a key piece in the future of transportation for Missouri in their Transportation 2030 study. Mr. Scott Meyer also noted they have started to reposition the project to address maintenance and operation as well as the scope of the project. They are focusing on phases and looking at a study from Wichita, KS to Bowling Green, KY in the context of building a GIS model that would look at what might happen if the entire corridor were built. It has been estimated that the study, including the model, would cost \$3 to \$4 million. \$150 million of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill went to the Delta Region Authority for infrastructure and this would be a good source for funds. In addition, they talked to Cheryl Ball with MoDOT and discussed their freight study as well as connecting with the supply chain task force and her position on a nationwide committee. Mr. Scott Meyer said they then presented at a Highway Commission meeting in June and the project was well received. Mr. Scott Meyer noted that under the Bipartisan Bill there is a category for mega projects setting aside \$5 billion nationwide. Mr. Scott Meyer noted they have made inroads in a number of areas. He went on to say that this project has the potential to tie together water, power, and broadband resources, although this is not the focus of the project. He also noted that with the development of the corridor, new technologies could be utilized more effectively.

Mr. Scott Meyer asked SEMPO to consider applying to the Delta Regional Authority for \$4 million to fund the study and model development. Mr. McElroy said he will research the Delta Regional Authority program and talk to Shad Burner as Missouri's DRA representative about this possibility.

- **MoDOT Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy said there was nothing new regarding the list as there was not a TPC meeting in August. In September he will be asking for a formal recommendation from the TPC to the Board.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin noted that the city is working on several TTF 5 projects and starting on TTF6 projects including starting the initial work for the design and grading of Veterans Memorial Drive Phase 6. Independence is still in acquisition, but they hope to let it in the fall. Sprigg Street is moving along. The West End Blvd projects are kicking off and College Street is under way.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported they had a ribbon cutting on the Hubble Ford Bridge replacement project and are now moving on to the West Mary Street bridge project. They are finishing the concrete and asphalt programs and working hard to get everything done around the schools. Mr. Bollinger noted they received word from MoDOT that they are receiving a TAP grant for the East Main Street sidewalk project. In addition, they are about to wrap up with MoDOT the engineering services contract with Lochmueller on the roundabout at 61/Deerwood. On Hwy 61 they are still scoping right of way. He noted that they are evaluating options on the Sunset Dr. Bridge and focused on a BRO grant for that.

Cape County Transit – Mr. Mogelnicki had no report.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported there will be a TIP amendment for the TPC and Board to consider next month and they are also working on the full update to the TIP.

MoDOT – Mr. Andy Meyer reported there are two new commissioners as of August 12, Commissioners Erdman and Treece. The Commission will be in the Southeast District in November with a tour on November 1 and a Commission meeting on November 2 in Cape Girardeau and they are currently planning that visit.

Mr. Crocker gave project updates noting that the Rt AB Cape County Railroad improvement project is complete. The second phase (south phase) of the Rt 177 raising the road project is about 50% complete. They are working this in three subphases and they are still hoping for a fall 2022 completion. Mr. Crocker went on to say they are close to approval on the engineering services contract for the cost share project at Deerwood in Jackson. He noted they have awarded the TAP projects this week, which is earlier than anticipated. Mr. Crocker said they awarded eighteen applicants district wide with eleven of those in the northern part of the Southeast District. The City of Jackson was awarded the E Main Street connection construction project. He said the City of Cape was awarded both Phase 1 and Phase 2 to construct sidewalk from Kingshighway to Brookwood Dr and then Brookwood Dr to Perryville Road. Mr. Crocker said the BRO call for projects is still under way. He said they would meet on September 6 with all RPCs and the MPO. He noted he needs to verify the official representatives for the MPO and for the County.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing additional.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:42 p.m. upon motion made Mr. Mogelnicki, seconded by Mr. Christian.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills