



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 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
Ms. Stacy Kinder, City of Cape Girardeau
Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape County Transit (CTA)
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO RPC

Board Non-Voting Members Present:

Ms. Jacki Prater – SEMO Port

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Members Present:

Ms. Katrina Amos, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Michael Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Ms. Britni O'Connor, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, 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

Other:

Mr. Lance DeBrock, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Jeff Long, Southeast Missourian

Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Tanz, Vice-Chair Dwain Hahs called the meeting to order at 2:02 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 September 21, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion made Mr. Herbst seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 17, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Mogelnicki seconded by Mr. Herbst.

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. 2022-13, A Resolution Approving FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 13** Mr. McElroy noted that this is a TIP amendment for striping upgrades along I55 and I57 from Jefferson County to the Arkansas state line. Upon a motion made by Mr. Herbst and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki, the Board unanimously passed Resolution No. 2022-13.
- **Resolution NO. 2022-14, A Resolution Expressing Support of a Traffic Engineering Assistance Program application by the City of Jackson** – Mr. McElroy said there was a handout in the packet showing the project area. This is for Main Street in City of Jackson from West Jackson Blvd. to Hope Street. It is for an engineering study to find possible solutions to improve pedestrian safety. Applications are due September 23. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Ms. Kinder, the Board unanimously passed Resolution No. 2022-14.
- **Resolution NO. 2022-15, A Resolution Expressing Support of a Governor's Transportation Cost Share application by the City of Jackson** – Mr. McElroy noted that this application is for Jackson Blvd. roadway lighting project. This is a project identified in SEMPO's STIP needs list. Mr. Hahs noted that this is an American Rescue funds ask with a 50/50 match where they would also be using Jackson's ARPA funds as match. Upon a motion made by Mr. Kinder and seconded by Herbst, the Board unanimously passed Resolution No. 2022-15.
- **Resolution NO. 2022-16, A Resolution Expressing Support of a Governor's Transportation Cost Share application by the City of Cape Girardeau** – Mr. McElroy explained that City of Cape is exploring applying for Veterans Memorial, Phase 6 from Hopper Road to Percy Dr. He said design, acquisition, and grading funds are in TTF 6 and city is exploring additional funding for furthering the construction portion. The city has not decided if they will submit the application but would like the support if they do. Upon a motion made by Ms. Kinder and seconded by Mr. Herbst, the Board unanimously passed Resolution No. 2022-16.

- **MoDOT Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy reviewed the tier list, noting that the TPC has finalized their recommendation to send to MoDOT. He said that Tier 1 would be the dedication of \$17 mill for capital improvements at Exit 99. Tier 2 would be intersection improvements at Shawnee Blvd. and US 61 and an additional Tier 2 project would be MO Rt 25, adding shoulders from Rt 61 to Rt K. Tier 3 would be the addition of lanes on I55 from Exit 96 to Exit 99. To answer questions from Mr. Herbst and Ms. Kinder about the projects and selection, Mr. McElroy explained how the different tier projects were determined. Mr. Brandon further clarified the tiers, the process, and discussed some possible phasing. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Herbst, the Board unanimously approved the MoDOT Unfunded Needs List for recommendation to MoDOT.
- **Draft Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted that some of the comments for amendments to the document had not been address prior to the Planning Committee meeting so it was tabled at their meeting to insure all the comments were addressed. He said the latest draft is now public facing on SEMPO's website on the EV Plan page. It will go back to the TPC in October with the intent for them to make their recommendation for approval to the Board. This will allow the public to have more time to look at it and issue any additional comments and to make sure all comments are addressed.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Kinder noted that there are multiple projects going on, including a project on Broadway that has required a detour and a project on West End. She noted the City's website has a more complete listing of projects in process.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported they received a grant for sidewalks/trail on Main Street which includes a safety study. The grant is for \$350,000 and requires a match of \$200,000 which will be funded through the city's ARPA funds. This grant frees up other ARPA funds that were dedicated to the project so they will look at additional opportunities to expand the trail system, starting with a section between the High School and the Soccer Park. The first step would be to develop an engineering study. Mr. Hahs reported they have begun work on the second low water bridge replacement on Mary Street. He noted they continue with the maintenance projects. He went on to say they have several grants submitted, including one for a replacement bridge at Sunset Hills and previously mentioned streetlight grant. He said they also have some non-transportation grants pending including one for wastewater, and the chamber is looking at a tourism grant. Mr. Bollinger noted the City of Jackson is still working with MoDOT on the roundabout at 61/Deerwood and the North High Street corridor project, replacing the bridge and pavement along with other safety features between the Courthouse and Rt D.

Cape Girardeau County – Mr. Herbst noted they have not started paving yet. He said they were planning to pave about five miles of new road and overlay a little over ten miles. He said they will work on this throughout the fall but will likely only pave two ½ to four miles of new road along with the overlay. He noted that a reoccurring issue concerns zoning and the lack of control regarding entrances for housing/subdivisions, often resulting in traffic issues. They are reviewing options to address this. Mr. Herbst went on to say they are working on grants for different projects including trails through North County Park and a trail around the south county lake. He said they have a shovel ready bridge project at Apple Creek and looking to apply for the Governor's transportation funds.

Cape County Transit – Mr. Mogelnicki noted they have an approximate 20% employee shortage,

equating to 15-20 drivers.

SEMO Port – Ms. Prater reported that the BUILD project is still moving forward and making good progress.

Cape Regional Airport – Ms. Amos noted that they are working through an airline transition. She noted that Contour will begin service on October 18. Taxiway Bravo is in construction and making good progress and she noted it should be complete in mid-November. Ms. Amos said they received five proposals on the Terminal Project and have shortlisted it to three. She said they will interview on October 25 for the design build team and decide shortly thereafter. Ms. Amos said they are in the last part of revisions for T-Hangars and that will go out to bid in a few weeks.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian said they are working on the full TIP update. He said they will be doing public meetings next month. Mr. Christian also reported that they will begin working on the federally required annual listing of obligated projects. He noted that last month they finished their unfunded needs list and prioritization with their TAC and have submitted it to MoDOT. He went on to say they have finished the BRO process for this year, noting that a Cape County bridge was funded as well as an addition four outside the SEMPO area.

MoDOT – Mr. Brandon noted he is working on the unfunded needs estimates. He said they plan to have a public meeting on the list in mid-November at Three Rivers in Poplar Bluff. He said they are finishing this year's update to the asset management plan. He said they are into bidding season and seeing high prices which impacts the next STIP.

Ms. O'Connor noted that she attended the Federal Highway Administrations 2nd webinar regarding the carbon reduction program. She said there is still a lot of information to be determined and that MoDOT will have internal discussions about the funding. She said SEMPO will receive approximately \$174,000 additional funding for FY22 and the same amount for FY 23 coming shortly. She noted there is a requirement for MoDOT to coordinate with the MPOs for project selection and said that process has not been determined and will be part of the discussion.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted he also attended the Carbon Reduction program webinar as well. He said these are formula funds the MPO will be receiving and not grants, so the MPO will receive them each year. He said that as Ms. O'Connor reported, that relates to approximately \$174,000 and that is for each year of the 5 years of the bill. These funds can roll over just as the planning the planning funds can roll over, so we are not facing looming deadlines for selecting projects or developing a process. He said there is still a lot to learn about the program and not everything is determined yet. Mr. McElroy went on to note that at the last Board meeting Mr. Scott Meyer and Mr. Earl Norman made a presentation on the TransAmerica Corridor, asking SEMPO to approach the Delta Regional Authority (DRA) for some of the funds they received from the Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Bill. Mr. McElroy noted he did have a discussion with Shad Burner who confirmed DRA did receive \$30 to \$40 million for our area and he will do some research and get back with Mr. McElroy. Mr. McElroy noted that Mr. Burner also shared that if SEMPO does apply on their behalf, we would need to go through the SEMO RPC to make the ask. Mr. McElroy noted that the deadline for the Safe Streets for All application was due September 15 and is being reviewed now.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:43 p.m. upon motion made Mr. Herbst, seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills