



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 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, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Ms. Mandi Brink, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority (SEMO Port)
Mr. Kirk Sandfort, Southeast Missouri State University (SEMO) (via Zoom)
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC)
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit (CTA)

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Non-Voting Members Present:

Mr. Mike Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Tom 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. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – Ill Division (FHWA) (via Zoom)

Others Present:

Ms. Amy Ferris

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Chairwoman Watson called the meeting to order at 11:01 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 November 9, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting was unanimously approved upon a motion made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Ms. Brink.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the September 7, 2022, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Christian. Due to a lack of quorum at the November 5, 2022, there were no minutes to approve, however notes of the unofficial meeting were provided to the Committee.

Communications from the Chairwoman

Chairwoman Watson stated that she will reserve her communications for Member Reports.

Public Comments

Chairwoman Watson asked if there were any comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda. There were none.

New/Unfinished Business

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17, A Resolution Adopting the Electric Vehicle Readiness Plan** Mr. McElroy briefly reviewed the plan and the process of development of the plan. A motion was made by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Christian to recommend approval of RESOLUTION NO. 2022-17, which passed unanimously.
- **MoDOT and IDOT Performance Targets** - Mr. McElroy noted that the agenda reflected a need for approval, however, MoDOT's condition and system targets are still in draft form and not ready for approval. The safety performance targets are final, but Mr. McElroy felt it would be best to approve them all at once and he will be asking for approval in December. The draft MoDOT targets were provided to the Committee for discussion and review.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Ms. Ferris reported the city is working on a backlog of TTF 5 projects. Sprigg St. is substantially complete, and they are just waiting on delivery of a number of pedestrian signal poles. The West End Blvd. project is under way with crews working on sanitary and storm sewers, to be followed by paving. The Main Street and Independence Street projects are being pushed to spring of 2023, because of design and acquisition issues. The only project under way for TTF 6 is College Street, which will be wrapping up soon. Ms. Ferris noted that a decision was made not to apply for the Governor's Cost Share program for Veterans Memorial Drive Phase VI due to right of way concerns. The 2022 concrete street repair and 2022 asphalt street repair is under way with completion in 2023. Under the grant projects, Ms. Ferris noted that the Kingshighway Crosswalk project is nearly ready to go out to bid. She said there is a public meeting on November 22 for the Rt 74/Minnesota Avenue cost share project, and they are looking for an early 2023 letting. Ms. Ferris noted that the agreements have been approved by Council for the Cape Rock TAP projects, Phase I and II and they are currently working on the MoDOT forms.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that Koehler Engineering is doing an analysis on the replacement of the Sunset bridge between sixty-one and Sunset Hills. Their completed alternative analysis was presented to the Mayor and Board this week. They will move forward

with replacement of that bridge. The construction of the West Mary Street bridge is ongoing. He went on to say that MoDOT has approved the engineering services contract for Deerwood roundabout at 61 with notice to proceed. The surveying should start next week, and notification went to property owners yesterday. Mr. Bollinger said they have received the agreement from MoDOT on the East Main Street Sidewalk project, and it was reviewed and approved by the Mayor and Board. This is a TEAP application. He went on to say they have hired Smith & Company for design of the Hubble Creek Recreation Trail Phase III, from the school to the soccer park. He said consulting engineers are working on the electric, water, and sewer utility replacement and relocation plans for HWY 61 between the Courthouse and Rt B. Plans should be completed by the end of the year.

Special Road District – Mr. Phillips reported that they are under contract with Penzel Construction on County Rd 314 (Hopper Road) west of city limits. This project started this week, and they anticipate it to be completed yet this fall

CTA – Ms. Watson reported they are working with the United Way Transportation Coalition. She noted there was a town hall meeting at the Shawnee Center. Looking at public input about ways to improve the system. There is an online survey going on now with about 140 responses so far. There will be a print survey going into the buses. Coalition will meet in December to review the responses. Ms. Watson noted they are still short staffed, creating longer wait times than ideal. There has been an increase in applications so hopeful that will help. She noted the next challenge is the lack of availability of new vehicles. Ms. Watson noted they are finishing their annual audit and completed their semiannual review with MoDOT. She reported it went well with no findings.

SEMO – Mr. Sandfort reported they also have a shortage of drivers, and their ridership numbers are increasing gradually.

SEMO Port – Ms. Brink reported that the dirtwork on the loop tracks is about 90% complete and should be finalized in the next month. Ms. Brink reported that their track contractor has been offsite temporarily and will start back Monday. She said they are working with engineers on the design for the transload portion of the grant and tentatively plan to go out to bid in January.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported they are working on TIP updates and there was a public hearing on that last week. He said it needs to be approved by the Governor in June, and he will get it finalized in next few months for SEMPO's approval. Mr. Christian said he is also working on the annual list of obligated projects.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported they have a new Director, Jim Grebing from Kennett.

MAGNET – Ms. Brink reported they are moving along with rebranding. She said they have working committees in place to bring in community involvement. They will then go out to hire a director.

Airport – Ms. Amos noted that they had a meeting yesterday to select the team to build the new terminal. She said it will be presented to Council at next meeting for approval. She said they are anticipating groundbreaking in March 2023 with completion in June 2024. She said Taxiway Bravo is under construction and on schedule and should be finished by the end of November and the new T-hangars are complete. She went on to say the new airline service with Countour Air started on October 18. She noted flights are going well with about 30% load factor which is where SkyWest was. She said they do two flights a day to Nashville.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer reported that 177 raise project is substantially complete, and the final field check was last Friday. He noted that the Chester Bridge is on schedule with the rehab portion wrapping up. There will be an announcement in the spring on the selection of the design build team and then work would start after that on the new bridge. Mr. Meyer thanked all who participated in the Commission’s meeting and receptions in Cape. He said the Meeting was held on November 2 and according to Commission staff, it was one of the best attended post covid. He said the Commission commented on how much is going on in the area. The inflationary costs have leveled out some but still high. He went on to say these higher costs will impact the ability to do new projects beyond asset management. In addition, heavy truck traffic is causing accelerated road deterioration in some areas, especially south I55. Mr. Meyer said there is an unfunded needs prioritization public meeting on November 29 from 4-6 at Poplar Bluff. He said that MoDOT staff has developed an MPO handbook which is currently under internal review.

Mr. Killian noted that the unfunded needs prioritization mtg is at the Ozark Foothills office and they would like not just planning partners but public as well to attend. He noted that Ms. O’Connor has changed positions and the new liaison for SEMPO will be Mike Henderson. Mr. Killian noted that the Jackson TEAP project was approved.

Mr. Crocker reported there will be a public meeting for the improvements at Rt 25 and Rt K on December 6 from 4-7 pm at the Gordonville Elementary School. And then at the same location there will be a public meeting for the Rt Z bridges, but date is not set yet. There is an open solicitation for consultants for the LPA on call list which is updated every 3 years. The list can be used for TAP or BRO projects when PE or CE costs are less than \$100,000. Mr. Crocker noted he has been working with the three applicants in his area, City of Jackson, City of Perryville, and St. Francois County, on the Governor’s cost share project application. There is a staff review team meeting tomorrow with Central Office and a selection meeting December 8 to select the projects. Mr. Crocker noted they are holding their 19th Annual High School bridge building competition on November 17 at Southeast Missouri State University’s Academic Hall from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. He said they work with approximately twenty-five schools on the competition to build the lightest bridges that carry the heaviest loads with a chance to win scholarships up to \$10,000. Mr. Crocker said there is a DBE mixer today from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Perryville for the Chester bridge project

IDOT - Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report.

FHWA - Ms. Tracy encouraged SEMPO and members to continue to be aware and apply for the discretionary programs.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy noted that the Community Discussion on Transportation at the Shawnee Center also served as a public hearing on for the PT – HSTCP. Mr. McElroy noted there was a public hearing for the 2024-2027 TIP Update. When comments are back from MoDOT, a draft will be shared with this Committee, and it will then be released for public comment and a hearing will be held. Mr. McElroy gave an update on the Safe Streets and Roads for All application which was submitted about a month early from the deadline. The award selection is in January 2023 for the first round with additional opportunities each fiscal year.

Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills