



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

December 21, 2022

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

### Board Voting Members Present:

Mr. Dwain Hahs, City of Jackson

Mr. Tom Mogelnicki, Cape County Transit (CTA)

Mr. Trevor Pulley, City of Cape Girardeau

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)

Ms. Eva Steinman, Federal Transit Administration - Region 7

Ms. Betsy Tracy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division

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

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson

Ms. Mandi Brink, SEMO Port and SEMO REDI

Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)

Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO RPC

Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

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

### 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 December 21, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting was unanimously approved upon motion Mr. Mogelnicki, seconded by Mr. Hahs.

#### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting were unanimously approved upon motion by Mr. Roach seconded by Hahs.

#### Communications from the Chairman

Chairman Tanz welcomed Trevor Pulley to the Board.

#### 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

- **Resolution NO. 2022-18, A Resolution Approving FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment No.** - Mr. McElroy explained that this is to allow the inclusion of the City of Jackson's Traffic Engineering Assistance Program (TEAP) grant project they were awarded through MoDOT for the East Main Street Corridor Pedestrian Safety Study. The city was awarded \$12,000 in TEAP funds and they are providing \$25,850 in match for a total project cost of \$37,850. The TPC released the amendment for public comments, and none were received. Upon a motion made by Mr. Roach and seconded by Mr. Mogelnicki, Resolution No. 2022-18, was approved by the Board.
- **Resolution NO. 2022-19, A Resolution Approving FY 2020-2023 TIP Amendment No. 14-** Mr. McElroy noted that TIP Amendment 14 was for the inclusion of four unique Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) projects that have been awarded in the area. The first is the city of Jackson's East Main Street Trail Connection which is the extension of a trail from Bellevue St. to Shawnee Blvd. In total the project is \$550,038. The second is Cape Girardeau County's Phase I of a construction of a walking trail in the County Park from Veterans Memorial to Melaina's Playground area. Total project cost is \$704,889. The next two projects are Phase I and II for the Cape Girardeau Cape Rock Drive sidewalk project. Phase I is Kingshighway to Brookwood Dr., connecting sidewalk to existing sidewalk on Janet Drive. Phase 2 will extend the sidewalk from Brookwood Dr. to existing sidewalk on Perryville Rd. Total cost for both phases is estimated at \$990,000. TPC released the Amendment for comment, and none were received. Upon a motion made by Mr. Hahs and seconded by Mr. Roach, Resolution No. 2022-19 was approved by the Board. Mr. McElroy added that the four TAP projects represent over \$1.5 million in federal funds coming to the SEMPO area for sidewalk and trail projects. He noted that most of the submissions leveraged were from the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that SEMPO developed. Mr. McElroy noted that it was a testament to the member entities that they pull good projects out of the plan.
- **Resolution NO. 2022-20, A Resolution Approving MoDOT and IDOT Performance Targets** - Mr. McElroy noted the handouts in the packet are the same provided in the last few meetings. Both MoDOT and IDOT have established their targets. Details are in the handouts, but the measures continue on the same trajectory we have been going. MoDOT has based their safety performance matrix off their Zero by 2030 fatality reduction plan and zero by 2040 for serious injury reduction. The TPC has been reviewing and recommends

approval. Upon a motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki and seconded by Mr. Hahs, Resolution No. 2022-20, was approved by the Board.

### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Pulley had no report.

City of Jackson – Mr. Hahs reported the Board of Alderman passed the budget for 2023 including approximately \$4.1 million in road and transportation. He said the key projects include annual asphalt maintenance and concrete maintenance, completion of the bridge on West Main over Hubble Creek, and the relocation costs of utilities on North 61 that MoDOT will be doing.

Cape County Transit – Mr. Mogelnicki reported that if there is too much snow and/or ice they will close but will make that decision later. He said that on Christmas they will be shutting down at 2:00 p.m.

Port Authority – Ms. Brink reported business usual.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Tanz reported they used their drone for the city of Jackson for their bridge project. He reminded the group that the service is available if needed.

Mr. Christian reported they finished the TIP amendment that was just approved. He said he is working on the TIP update for the next four-year TIP cycle. He said they are changing the TIP update to account for the approved TIP amendment. He went on to say are still pulling in some transit projects for the 4-year update as well and are still on track to have it approved on time. The RPC TAC will be starting their preliminary project prioritization, discussing the project with counties and cities, having one-on-one discussions, and then doing an online survey for the partners. They will be starting the process in January.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer reported that Mr. Carl Armstrong has been corresponding with Chris Crocker regarding ideas for an I-29 connection east and west between Cape Girardeau and Kansas City. Mr. Meyer said MoDOT has provided as many answers as possible, and Mr. Crocker has provided him Mr. McElroy's contact information. Mr. Meyer noted his comments were somewhat similar to Mr. Norman's and there was validity to the conversation but seems difficult with the financial realities. Mr. Meyer went on to say that the comment period for unfunded needs is closing today. He said there was a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November, with a number of people in attendance but not a lot of comments pertaining to the list. He noted that the hope is that as the STIP is developed some of those projects can be rolled in, however, with the priority of asset management and the increases in costs, it would be difficult to add to the program this year. He said they will struggle to keep everything that is in the STIP on schedule and there may be a need to spread it out or delay some and not add projects. He went on to report that they rejected the bids for the Rt 72 Cape County project in Jackson. He said that was scheduled for this year. He noted the commission felt the bids were excessive. He said they would try again in the following year. Mr. Meyer noted there is an overall strategy to work with industry to figure out how to meter the work as to not overwhelm the capacity of the industry. He noted they have seen a decrease in the number of bids per call. He went on to report that the Governor's cost share project process is continuing. The internal review on the MoDOT side is complete and the Department of Economic Development is doing their part in that process. He said they anticipate a January announcement. and there were five regional projects advanced to scoring.

Mr. Killian noted that the regular MoDOT Cost Share application deadlines are coming up, with one in mid-January and one in mid-April. He noted that anyone applying should work with Mr. Crocker. He said they are beginning the next 2024-28 STIP development. He noted they will likely accelerate the normal time frame for the high priority unfunded needs and will move up beginning the process to March or April. He said that will allow them to better coordinate their workflow within the department.

Mr. Crocker noted that the LPA on call list application deadline ended December 15. He said they would meet next month to finalize the list and will have a new on call list available which will be good for three years. He reported there was a public meeting at Gordonville Elementary School on December 6 for the Rt K/25 project. He said they look forward to a letting in May of 2023. He said he noticed that a lot of the discretionary federal grants are opening again this year, so he suggested everyone be on the lookout for those.

IDOT – Mr. Caldwell asked about whether there was a carry-over from the MoDOT funds and Mr. McElroy noted that there was. He said he would like to have a discussion soon regarding Illinois funds.

Federal Highway – Ms. Tracy noted SEMPO seems to be aware of the discretionary programs and she had nothing additional.

FTA – Ms. Steinman reported that the RAISE multimodal program NOFO is out.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy reported that he provided a copy of the 2023 meeting schedule and will send out the monthly newsletter next week. He said he is still trying to stay abreast of any new details on the Carbon Reduction program. He went on to say that he talked to our USDOT contact for the Safe Streets and Roads All application. They are still reviewing the applications but expect award announcements in January. He said that the city of Cape had applied for a Reconnecting Communities pilot program for Rt. 74 and Shawnee Parkway for a study to enhance north/south mobility. The USDOT indicated an early 2023 announcement. He said the monthly email will provide more details on the discretionary grant programs mentioned previously and some additional opportunities.

#### Other Business and Communications

Mr. Hahs asked Mr. Meyer why the Hwy 72 project was overbid. Mr. Meyer said the amount was significantly higher and went on to say that they discussed it with the contractors who specifically identified night work requirements on that corridor. Also, the bid did not allow milling to take place ahead of paving, so it required two crews. He said the contractors are having a hard time coordinating work and finding crews. He said that in addition, in the last six months the asphalt index went up about 50 percent. Mr. Meyer said there is a lot of work in the market so a high demand for the contractors.

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

There being no further business, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 2:30 p.m. upon motion made by Mr. Mogelnicki, seconded by Mr. Hahs.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills