



## TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

April 5, 2023

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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

Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO Regional Planning Commission (SEMO RPC)  
Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Scott Perry, Bootheel Regional Planning Commission (Bootheel RPC) (via Zoom)  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

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

Mr. Michael Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Andy Meyer, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)  
Ms. Tracy Betsy, Federal Highway Administration – IL Division (via Zoom)

### Others Present:

none

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering (via Zoom)

### Call to Order

In the absence of Chairwoman Watson and, initially, Vice-Chair Christian, and without a quorum, Director McElroy opened the meeting at 11:07 a.m. He noted no action will be taken due to lack of quorum.

### Introductions

Each person introduced themselves and their organization and Mr. McElroy identified those participating by zoom.

### Adoption of Agenda

Without a quorum, no action was taken to adopt the agenda.

### Approval of Minutes

The meeting notes were presented from the March TPC meeting. These were not official minutes as there was not a quorum at that meeting.

### Communications from the Chair

Director McElroy noted that he will reserve his communications for Staff Updates.

### Public Comments

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

### New/Unfinished Business

- **MoDOT Unfunded Needs List** – Mr. McElroy noted that Mr. Brandon had given an update on improvements at Exit 93 which had been listed as a Tier 1 project on the unfunded needs list. These improvements included a bridge replacement and a reconfiguration at the interchange. There were three conceptual designs, each with a large fiscal reality. This was discussed by the SEMPO Board and local officials and does not currently have support for the complete redesign. Instead, there is interest in just a bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation. These cost options are being investigated. This would force a reevaluation of the Tiers. Mr. Killian said that it looks like the most cost-effective option would be a rehabilitation of the bridge, extending the life 10 or more years. Moving this direction would make it a Tier 2 or 3 instead of a Tier 1. Mr. Killian suggested moving Exit 93 to Tier 2 and moving some projects that are in Tier 2 up to Tier 1. With this transfer, Tier 1 would still be significantly over budget. With this in mind, there may be a need to look at ways to save costs on some of the projects. Mr. Shrimplin suggested the Route 25 project could be broken into phases. Mr. Brandon said they would tentatively move projects between Tier 1 and 2. Mr. Brandon would like approval at the April Board meeting, if possible, to give them time to address any changes in May.
  
- **DRAFT Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted that he emailed a draft prior to the meeting. He noted that the preference would be to submit comments via PDF comments. He asked that comments on the plan be forwarded to him or to Ms. Mills as part of the KLG team. He noted there was an impressive amount of public input. Mr. Shrimplin noted that the public outreach and documentation was good, and he also thought the goals and strategies were good. Mr. McElroy noted SEMPO partnered with the United Way of Southeast Missouri and their Transportation Coalition. Included in the public outreach was participation in Project Hope on October 7 during which 39 individuals were interviewed regarding their public transit experiences. Also, on October 22 there was a Community Discussion event at the Shawnee Sports Complex where 54 citizens were in attendance with seven facilitators and local elected officials. On December 8, a print and web-based survey was released garnering 267 responses. These are included in the plan appendix. On March 8, the KLG team attended the Jackson Ministerial Alliance meeting. Mr. McElroy described the timeline, noting he would be asking the TPC to release the document for public comment on May 3 and would ask the Board on May 17 to set a public hearing for June 21. At the June 7 TPC meeting, the committee will do a final review, making sure all the comments are incorporated. At that time, the TPC will make a recommendation to the Board for approval. On June 21, the Board will hold a public hearing and consider a motion to approve.

- **DRAFT 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted he had forwarded this to the Committee. Mr. McElroy noted that according to SEMPO's Public Participation Plan, adoption requires 25 days of public comment period for the TIP. He said he will do a web site posting, press release, newspaper advertisement for public hearing and then posting of public hearing. He said the timeline will include a May 3<sup>rd</sup> review by the TPC and release for public comment. On May 17, the Board will review and issue comments and in the June 7 TPC meeting, the committee will review and make any final comments and have a recommendation to the Board to approve. On June 21, the Board will set a public hearing for July 19. On July 19, it will be presented to the Board with a motion to approve. Mr. Killian noted that the draft of the STIP does not include the new projects for MoDOT's FY 24-28. He suggested the best approach is to adopt this TIP and then do a first amendment to the TIP with MoDOT's new projects. Mr. Killian reported that Britni O'Connor and Mike Henderson cautioned not to go without an active TIP. Based on these, Mr. Killian suggested SEMPO look at condensing the timeline to make sure the TIP does not lapse. Mr. McElroy noted we could adjust the timeline to allow for a June adoption. Adjusting the timeline was the Committee's preference. Mr. McElroy noted that it would be released for public comment on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Board would then set the public hearing at their May 17 meeting for June.
  
- **FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program** – Mr. McElroy noted that nothing has changed since the last review. Mr. McElroy reviewed the plan items, including the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, SEMPO Region trail connection study, intersection study with two intersections to be decided by the group, origin destination study analytical tool for the trail connection study and/or the safety action plan, and a GIS audit. It also includes the TIP web development tool. Mr. McElroy noted that we can either extend year to year with the same tool or look for an alternative tool. He noted it is a good time to look at it since our contract has expired. The current company will allow a month-to-month renewal. He said he would put the FY 2024 UPWP out for public comment, which does not require formal action by the committee.

#### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. McElroy noted that on TTF 5 projects, Sprigg Street is still waiting on the contractor to finish out the punch list for final acceptance and close out. He noted that on West End Blvd, from Rhodes to Bertling, they are working on storm sewer and concrete paving. He went on to say that on Main Street, they are finalizing contract documents for bid this spring. He said that on Independence Street from N Broadway to Caruthers, they are anticipating a letting to be pushed to 2024 as they continue to work on right of way acquisition and negotiations. He said that on TTF 6 projects, College Street is complete. He went on to say that on the Maria Louise Lane/Kiwanis Drive and Broadview Street intersection improvements in the area of the TAP project, CFS is incorporating final sidewalk design from consultant BFW. Mr. McElroy noted they are doing in-house design on the Sprigg Street project with an anticipated 2024 letting. He said that on the Lexington project the survey is complete and the in-house design has begun for expedited 2023 construction. He said the concrete street repair is completed with the exception of punch list items. He said that on the TAP projects, there was a bid opening scheduled for April 23 for the Kingshighway Crosswalk project. He said that the right of way has been acquired on the cost share project on Shawnee Parkway/Rt 74 and Minnesota Avenue and will be accepted by ordinance on April 17 by the Cape Girardeau City Council. He said that will have a Spring/Summer letting. He went on to say that the agreements have been approved by Council on Phase I/II of Cape Rock Dr. sidewalks from Kingshighway to

Perryville Rd. and agreements for preliminary engineering have been sent to MoDOT for approval.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported the annual concrete was awarded to Mike Lipe Cement. He said the Annual Asphalt Repair Improvement program was advertised for bid on March 29 and April 5. He said that the construction is ongoing on the West Mary Street Bridge project. He noted that the Deerwood roundabout design is ongoing with Lochmueller. He said the engineering contract has been approved with Bacon Farmer Workman on the E Main St. sidewalk connection TAP project. He went on to say that on the TEAP program, Main Street Pedestrian Safety Corridor study, the staff has reviewed a preliminary draft and Lochmueller will incorporate comments and issue a report. He said that they are meeting with Smith & Co today on the Hubble Creek Recreational Trail Phase III to get an update and to discuss some property owner concerns. Mr. Bollinger noted that on the Route 61 project with MoDOT between the Courthouse and Route D, the city, through their consultants, has completed and submitted the utility relocation plans, specifications, and quantities. He said they anticipate approval at Monday's Board of Alderman meeting.

Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted they have a bridge project on Hopper Road, Cty Rd 314, with Penzel Construction. He said they are under contract on the annual asphalt overlay program and started on this yesterday. Mr. Phillips said they have another paving project on County Road 657 off 177.

SEMO RPC – Mr. Christian reported they are working on the TIP. He said he does have an amendment for the current TIP that needs to be done. He said the next TAC meeting is this month on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Bootheel RPC – Mr. Perry reported they are working on their building with nothing else new to report.

MoDOT – Mr. Crocker reported they are about to wrap up the TAP project and just waiting on approval by central office for work by local forces submitted by the city. He said that the Route K/25 roundabout letting has been pushed back to early fall. He noted that there will be a two-year TAP call for projects sometime toward the end of summer. He noted that the last call received 18 applications and awarded all 18 and still have some money left over. Mr. Crocker encouraged entities to start looking now and planning for the call. He said if it is on the MoDOT system to chat with him and if it is off system to make sure to get a good engineer's estimate as those are 80/20 split with the entity covering overages. He said there will be a BRO call on May 1. He said the applications will look different and will need to be updated. He said that they have selected the design/build team for the Chester River bridge and hope to begin construction in late summer and will go through December 2026. He noted there is a 3D rendering of the bridge on the website. The new bridge is located on the upstream side of the existing bridge with a good tie into existing structure.

Mr. Meyer reported that the District was responding to events in Glenn Allen. He said they were able to verify all active employees are safe, but crews are trying to assist in recovery. Mr. Meyer went on to report that the April Commission met today. He said they awarded the projects from the March letting. He said they took bids on \$72 mill worth of work and it came in about \$7.1 million over. He said for FY 23 they are over \$245 million statewide on \$1.59 Billion worth of work which is 18.4 percent for the year. He said the curve is flattening but still significantly higher than programmed. Some area projects include approximately \$2 million to replace the structural signs in the district. He said there is about \$9 million in paving in the south part of

district. Mr. Meyer went on to say there is a micro surfacing project on I55 from Benton to Sikeston which will restore friction.

IDOT - Mr. Caldwell asked if SEMPO was a member of AMPO. He noted they could reimburse the cost of membership.

FHWA – Ms. Tracy had nothing to add. Mr. McElroy noted that he met with the FHWA representative for the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant and are under way with development of an agreement.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy referred the group to a notification for a groundbreaking for the new airport passenger terminal on April 11 at 10 a.m.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

There being nothing further to discuss, the meeting was closed at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills