



## **TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES**

May 5, 2023

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

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

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson  
Mr. Mark Phillips, Cape Special Road District  
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau  
Ms. Kelley Watson, Cape Girardeau County Transit

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

Mr. Michael Brandon, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (Via Zoom)  
Mr. Tom Caldwell, Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) (via Zoom)  
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration - Kansas Division (via Zoom)  
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)  
Mr. Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)  
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:

Mr. Jeff Long, Southeast Missourian

### Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

### Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

### Call to Order

Chairwoman Watson opened the meeting without a quorum, at 11:05 a.m. She 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 April TPC meeting. These were not official minutes as there was not a quorum at that meeting and no action was taken on them.

#### Communications from the Chairwoman

Ms. Watson noted that she has no communications to share.

#### 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

- **Election of Officers for Fiscal Year 2024** – Ms. Watson noted it is time for the election of officers for the Fiscal Year 2024 and asked if there were any volunteers for chair or vice-chair. Mr. McElroy noted that it is on the agenda to allow for extra time before the July deadline. He said it will be back on the agenda in June to discuss again and he provided the Committee with a listing of past officers for reference.
- **DRAFT Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Coordination Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted that the draft was provided last month for review and said there is still time to issue comments. After this meeting it will be opened for public comment which does not take Committee action. He asked that any comments be sent to either himself or Ms. Mills so they can be incorporated into the draft. This will be brought back to the Committee in the June meeting for review to make sure all comments are incorporated. Mr. McElroy noted that at that time he will be asking for a recommendation to the Board.
- **DRAFT 2024-2027 Transportation Improvement Plan** – Mr. McElroy noted this will also be on the agenda for adoption in June. At the May 17 meeting he said he will be asking the Board to schedule a public hearing at their June meeting for both the Public Transit Plan and the TIP. Public comment for TIP is 25 days so there is still time to comment on this also.

#### Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported that City Engineer Amy Ferris has resigned. He noted the Interim will be Jake Girard. Ms. Ferris provided an update on projects to Mr. Shrimplin. He said the TTF5 Sprigg Street project is waiting on the contractor to finish the punch list items for final acceptance and close out. The storm sewer and concrete paving are under way on West End Blvd. He said that Main Street was bid out this Spring. He went on to say they are still working on acquisition on Independence Street. He then reported on TTF6 projects. He said the final sidewalk design has been incorporated with funding only for construction. Sprigg Street will be let next year. He said they are awaiting in house design on a couple of projects. He said they have received appraisal for the right of way on Veterans Memorial Drive Phase VI and Bowen is working on design. He said under maintenance, the 2022 Concrete Street Repair is done except for the punch list. He noted the 2022 Asphalt Street Repair has an estimated completion date of June 15. Mr. Shrimplin noted that on the grant projects, Kingshighway Crosswalk TAP project received final authorization from MoDOT and the Cape Rock Dr. TAP project agreements have been approved by Council.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger noted that the 2023 concrete program has been awarded with notice to proceed on May 26 to avoid school traffic. He said the 2023 asphalt program was also awarded. He said the West Mary Street Bridge replacement in City Park has had an asphalt work delay due to issues at the plant but should be completed by the end of the contract date or May 18. Mr. Bollinger said that the design is ongoing on the Deerwood roundabout. He said the E Main TAP project has gotten the notice to proceed from MoDOT for design with Bacon Farmer Workman. He noted that Lochmueller has completed the TEAP Main Street Pedestrian Study, and the city will be submitting a final report for final review to MoDOT by the deadline on May 5. He said that everything needed for the Hubble Creek Recreation Trail Phase III design to move forward has been completed. He said there is a project to strip and install rumble strips on Greensberry Rd. He said staff is researching installation techniques for short distances and looking at companies and costs for contracting out striping as the project is too large for the street department. He said they are looking at adding other roadways to the annual striping contract.

Special Road District – Mr. Phillips noted they have substantially completed the Cty Rd 314, Hopper Rd. bridge project. He said they are in the middle of the asphalt overlay for the year and should be done within the next week. He went on to say there is a bid opening next Tuesday for a bridge replacement on County Rd 657 on the north edge of Cape.

Cape Transit – Ms. Watson noted that every three years they must update their Title VI Program and that is out for public comment now. She said the information is on their FaceBook page and on their website under public notices. Ms. Watson went on to say that on May 23 they are partnering with the United Way Transportation Coalition to sponsor a Community Transportation Picnic to provide updates to the public on things they are working on to improve transportation for the community. She said it is at Capaha Park on May 23 at 5:30 and everyone is invited to attend but they are requesting RSVPs. She said there is also a flier on their website for this. She said that it is grant writing season and they are spending a lot of time on that and working to get additional vehicles.

MoDOT – Mr. Meyer reported that at today's Commission meeting the commission awarded all the projects from the April letting. For the second time in MoDOT history, a project bid was tied and was determined by a coin toss. He said the program is 18% over for the year to date which has been trending down but still high. To date, \$1.7 billion has been awarded on \$1.5 in projects so that will have to work itself out. This number includes the design/build Chester bridge. The May letting includes the Rt 61 improvements in Jackson.

Mr. Crocker reported there is a call for BRO projects. The applications are due June 9. He said Cape County doesn't have many eligible bridges. He said there is approximately \$4 million in funding for FY 2025. He said they hope to make award announcements by August 4. Mr. Crocker went on to note that the TAP Cape Kingshighway project is in FHWA hands as of last week and they have two weeks to give the construction authorization and then MoDOT will give authority to advertise. He said they are waiting on the engineering services contract to be executed by the city for the Cape Rock project. Mr. Crocker noted that he has spoken with Jake Girard with a suggestion that the city look at an all-encompassing ordinance to cover all present or future MoDOT and FHWA related projects to streamline the process. Mr. Crocker said he would forward information to Mr. McElroy. He went on to say that the cost share project on Minnesota Ave is a little behind and will need a supplemental agreement to address this. He noted that it is a result of acquisition issues. Mr. Crocker went on to say there is a meeting tomorrow with the city of Jackson on the Main Street project to go over the project and expectations. He said they have reviewed the Rt 72 project to see how to make it more flexible with scheduling and some other

areas to make it more attractive for bidding as it did not receive bids last year. He said it will be let in the fall again.

Mr. Killian said on Rt K/Gordonville Rd there was an old maintenance agreement with the city of Cape and the Cape Special Road District. They are doing a conveyance on that and will try to complete it by the end of May.

Mr. Brandon said the Unfunded Needs List is due May 31<sup>st</sup>. but they would like to have time to input. He said they are still reworking things, and they will need to shed some MPO projects. There was a general discussion about the projects and some options. Tier 1 and Tier 3 are significantly over budget. He said they are looking at reducing the limits on the additional lanes on I55. He noted they could also change the way they present the projects, showing only MoDOT's cost portion. It was generally agreed that the I55 project is an important project to keep on the list. Mr. McElroy noted he would add to the Board agenda for further discussion about how to reduce the numbers and Mr. Brandon said he would work on some alternatives and contact Mr. McElroy to review.

Mr. Henderson noted the UPWP is at Federal Highway waiting for approval. He said he will send the consolidated planning grant contract within the next few weeks.

IDOT - Mr. Caldwell had nothing to report.

FHWA – Ms. Cochran said she was in the process of getting the UPWP approved, and she is reviewing the draft TIP and will have comments available in the next few days.

Ms. Tracy had nothing to add.

#### Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had no additional report.

#### Other Business and Communications

There was no other business or communications.

#### Adjournment Motion

The meeting closed at 11:52 a.m. without a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills