



TECHNICAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

December 6, 2023

Osage Centre

1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Technical Planning Committee (TPC) Voting Members Present:

Mr. Rodney Bollinger, City of Jackson
Mr. Drew Christian, SEMO RPC
Mr. Ryan Shrimplin, City of Cape Girardeau

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)
Ms. Cecelie Cochran, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – Mo Division
Mr. Chris Crocker, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Mike Henderson, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) (via Zoom)
Mr. Joe Killian, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)
Mr. Jason Williams, Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Others Present: None

Staff Present:

Mr. Alex McElroy, City of Cape Girardeau

Program Administration/Support Consultant Present:

Ms. Marla Mills, KLG Engineering

Call to Order

Mr. Shrimplin filled in as chair in the absence of chair and vice-chair, calling the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. without a quorum.

Introductions

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

Adoption of Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Bollinger and seconded by Mr. Christian, the agenda of the December 6, 2023, meeting was accepted by the group. It was noted there was not a quorum to take an official vote.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2023, Technical Planning Committee Meeting were tentatively approved without a quorum upon a motion by Mr. Christian and seconded by Mr. Bollinger.

Communications from the Vice Chairman

Mr. Shrimplin stated that he will reserve her communications for Member Reports.

Public Comments

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

New/Unfinished Business

- **SS4A Comprehensive Safety Action Plan Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted they had a kick-off meeting in early October and since have approved the project timeline and public engagement plan. He noted they have also been working on data collection and establishment of the Safety Oversight Committee. The committee has representatives from the bike/ped community, along with the county, city of Jackson and Cape, IDOT, MoDOT, SEMPO and they are still working on a university contact. He said the first meeting of the committee is tomorrow at 10:00 p.m. in preparation for the first open house in January. He noted consultants Lochmueller are in the process of preparing the engagement tools for the meeting.
- **SEMPO Region Trail Connection Study Discussion** - Mr. McElroy noted they have received three proposals from competitive firms for the study and they are in the process of scoring. Mr. McElroy asked if the planning committee would be ok with taking the recommendations of the subcommittee so it could go to the Board this month. The planning committee voiced no opposition and supports the recommendation to come out of the subcommittee. The three firms were Planning Design Studio, Bacon Farmer Workman, and CBD Transportation Engineers and Planners.
- **Intersection Studies Discussion** - Mr. McElroy noted that last Monday was the kickoff meeting for 621 Perryville Rd. He said Mark Phillips, Jay Knudtson, Charlie Herbst, Jake Garrard, and consultants were in attendance. They reviewed the data packet prepared that included crash stats, level of service analysis, traffic volumes, and speed counts as well as discussing some of the observed issues and solutions to develop in the future. A similar meeting was held for Rt. D on the 4th with Mr. Bollinger, Jackson school principal Michael Martin, Assistant Principal Tyler Abernathy, Assistant Superintendent of Safety, and several individuals from MoDOT, along with the consultants in attendance. He noted the meetings were very insightful and the consultants received good direction. He said they are tentatively looking at a May to June final report but may expedite Jackson to align with other potential plans.
- **GIS Audit Discussion**– Mr. McElroy noted the first group of maps are on the website and additional ones can be added at any time.

- **TIP Tool Selection Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted the subcommittee had a demo from Eko Interactive and looked at their structured pricing and decided to issue an RFP given the procurement threshold. The proposals will be due back this Friday.
- **Origin & Destination Analytical Tool Discussion** – Mr. McElroy noted this will be the last project to start. He noted the chamber and SEMO REDI are also interested in a similar tool and there are discussions about whether there could be synergies in partnering.

Member Reports

City of Cape Girardeau – Mr. Shrimplin reported there are two TTF groups of projects outstanding. For TTF5, the West End Blvd project is down to the punch list. On the Main Street project, they are finalizing the documents for bid next year. He noted that the Independence Street project is still in the acquisition process and the city will have to make a decision as to whether to continue with the process and figure out how to make it work or repurpose those funds. He noted that on TTF6, CFS finalized design on the Maria Louise/Kiwanis/Broadview Street intersection improvements but there is no money for construction at this time. He said they are starting in house design on the Sprigg St. project with letting next year. He said survey is complete on the Bertling and Lexington projects. He went on to say they are working on in house design on Bertling and will start after design of Sprigg is done with a likely letting in 2025. He said bidding is under way on the Lexington Street project. Mr. Shrimplin noted that on Veterans Memorial Drive Phase VI, design consultants are working on final engineering design. He said the notice to proceed was issued to the contractor at the end of October for the 2023 maintenance program and the 2023 asphalt overlay is under contract and they have until June of 2024 to complete. He noted they are finalizing construction on the Kingshighway crosswalk TAP Grant project and MoDOT has approved the right of way plans for the Rt 74/ Minnesota Intersection project. He said Phase 1 & 2 on the Cape Rock Drive Sidewalk projects are in survey and preliminary design.

City of Jackson – Mr. Bollinger reported that the annual asphalt and concrete programs have been wrapped up and staff is working on locations for next year. He reported the meeting for the intersection study at Rt D and Broadridge was very good, and they excited about possibilities. He noted that the design is ongoing for the roundabout at Rt 61 and Deerwood and they will soon be putting out an RFP for roundabout design. He said the design is ongoing on the East Main Street sidewalk project. He noted there was a good public meeting for the US 61 corridor and intersection study with feedback. He noted the design continues on Hubble Creek recreation trail phase III but there is no money to build right now so they are moving slowly. He noted they have a newer project on East Jackson Blvd where they will be doing street lighting. He noted consulting engineers have design to be sent to MoDOT soon.

SEMO RPC - Mr. Christian had nothing to report.

MoDOT –Mr. Killian said he is working with city of Cape and Jackson on the urban boundaries. He said it is almost ready to send to central office. He said they are starting work on the new STIP, and it must be complete by mid-February. He gave a reminder that winter weather is coming, to be careful, and not travel if it isn't necessary. Mr. Jason Williams, new assistant district engineer, reported on the morning's Commission meeting, reporting that the 177 resurfacing and shoulder work from Procter and Gamble to Lexington was awarded to Pace Construction. Mr. Crocker noted they are still working on some challenging utility relocations. He noted that the meetings for Rt 61 and intersections at Shawnee Blvd and Donna Drive were well attended and

the perception was good, reiterating at the meeting that this was just a study at this point. He noted that the majority of comments were in favor of closing Kimbal Lane and rerouting to Donna Drive. He said this is in the STIP, so they have started meeting with affected property owners. He said they are working through agreements with the City of Cape on Minnesota Dr with the biggest hurdle being the lighting agreement. He said the hope is that it can be completed soon and city put it out to bid in the spring. Mr. Crocker said they are working on the Monument request at the Lexington roundabout, noting it has been approved but have to work through the agreement and permitting. He noted that they are considering putting the TAP and BRO calls on the LPA website. He said they have not previously done this but thinking it might generate better response to the calls.

FHWA MO Division – Ms. Cochran, Planning Program Manager, noted she was glad to be able to attend in person. She said they are working to get some informational resources for the discretionary grants that may be better suited than the overall webinars.

Staff Report

Mr. McElroy had nothing to report.

Other Business and Communications

Mr. Shrimplin remarked that the reflective coating for the mile marker and directional signage is getting bad. Mr. Williams noted that there is a current project now replacing structural signs and preparing a project for replacing sign faces including the mile markers.

Adjournment Motion

Meeting was adjourned without action at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Mills